

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE
Tuesday, June 23, 2020

MINUTE NO. 47
3:00 p.m. — Legislative Chamber

1. **Present:** Greg Lawrence in the chair and members Dan D’Autremont, Ken Francis, Delbert Kirsch, Laura Ross, Nicole Sarauer, Nadine Wilson,* and Trent Wotherspoon.*

Substituting Members

Nadine Wilson for Laura Ross (5:14 p.m. – 7:35 p.m.)

Trent Wotherspoon for Nicole Sarauer (3:00 p.m. – 4:01 p.m.)

2. The committee considered the estimates and supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Government Relations.

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

Witnesses

Ministry of Government Relations

Hon. Lori Carr, Minister

Greg Miller, Deputy Minister and Provincial Capital Commission Board Chair

Laurier Donais, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Disaster Recovery

Sheldon Green, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Relations

Giselle Marcotte, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs

Elissa Aitken, Executive Director, Policy and Program Services

Bonnie Chambers, Executive Director, Advisory Services and Municipal Relations

Ralph Leibel, Executive Director, Community Planning

Jeff MacDonald, Executive Director, Municipal Infrastructure and Finance

Jeff Markewich, Executive Director, Corporate Services

Jay Teneycke, Executive Director, Communications

Provincial Capital Commission

Monique Goffinet Miller, Chief Executive Officer

Grant Hilsenteger, Priority Action Team Lead

Chuck Fink, Manager, Audit and Financial Services

3. The committee recessed from 4:01 p.m. until 4:06 p.m.
4. The committee resumed consideration of the estimates and supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Government Relations.
5. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Government Relations. On motion of Mr. Francis:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021, the following sum:

For Government Relations \$783,614,000

6. The committee concluded consideration of the supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Government Relations. On motion of Ms. Ross:

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

For Government Relations \$18,900,000

7. The committee recessed from 5:02 p.m. until 5:14 p.m.
8. The committee considered Bill No. 203, *The Financial Planners and Financial Advisors Act*.

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

Witnesses

Ministry of Justice

Hon. Don Morgan, Minister

Darcy McGovern, Director, Legislative Services

Jane Chapco, Senior Crown Counsel, Legislative Services

Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority

Janette Seibel, Director, Insurance and Real Estate

9. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 54, they were agreed to.
10. It was moved by Mr. Francis:

That the committee report Bill No. 203, *The Financial Planners and Financial Advisors Act* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. The committee considered Bill No. 204, *The Jury Amendment Act, 2019/Loi modificative de 2019 sur le jury*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Don Morgan, Minister

Glennis Bihun, Executive Director, Court Services

Darcy McGovern, Director, Legislative Services

Jane Chapco, Senior Crown Counsel, Legislative Services

12. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 14, they were agreed to.

13. During consideration of new clause 6, it was moved by Mr. Francis:

Add the following Clause after Clause 5 of the printed Bill:

Ajouter l'article suivant après l'article 5 du projet de loi imprimé:

New section 17

6 Section 17 is repealed and the following substituted:

Nouvel article 17

6 L'article 17 est abrogé et remplacé par ce qui suit:

“Alternate juror

17(1) If the judge presiding at the trial considers it advisable in the interests of justice to have an alternate juror, the judge shall so order before the registrar begins to empanel the jury pursuant to Part IV.

(2) If the judge presiding at the trial considers it advisable in the interests of justice, before the registrar begins to empanel the jury pursuant to Part IV the judge may order that 7 jurors instead of 6 be sworn in in accordance with that Part.

(3) An alternate juror shall:

(a) attend at the commencement of the presentation of the evidence on the merits; and

(b) replace any absent juror if there is not a full jury present.

(4) An alternate juror who is not required as a substitute juror shall be excused.

(5) If one juror dies or, in the opinion of the judge presiding at the trial, becomes unable to continue to serve as a juror for any reason, the judge may direct that:

(a) the trial shall proceed without that juror; or

(b) the alternate juror, if any, shall replace that juror.

“Juré suppléant

17(1) S'il estime indiqué, dans l'intérêt de la justice, qu'il y ait un juré suppléant, le juge présidant le procès l'ordonne avant que le registraire procède à la constitution du jury en vertu de la partie IV.

