

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES
Monday, May 28, 2018

MINUTE NO. 31
3:10 p.m. — Legislative Chamber

1. **Present:** Herb Cox in the chair and members Carla Beck,* Steven Bonk, Glen Hart, Nancy Heppner, Everett Hindley, Lisa Lambert, Nicole Rancourt,* and Cathy Sproule.

Substituting Members

Carla Beck for Cathy Sproule (3:45 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.)

Nicole Rancourt for Cathy Sproule (6:52 p.m. – 7:33 p.m.)

2. The committee considered the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation.

The Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Joe Hargrave, Minister

Van Isman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Brent Sukenik, Chief Financial Officer

3. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation.
4. The committee recessed from 3:42 p.m. until 3:45 p.m.
5. The committee considered Bill No. 114, *The Vehicles for Hire Act*.

The Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Joe Hargrave, Minister

Andrew Cartmell, President and Chief Executive Officer

Penny McCune, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer

Karol Noe, Vice-President, Licensing, Customer and Vehicle Services

Kwei Quaye, Vice-President, Traffic Safety, Driver and Support Services

Kim Hambleton, Senior Director, Corporate Affairs

Elizabeth Flynn, Senior Legislative Advisor

6. The question being put on clause 1, it was agreed to.
7. During consideration of clause 2, it was moved by Mr. Hindley:

Amend Clause 2 of the printed Bill:

- (a) by striking out the definition of “**transportation network**” and substituting the following:

“ **‘transportation network’** means, subject to the regulations, an online enabled application, a digital platform, a software program, a website or other system or technology platform offered, used or facilitated by a transportation network company to enable a person to obtain vehicle-for-hire service”;

(b) by striking out the definition of “**transportation network company**” and substituting the following:

“ **‘transportation network company’** means a person or other prescribed entity that offers, uses or facilitates a transportation network”; and

(c) by striking out the definition of “**vehicle-for-hire service**” and substituting the following:

“ **‘vehicle-for-hire service’** means a service provided by a driver affiliated with a transportation network company for the pre-arranged transportation of passengers for compensation through the use of a transportation network, but does not include a taxi service”.

A debate arising and the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 2 as amended, it was agreed to.

8. The question being put on clause 3, it was defeated.

9. During consideration of clause 4, it was moved by Mr. Hindley:

Amend subsection (1) of Clause 4 of the printed Bill:

(a) by striking out clause (d) and substituting the following:

“(d) establishing requirements respecting, or restrictions on, who may drive a vehicle when offering vehicle-for-hire services”;

(b) by striking out clause (e) and substituting the following:

“(e) regulating the manner in which vehicle-for-hire services may be obtained or purchased by the public”;

(c) in clause (h) by striking out the portion preceding subclause (i) and substituting the following:

“respecting the fees, rates, fares, tolls, tariffs or other charges that may be charged to passengers of vehicle-for-hire services, including.”; and

(d) in subclause (h)(iv) by striking out “customers” and substituting “passengers”.

A debate arising and the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 4 as amended, it was agreed to.

10. During consideration of clause 5, it was moved by Mr. Hindley:

Amend Clause 5 of the printed Bill by striking out clause (b) and substituting the following:

“(b) the driver affiliated with the transportation network company may complete that trip but may not offer other vehicle-for-hire services in another municipality unless the transportation network company with which the driver is affiliated has a valid and subsisting licence in that municipality or is otherwise authorized to operate in that municipality”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 5 as amended, it was agreed to.

11. During consideration of clause 6, it was moved by Mr. Hindley:

Amend Clause 6 of the printed Bill:

(a) in subsection (1) by striking out “transportation network drivers” and substituting “of its affiliated drivers”; and

(b) in subsection (2):

(i) by striking out “transportation network drivers,” and substituting “affiliated drivers,”; and

(ii) by striking out “preceding the person’s application to be an authorized driver”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 6 as amended, it was agreed to.

12. During consideration of clause 7, it was moved by Mr. Hindley:

Amend Clause 7 of the printed Bill:

(a) by striking out subsection (1) and substituting the following:

“(1) A vehicle that is to be used by a driver who is affiliated with a transportation network company and that is to provide vehicle-for-hire services:

(a) must be registered with the administrator pursuant to *The Traffic Safety Act* as a vehicle providing vehicle-for-hire services; and

(b) must meet the prescribed requirements to indicate that the vehicle may be used to provide vehicle-for-hire services”;

(b) by striking out the portion of subsection (2) preceding clause (a) and substituting the following:

“The administrator shall not register a vehicle as a vehicle providing vehicle-for-hire services unless the transportation company files with the administrator written evidence, in a form satisfactory to the administrator, that the transportation network company holds a motor vehicle liability insurance policy from an insurance company authorized to carry on the business of insurance in Saskatchewan that insures every vehicle used by drivers affiliated with the transportation network company who provide vehicle-for-hire services and every one of its affiliated drivers in Saskatchewan against the liability imposed by law arising out of the ownership, use or operation of the vehicle and resulting from.”; and

(c) in clause (3)(a) by striking out “\$1,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs” and substituting “the prescribed amount”.

A debate arising and the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 7 as amended, it was agreed to.

13. During consideration of clause 8, it was moved by Mr. Hindley:

Amend subsection (1) of Clause 8 of the printed Bill:

(a) by striking out “by the transportation network company”; and

(b) by adding “by its affiliated drivers” after “vehicle-for-hire service”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 8 as amended, it was agreed to.

