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HUNDREDS OF WORKING PEOPLE RALLY TO HAVE THEIR PRIORITIES HEARD

REGINA – Hundreds of working people from across Saskatchewan rallied at the Legislature this afternoon in an effort to convince the provincial government to reconsider its priorities as they relate to the province's working people. Nearly 1,000 people braved frigid temperatures and howling wind for the opportunity to tell the government what is really important to the people that live and work in the province.

“The government could be trying to improve the lives of the people of the province,” said Saskatchewan Federation of Labour President, Larry Hubich, “but instead they seem continually distracted by debates that were settled 100 years ago. Instead of discussing whether or not people should have the right to participate in demonstrations or to join organizations of their choosing, we could be discussing issues that are important to the people of the province: pharmacare, universal childcare and early education programs, Jimmy's Law, or making the minimum wage a living wage, to name a few.”

Though there were hundreds of people, and representatives from dozens of organizations, at the event, two themes were continuously repeated: that government should let the debates of the late nineteenth century lie, and that it should refocus on ways to improve the lives of the people that work in Saskatchewan.

“There is no shortage of possible ways for us to make life in Saskatchewan better, together. What we need is a government with the will to pursue the issues that are truly important to working people.”

Tomorrow morning, Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, Don Morgan, will address Convention delegates, followed by a question-and-answer period. For more information, or to view the complete Convention agenda, visit the SFL website: www.sfl.sk.ca

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The SFL represents over 98,000 working people across the province in 37 affiliated unions.

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