(2) S'il estime indiqué, dans l'intérêt de la justice, que 7 jurés plutôt que 6 soient assermentés sous le régime de la partie IV, le juge présidant le procès peut l'ordonner avant que le registraire procède à la constitution du jury en vertu de cette partie.

(3) Le juré suppléant:

a) doit se présenter au moment où débute la présentation de la preuve sur le fond;

b) remplace un juré absent, si le jury présent est incomplet.

(4) S'il n'a pas à remplacer un juré, le juré suppléant est libéré.

(5) En cas de décès d'un juré ou si, de l'avis du juge présidant le procès, un juré devient incapable de continuer à remplir les fonctions de juré pour quelque raison que ce soit, le juge peut ordonner:

a) soit que le procès se poursuive sans ce juré;

b) soit que le juré suppléant, s'il en est, le remplace.

(6) If a trial proceeds in accordance with clause (5)(a) without an alternate juror, a verdict may be given by the remaining jurors if they are unanimous”.

(6) Lorsqu’un procès se poursuit conformément à l’alinéa (5)a) sans suppléance, un verdict peut être rendu par les autres jurés, s’ils sont unanimes ».

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

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

Add the following Clause after Clause 8 of the printed Bill:

Ajouter l’article suivant après l’article 8 du projet de loi imprimé:

New section 27
9 Section 27 is repealed and the following substituted:

Nouvel article 27
9 L’article 27 est abrogé et remplacé par ce qui suit:

“Peremptory challenges
27 Every party to a civil proceeding has the right to exercise four peremptory challenges”.

«Récusations péremptoires
27 Toute partie à une instance civile a le droit de récuser péremptoirement quatre jurés ».

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

15. It was moved by Mr. Kirsch:

That the committee report Bill No. 204, *The Jury Amendment Act, 2019/Loi modificative de 2019 sur le jury* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

16. The committee considered Bill No. 212, *The Police Amendment Act, 2020*.

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

Witnesses

Ministry of Justice

Hon. Don Morgan, Minister

Jan Turner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Court Services

Darcy McGovern, Director, Legislative Services

Neil Karkut, Senior Crown Counsel, Legislative Services

Ministry of Corrections and Policing

Dale Larsen, Deputy Minister

Rob Cameron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policing and Community Safety Services

17. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 8, they were agreed to.

18. It was moved by Mr. D'Autremont:

That the committee report Bill No. 212, *The Police Amendment Act, 2020* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

19. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Corrections and Policing.

20. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Corrections and Policing. On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021, the following sum:

For Corrections and Policing..... \$418,899,000

21. The committee considered the estimates for Integrated Justice Services.

22. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Integrated Justice Services. On motion of Mr. Francis:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021, the following sum:

For Integrated Justice Services..... \$129,409,000

23. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.

24. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General. On motion of Mr. Francis:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021, the following sum:

For Justice and Attorney General..... \$134,519,000

25. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport.

26. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport. On motion of Mr. D'Autremont:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021, the following sum:

For Parks, Culture and Sport \$69,971,000

27. The committee considered the estimates for Tourism Saskatchewan.

28. The committee concluded consideration of the estimates for Tourism Saskatchewan. On motion of Ms. Wilson:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2021, the following sum:

For Tourism Saskatchewan \$14,456,000

29. The committee considered the supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Corrections and Policing.

30. The committee concluded consideration of the supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Corrections and Policing. On motion of Mr. D'Autremont:

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

For Corrections and Policing..... \$6,000,000

31. The committee considered the supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.

32. The committee concluded consideration of the supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General. 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 Justice and Attorney General \$2,200,000

33. The committee considered the supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport.

34. The committee concluded consideration of the supplementary estimates for the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport. On motion of Mr. Francis:

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

For Parks, Culture and Sport \$350,000

35. It was moved by Mr. Francis:

That the eighth report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

36. It was moved by Mr. Kirsch:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

37. The committee adjourned at 7:35 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Stacey Ursulescu
Committee Clerk

Greg Lawrence
Chair