

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Monday, May 15, 2017

MINUTE NO. 18
3:03 p.m. — Legislative Chamber

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

Substituting Members

Warren McCall for Buckley Belanger (4:14 p.m. – 4:52 p.m.)

Cathy Sproule for Buckley Belanger (3:03 p.m. – 4:13 p.m.)

Other Members

Buckley Belanger

2. The committee considered Bill No. 44, *The Water Security Agency Amendment Act, 2016*.

The Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Scott Moe, Minister

Susan Ross, President

Sam Ferris, Executive Director, Environmental and Municipal Management Services

Doug Johnson, Executive Director, Special Projects, Drainage

3. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 13, they were agreed to.
4. It was moved by Mr. Bonk:

That the committee report Bill No. 44, *The Water Security Agency Amendment Act, 2016* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

5. The committee recessed from 4:13 p.m. until 4:14 p.m.
6. The committee considered Bill No. 62, *The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2017*.

The Minister of Economy and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Minister

Laurie Pushor, Deputy Minister

Cullen Stewart, Acting Director, Strategic Policy Initiatives

7. The questions being put on clauses 1 and 2, they were agreed to.

8. The question being put on clause 3, it was defeated.
9. The questions being put on clauses 4 and 5, they were agreed to.
10. During consideration of new clause 3, it was moved by Mr. Bonk:

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

Section 12 amended

3(1) Subsection 12(3) is repealed and the following substituted:

(3) If an individual claims a tax credit for a taxation year only pursuant to subsection (1):

(a) the maximum allowable amount of that tax credit for the 2017 and previous taxation years is equal to the lesser of:

(i) 20% of the total acquisition cost to the eligible investor, or to the registered retirement savings plan if the sole beneficiary of the plan is an eligible investor, of the eligible equity shares described in subsection (1); and

(ii) \$1,000;

(b) the maximum allowable amount of that tax credit for taxation years after 2017 is equal to the lesser of:

(i) 17.5% of the total acquisition cost to the eligible investor, or to the registered retirement savings plan if the sole beneficiary of the plan is an eligible investor, of the eligible equity shares described in subsection (1); and

(ii) \$875”.

(2) Subsection 12(4) is amended:

(a) in clause (c) in the portion preceding subclause (i) by adding “and before 2018” after “after 2008”; and

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

“(d) the maximum allowable amount of that tax credit for taxation years after 2017 is equal to the lesser of:

(i) 17.5% of the total acquisition cost to the individual, or a registered retirement savings plan of which the individual is the sole beneficiary, in acquiring the shares with respect to which a labour-sponsored funds tax credit that meets the requirements of subsection (2) is given for that taxation year; and

(ii) \$875”.

(3) Subsection 12(6) is repealed and the following substituted:

“(6) The maximum tax credit that may be allowed pursuant to subsection (5):

(a) for the 2017 and previous taxation years is \$1,000; and

(b) for taxation years after 2017 is \$875”.

(4) Subsection 12(8) is repealed and the following substituted:

“(8) A Type A corporation shall provide an individual who is allowed a tax credit pursuant to this section with documentation of the tax credit in a form prescribed by the minister.

“(9) The minister shall provide an individual who is allowed a tax credit pursuant to this section with respect to a Type B corporation with documentation of the tax credit in a form prescribed by the minister”.

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

11. It was moved by Ms. Carr:

That the committee report Bill No. 62, *The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2017* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. The committee considered Bill No. 61, *The Saskatchewan Commercial Innovation Incentive (Patent Box) Act*.

The Minister of Economy and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Minister

Laurie Pushor, Deputy Minister

Cullen Stewart, Acting Director, Strategic Policy Initiatives

13. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 28, they were agreed to.

14. It was moved by Mr. Bonk:

That the committee report Bill No. 61, *The Saskatchewan Commercial Innovation Incentive (Patent Box) Act* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. It was moved by Ms. Ross

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

16. The committee adjourned at 4:52 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Rob Park
Committee Clerk

Gene Makowsky
Chair