



Saskatchewan Politics - Week in Review Week ending February 21, 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Saskatchewan's economy keeps producing, Ottawa approved a major uranium project in the North, Prairie premiers escalated a fight over agriculture, and another Conservative MP crossed the floor...bringing the Liberal government closer to majority control. It was a week that paired Prairie economic strength with early signs that Ottawa may be starting to move on major files.

At the provincial level, government releases reflected a steady, production-driven economy. Saskatchewan is leading the country in building construction, wholesale trade continues to grow, and crop insurance support provides stability for producers heading into a volatile year. Those numbers reinforce what we've highlighted in recent Insiders...that being strong job growth, resilient exports, steady oil production, and expanding value-added activity. At the same time, federal approval of Denison Mines' Wheeler River uranium project marked a significant moment. After years of debate over whether Canada can still approve large resource projects, this decision delivered a clear signal. The hope now is that NexGen's Rook I project receives the same clarity and timely treatment.

Interprovincially, Scott Moe and Danielle Smith pressed Ottawa for a three-year exemption to continue using strychnine for gopher control...a file that may sound small nationally but is deeply tied to Prairie productivity and global food security. Federally, the floor-crossing of Alberta Conservative MP Matt Jeneroux reignited debate over democratic legitimacy and majority math in Ottawa, particularly in Western Canada where Liberal support remains thin. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Mark Carney unveiled a new Defence Industrial Strategy aimed at reducing reliance on the United States while strengthening domestic capacity...a framework that makes strategic sense but will ultimately be judged on execution. Taken together, this week reinforced a familiar Prairie theme: Saskatchewan has the resources, capacity, and economic momentum to lead, and when Ottawa aligns with that reality, progress will follow.