

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Tuesday, April 30, 2013

MINUTE NO. 19
3:00 p.m. – Māwawapiwin Room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Delbert Kirsch in the Chair and Members Mark Docherty, David Forbes, Greg Lawrence, Paul Merriman, John Nilson*, Laura Ross and Nadine Wilson.

Substituting Members

John Nilson for David Forbes (7:13 p.m. – 11:09 p.m. only)

Other Members

Cam Broten, John Nilson

2. The committee considered Bill No. 70 – The Education Amendment Act, 2012 (No.2) / Loi no 2 de 2012 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Russ Marchuk, Minister

Cheryl Senecal, Deputy Minister

Kathy Abernethy, Director, Early Years Planning, Education and Evaluation

Angela Chobanik, Director, Education Financial Policy

Drew Johnston, Director, Legislative Services and Privacy

3. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 40, they were agreed to.
4. It was moved by Mr. Docherty:

That the committee report Bill No. 70 – The Education Amendment Act, 2012 (No.2) / Loi no 2 de 2012 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

5. The committee recessed from 3:32 p.m. until 3:37 p.m.
6. The committee considered Bill No. 58 – The Workers' Compensation Act, 2012.

The following Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Don Morgan, Minister

Mike Carr, Deputy Minister

Pat Parenteau, Policy Director

David Cundall, Senior Policy Analyst

Ann Schultz, Chief Financial Officer, Workers' Compensation Board

Wayne Dale, Legal Support, Workers' Compensation Board

7. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 2, they were agreed to.
8. During consideration of clause 3, it was moved by Ms. Ross:

Clause 3 of the printed Bill

Amend Clause 3 of the printed Bill by adding the following subsections after subsection (6):

(7) Nothing in this Act precludes a worker employed in an industry not covered by this Act or the worker's dependants from taking legal action to recover damages if the worker suffers injuries arising out of and in the course of employment.

(8) A worker mentioned in subsection (7) is not, by reason only of his or her continuing in the employment of the employer with knowledge of the defect or negligence that caused his or her injury, deemed to have voluntarily incurred the risk of injury.

(9) A worker mentioned in subsection (7) is deemed not to have undertaken the risks due to the negligence of his or her fellow workers, and contributory negligence on the part of a worker is not a bar to recovery by him or her, or by a person entitled to damages, in an action for the recovery of damages for an injury sustained by or causing the death of the worker while in the service of his or her employer for which the employer would otherwise have been liable.

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

The question being put on clause 3 as amended, it was agreed to.

9. During consideration of clause 4, it was moved by Ms. Ross:

Clause 4 of the printed Bill

Amend subsection (4) of Clause 4 of the printed Bill by adding "her" after "in the course of his or".

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 Ms. Ross:

Clause 5 of the printed Bill

Amend subsection (2) of Clause 5 of the printed Bill by striking out "city, urban municipality or northern municipality" and substituting "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 Ms. Ross:

Clause 6 of the printed Bill

Amend Clause 6 of the printed Bill by adding “of” after “within the scope”.

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. The questions being put on clauses 7 to 68, they were agreed to.

13. During consideration of clause 69, it was moved by Ms. Ross:

Clause 69 of the printed Bill

Amend subsection (1) of Clause 69 of the printed Bill by striking out “for the purposes of subsection 68(1)” and substituting “for the purposes of subsections 32(2) and 68(1)”.

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

The question being put on clause 69 as amended, it was agreed to.

14. The questions being put on clauses 70 to 82, they were agreed to.

15. During consideration of clause 83, it was moved by Ms. Ross:

Clause 83 of the printed Bill

Amend subsection (4) of Clause 83 of the printed Bill by striking out “\$359.02 in 2012” and substituting “\$376.61 in 2013”.

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

The question being put on clause 83 as amended, it was agreed to.

16. The question being put on clause 84, it was agreed to.

17. During consideration of clause 85, it was moved by Ms. Ross:

Clause 85 of the printed Bill

Amend subsection (2) of Clause 85 of the printed Bill by striking out “\$359.62 in 2012” and substituting “\$399.58 in 2013”.

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

The question being put on clause 85 as amended, it was agreed to.

18. The questions being put on clauses 86 to 88, they were agreed to.

19. During consideration of clause 89, it was moved by Ms. Ross:

Clause 89 of the printed Bill

Amend Clause 89 of the printed Bill:

(a) in subsection (2) by striking out “\$175 per month” and substituting “\$356.19 per month in 2013 adjusted annually by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index; and

(b) by adding the following subsection after subsection (2):

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index must be the percentage increase for the 12 months ending on November 30 in each year, and that percentage increase must be applied to determine the monthly allowance for the year following the year in which the calculation is made.

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

The question being put on clause 89 as amended, it was agreed to.

20. The questions being put on clauses 90 to 201 and schedule, they were agreed to.

21. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence:

That the committee report Bill No. 58 – The Workers’ Compensation Act – with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

22. The committee recessed from 4:53 p.m. until 6:59 p.m.

23. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Health.

The following Health Ministers and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister of Health

Hon. Randy Weekes, Minister Responsible for Rural and Remote Health

Dan Florizone, Deputy Minister

Max Hendricks, Associate Deputy Minister

Lauren Donnelly, Assistant Deputy Minister

Duncan Fisher, Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister

Brad Havervold, Executive Director, Workforce Planning Branch

Deb Jordan, Executive Director, Acute and Emergency Services Branch

Ron Knaus, Executive Director, Primary Health Services Branch

Donna Magnussion, Executive Director, Population Health Branch

Pauline Rousseau, Executive Director, Strategy and Innovation Branch

Brenda Russell, Executive Director, Financial Services Branch
Shaylene Salazar, Executive Director, Medical Services Branch
Kevin Wilson, Executive Director, Drug Plan
Mark Wyatt, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative
Cindy Fedak, Director, Financial Services Branch
Trish Livingstone, Director, Kaizen Promotion Office
Linda Restau, Director, Community Care Branch
Kathy Willerth, Director, Community Care Branch
Tracey Smith, Assistant to the Deputy Minister

24. The following document was tabled:

HUS 9/27 – Saskatoon Health Region: Re: Visionary Concepts Inc., dated April 30, 2013.

25. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Health.

26. The committee adjourned at 11:09 p.m. until May 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Stacey Ursulescu
Committee Clerk

Delbert Kirsch
Committee Chair