

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**  
**Tuesday, May 7, 2019**

**MINUTE NO. 44**

**3:11 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)**

1. **Present:** Colleen Young in the chair and members David Buckingham, Terry Dennis, Delbert Kirsch, Warren Michelson, Vicki Mowat, Yens Pedersen,\* Cathy Sproule,\* and Doug Steele.

**Substituting Members**

Yens Pedersen for Vicki Mowat (5:26 p.m. – 7:26 p.m.)

Cathy Sproule for Vicki Mowat (3:11 p.m. – 4:12 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. – 7:51 p.m.)

2. The committee considered the estimates for the Water Security Agency.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister

Susan Ross, President and Chief Executive Officer

John Fahlman, Vice-President, Technical Services

Marjorie Simington, General Council and Acting Vice-President, Corporate Services

Sam Ferris, Vice-President, Regulatory

Clinton Molde, Executive Director, Integrated Water Services

Doug Johnson, Executive Director, Special Projects

Patrick Boyle, Executive Director, Communications and Client Services

Kendra Altwasser-Mang, Director, Finance

3. The committee adjourned consideration of the estimates for the Water Security Agency.
4. The committee recessed from 4:12 p.m. until 4:16 p.m.
5. The committee considered the estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan.

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

Witnesses

Innovation Saskatchewan

Hon. Tina Beaudry-Mellor, Minister

Wes Jickling, Chief Executive Officer

Kari Harvey, Chief Operating Officer

Avery Vold, Manager, Corporate Strategy

Ministry of Advanced Education

Jon Altwasser, Director, Budget Development and Sector Accountability

6. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan. On motion of Mr. Buckingham:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Innovation Saskatchewan ..... \$24,398,000

7. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture.

8. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture. On motion of Mr. Dennis:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Agriculture ..... \$389,692,000

9. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Energy and Resources.

10. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Energy and Resources. On motion of Mr. Michelson:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Energy and Resources..... \$79,497,000

11. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Environment.

12. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Environment. On motion of Mr. Steele:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Environment..... \$175,948,000

13. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

14. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Highways and Infrastructure..... \$706,030,000

15. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training.

16. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training. On motion of Mr. Buckingham:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Immigration and Career Training ..... \$170,245,000

17. The committee considered the estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council.

18. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council. On motion of Mr. Dennis:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Saskatchewan Research Council..... \$19,968,000

19. The committee considered the estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation.

20. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation. On motion of Mr. Steele:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For SaskBuilds Corporation ..... \$9,214,000

21. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Trade and Export Development.

22. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Trade and Export Development. On motion of Mr. Michelson:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Trade and Export Development ..... \$20,630,000

23. The committee considered the estimates for the Water Security Agency.

24. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Water Security Agency. On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2020, the following sum:

For Water Security Agency ..... \$52,875,000

25. The committee considered the 2018-2019 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Agriculture.

26. The committee concluded consideration of the 2018-2019 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Agriculture. On motion of Mr. Buckingham:

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

For Agriculture ..... \$37,655,000

27. The committee considered the 2018-2019 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Environment.

28. The committee concluded consideration of the 2018-2019 supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Environment. On motion of Mr. Dennis:

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

For Environment..... \$3,300,000

29. It was moved by Mr. Michelson:

That the seventh report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

30. The committee considered Bill No. 140, *The Animal Health Act*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. David Marit, Minister  
Rick Burton, Deputy Minister  
Paul Johnson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy  
Penny McCall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regulatory and Innovation  
Grant Zalinko, Executive Director, Livestock  
Betty Althouse, Chief Veterinary Officer  
Jason Drury, Manager, Irrigation  
Kyle McDonald, Irrigation Asset Transfer Consultant

31. The questions being put on clauses 1-1 to 4-11, they were agreed to.

32. During consideration of clause 4-12, it was moved by Mr. Buckingham:

Amend clause (1)(b) of Clause 4-12 of the printed Bill by striking out “pursuant to this Act by an inspector or by a person who is assisting the inspector pursuant to section 4-11 or the regulations” and substituting “by an inspector, or by a person who is assisting the inspector, pursuant to this Act or the regulations”.

33. The questions being put on clauses 4-13 to 13-2, they were agreed to.

34. It was moved by Mr. Michelson:

That the committee report Bill No. 140, *The Animal Health Act* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

35. The committee considered Bill No. 162, *The Irrigation Act, 2018*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. David Marit, Minister

Rick Burton, Deputy Minister

Paul Johnson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy

Penny McCall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regulatory and Innovation

Grant Zalinko, Executive Director, Livestock

Betty Althouse, Chief Veterinary Officer

Jason Drury, Manager, Irrigation

Kyle McDonald, Irrigation Asset Transfer Consultant

36. The questions being put on clauses 1-1 to 7-9, they were agreed to.

37. It was moved by Mr. Steele:

That the committee report Bill No. 162, *The Irrigation Act, 2018* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

38. The committee recessed from 7:26 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

39. The committee considered Bill No. 170, *The Mineral Taxation Amendment Act, 2019*.

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

Witnesses

Ministry of Energy and Resources

Hon. Bronwyn Eyre, Minister

Laurie Pushor, Deputy Minister

Kathryn Pollack, Assistant Deputy Minister, Mineral, Lands and Resource Policy

Paul Mahnic, Executive Director, Lands and Mineral Tenure

Kyle Schutz, Policy Analyst, Mineral Rights

Ministry of Justice

Dan Morris, Crown Counsel, Civil Law

40. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 6, they were agreed to.

41. It was moved by Mr. Michelson:

That the committee report Bill No. 170, *The Mineral Taxation Amendment Act, 2019* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

42. It was moved by Mr. Kirsch:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

43. The committee adjourned at 7:51 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Anne Drake  
Committee Clerk

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Colleen Young  
Chair