

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Monday, May 8, 2017

MINUTE NO. 16
3:00 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Gene Makowsky in the chair and members Buckley Belanger, Steven Bonk, Bill Boyd, Lori Carr, Delbert Kirsch, Laura Ross, and Cathy Sproule.*

Substituting Members

Cathy Sproule for Buckley Belanger (3:00 p.m. – 4:44 p.m.)

2. The committee considered Bill No. 55, *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Economy — Audit Assessments) Amendment Act, 2017*.

The following minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister of Energy and Resources

Laurie Pushor, Deputy Minister

Doug MacKnight, Assistant Deputy Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas

Denise Haas, Chief Financial Officer, Revenue and Corporate Services

3. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.
4. It was moved by Ms. Ross:

That the committee report Bill No. 55, *The Miscellaneous Statutes (Economy — Audit Assessments) Amendment Act, 2017* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

5. The committee considered Bill No. 43, *The Pipelines Amendment Act, 2016*.

The following minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister of Energy and Resources

Laurie Pushor, Deputy Minister

Doug MacKnight, Assistant Deputy Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas

6. The questions being put on clauses 1 and 2, they were agreed to.
7. The question being put on clause 3, it was defeated.
8. The questions being put on clauses 4 to 18, they were agreed to.

9. During consideration of clause 19, it was moved by Mr. Bonk:

Amend clause 24.1(3)(g) of the Act, as being enacted by Clause 19 of the printed Bill, by striking out “removing any computer hardware or software or any other data storage, processing or retrieval device or system in order to produce information” and substituting “information contained in any computer system”.

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

The question being put on clause 19 as amended, it was agreed to.

10. The questions being put on clauses 20 to 22, they were agreed to.

11. During consideration of clause 23, it was moved by Mr. Bonk:

Amend clause 27(3)(a) of the Act, as being enacted by Clause 23 of the printed Bill, by striking out “\$500,000” and substituting “\$50,000”.

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

The question being put on clause 23 as amended, it was agreed to.

12. The questions being put on clauses 24 to 26, they were agreed to.

13. During consideration of new clause 3, it was moved by Mr. Bonk:

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

Section 2 amended

3 Section 2 is amended:

(a) by repealing clause (a) and substituting the following:

(a) “**approved**” means approved by the minister;

(a.1) “**board**” means the Oil and Gas Conservation Board established pursuant to *The Oil and Gas Conservation Act*; **and**

(b) by adding the following clauses after clause (b):

(b.1) “**directive**” means a directive approved pursuant to section 25.2 with respect to the licensing, construction, alteration, operation or abandonment of a pipeline, or the discontinuation of the operation of a pipeline;

(b.2) “**document**” means a notice, record, report or other document and includes a notice, record, report or other document in electronic form’.

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

14. It was moved by Ms. Carr:

That the committee report Bill No. 43, *The Pipelines Amendment Act, 2016* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The committee considered Bill No. 56, *The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2017*.

The following minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister of Energy and Resources

Laurie Pushor, Deputy Minister

Doug MacKnight, Assistant Deputy Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas

16. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 9, they were agreed to.

17. It was moved by Mr. Bonk:

That the committee report Bill No. 56, *The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2017* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

18. The committee recessed from 4:44 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

19. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Economy.

The following minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister of Energy and Resources

Laurie Pushor, Deputy Minister

Doug MacKnight, Assistant Deputy Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas

Denise Haas, Chief Financial Officer, Revenue and Corporate Services

Cole Goertz, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications

Cory Hughes, Executive Director, Mineral Policy

Floyd Wist, Executive Director, Energy Policy

20. The committee adjourned consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Economy.

21. It was moved by Mr. Bonk:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

22. The committee adjourned at 9:59 p.m. until Tuesday May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Stacey Ursulescu
Committee Clerk

Gene Makowsky
Chair