14. During consideration of clause 9, it was moved by Mr. Hindley:

Amend subsection (1) of Clause 9 of the printed Bill by striking out clauses (b) and (c) and substituting the following:

“(b) the name and address of all drivers who provide vehicle-for-hire services and who are affiliated with the transportation network company in Saskatchewan;

“(c) a list of all vehicles used in providing vehicle-for-hire services by drivers affiliated with the transportation network company in Saskatchewan”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 9 as amended, it was agreed to.

15. The question being put on clause 10, it was defeated.

16. During consideration of clause 11, it was moved by Mr. Hindley:

Amend clause (k) of Clause 11 of the printed Bill by striking out “a special feature indicating” and substituting “the requirements to indicate”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 11 as amended, it was agreed to.

17. The questions being put on clauses 12 to 16, they were agreed to.

18. During consideration of new clause 3, it was moved by Mr. Hindley:

Add the following Clause after Clause 2 of the printed Bill:

“Licence required to operate

3 Subject to section 5, a transportation network company shall not operate or facilitate vehicle-for-hire services in a municipality unless:

(a) it holds a valid and subsisting licence to operate or facilitate a vehicle-for-hire service;
or

(b) it is otherwise authorized by the municipality to operate or facilitate a vehicle-for-hire service in that municipality”.

The question being put on the new clause, it was agreed to.

19. During consideration of new clause 10, it was moved by Mr. Hindley:

Add the following Clause after Clause 9 of the printed Bill:

“Powers of administrator

10 Subject to the regulations, if a transportation network company or any of its affiliated drivers fails to comply with this Act or the regulations, the administrator may suspend, cancel or refuse to issue:

(a) a vehicle registration indicating that the vehicle may be used to provide vehicle-for-hire services by a driver or by all drivers affiliated with the transportation network company; or

(b) the certificate of insurance required by the transportation network company pursuant to section 8 for its affiliated driver or vehicle or all of its affiliated drivers or vehicles”.

The question being put on the new clause, it was agreed to.

20. It was moved by Ms. Heppner:

That the committee report Bill No. 114, *The Vehicles for Hire Act* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

21. The committee recessed from 6:07 p.m. until 6:19 p.m.
22. The committee considered Bill No. 112, *The Miscellaneous Vehicle and Driving Statutes (Cannabis Legislation) Amendment Act, 2017*.

The Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Joe Hargrave, Minister
Andrew Cartmell, President and Chief Executive Officer
Penny McCune, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer
Karol Noe, Vice-President, Licensing, Customer and Vehicle Services
Kwei Quaye, Vice-President, Traffic Safety, Driver and Support Services
Kim Hambleton, Senior Director, Corporate Affairs
Elizabeth Flynn, Senior Legislative Advisor

23. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 6, they were agreed to.
24. It was moved by Mr. Bonk:

That the committee report Bill No. 112, *The Miscellaneous Vehicle and Driving Statutes (Cannabis Legislation) Amendment Act, 2017* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

25. The committee recessed from 6:50 p.m. until 6:52 p.m.
26. The committee considered Bill No. 82, *The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2017*.

The Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Bronwyn Eyre, Minister
Ken From, President and Chief Executive Officer
Mark Guillet, Vice-President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
Terence Dahlem, Senior Legal Counsel

27. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 12, they were agreed to.
28. It was moved by Ms. Lambert:

That the committee report Bill No. 82, *The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2017* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

29. The committee recessed from 7:33 p.m. until 7:35 p.m.
30. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Central Services.

31. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Central Services. On motion of Mr. Bonk:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2019, the following sum:

For Central Services \$82,339,000

32. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Finance.
33. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Finance. On motion of Ms. Lambert:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2019, the following sum:

For Finance \$218,438,000

34. The committee considered the debt servicing estimates for the Ministry of Finance.
35. The committee concluded consideration of the debt servicing estimates for the Ministry of Finance.
36. The committee considered the estimates for the Public Service Commission.
37. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Public Service Commission. On motion of Mr. Hindley:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2019, the following sum:

For Public Service Commission \$33,019,000

38. The committee considered the lending and investing activities for Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan.
39. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities for Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan.
40. The committee considered the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Power Corporation.
41. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Power Corporation.
42. The committee considered the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation.
43. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation.
44. The committee considered the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

45. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities for Saskatchewan Water Corporation.
46. The committee considered the lending and investing activities for SaskEnergy Incorporated.
47. The committee concluded consideration of the lending and investing activities for SaskEnergy Incorporated.
48. The committee considered the estimates for advances to revolving funds.
49. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for advances to revolving funds.
50. The committee considered the estimates for debt redemption.
51. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for debt redemption.
52. The committee considered the estimates for sinking fund payments, government share.
53. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for sinking fund payments, government share.
54. The committee considered the estimates for interest on gross debt, Crown enterprise share.
55. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for interest on gross debt, Crown enterprise share.
56. The committee considered the General Revenue Fund non-budgetary appropriation for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority.
57. The committee concluded consideration of the General Revenue Fund non-budgetary appropriation for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority.
58. It was moved by Mr. Bonk:

That the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to

59. It was moved by Mr. Hart:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

60. The committee adjourned at 7:49 p.m. until Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Stacey Ursulescu
Committee Clerk

Herb Cox
Chair