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**Saskatchewan Party Government Swearing-In Ceremony
Government House, November 21, 2007
Premier Brad Wall's Remarks
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Your Honours, Members of the Cabinet, Legislative Colleagues, special guests.

Welcome to the second most important event in Saskatchewan this week.

Tomorrow the new cabinet will meet in an historic room across our capital city... that bears a plaque commemorating the first cabinet meeting ever held there on November 21st...95 years ago this very day.

It is signed by Premier Walter Scott who was the MLA for Swift Current.

I have always loved history... so the symmetry of that plaque's engraving was not lost on me.

That Plaque is a reminder that we are met today to carry out the time honoured peaceful and democratic transition of leadership... Yet we are also preparing to embark on a new beginning.

The 19th century lawyer and poet Eugene F. Ware said "All glory comes from daring to begin."

And so.... We dare to being today... but what? What is it that we begin on this 21st day of November, 2007?

And what glory do we seek?

I invite you to consider these questions with me this evening... if only briefly.

Today we dare to begin a brand new government for the province that we love.

Today we dare to begin a journey together of service to the people of our great province.

It is true that we charted that journey with the vision we presented and the new ideas to secure that vision.

But make no mistake... this journey was commissioned not by us...

It was authorized by the people of Saskatchewan.

In large numbers on November 7th, they entered polling booths...

And carried out the most profound yet simple act in our democracy...

They made a X.

That simple act, done without bullets or bloodshed...is what we do to reaffirm governments...

And it's what we do to change governments.

On November 7, the people of Saskatchewan voted for change...

From them we received our commission to fulfill that bold and hope-driven vision for our Saskatchewan with our ideas, with our plans and with our commitments.

That is what we dare to begin today.

That vision is one of a province whose best days are still ahead.

Our vision for the future is worthy of this place of unspeakably vast and sweeping plains, of living skies, of forest and lakes, of our First Nations and Métis, and of the sons and daughters of our pioneers.

It's a vision that takes a careful inventory of God's great endowment of natural resources on our land, of the ingenuity, enterprise and compassion of our people. It is a vision that says with a unique prairie clarity that this special place was destined to lead... destined for the vanguard of Canada.

Destined to be great not only in things that can be measured... but in matters of heart and charity and compassion.

Our vision must contemplate that growth and opportunity are not ends in themselves...

But rather a means to a bigger population...more of us...capable of providing a better health care... help to those in need... dignity of our seniors... services to citizens.

The fulfillment of this vision... is what we begin today.

And there is more.

Colleagues... we dare to begin today a government that keeps the promises it has made.

That carefully measures each commitment we have made and even more carefully counts each commitment kept.

We dare to begin today a government that reflects the values of those we serve.

To work hard.

To be self-assured, but ever humble and mindful of the great honour we have, though only temporarily, to be stewards of the public service, of the public purse, of Saskatchewan's dreams.

To admit easily of mistakes, to fix them and resolve that they not be repeated.

To be respectful.

To be innovative and resourceful.

To seek good counsel.

To be honest.

To be transparent.

To ask the question at the end of each day ...did we leave things better than we found them?

That is what we dare begin tonight.

And if Eugene Ware was right that "All glory comes from daring to begin," what glory do we seek in this beginning?

None for ourselves.

We seek glory for Saskatchewan and her people.

For some who are hurting, that may simply mean better health. For some in need, a hand up. For some who are addicted, treatment. For some who wish to fully participate in opportunity, an education. For some the chance to pursue an entrepreneur's dream.

For some from far away places ...a new start and a new home.

For some it may mean going across the town instead of across the country to visit grandkids, for others, nearby babysitters.

And for all of us, that glory means a better future, a more secure future for our Saskatchewan. That is the glory we seek with this new beginning.

It means that we will be a government with more dreams for the future than memories of the past.

So while our party won the election on November 7th that has brought to this very special beginning. Let us now resolve to earn the election-day result ...to earn the trust of those we serve and represent.

As we dare this beginning... it is clear that there is much work to be done.

Are you ready?

I am too.

May God Bless our Saskatchewan.

And Go Riders Go.

Good evening.