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## **STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES**

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[The committee met at 17:00.]

**Chair Steele:** — It's the 5 o'clock hour; we're going to get started here. Welcome to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies. I'm Doug Steele. I'm the Chair. Chris Beaudry to my right, Terri Bromm to my right, and Brad Crassweller. Don McBean is . . . I guess it's Brittney now. Senger, is that how you pronounce your name, Brittney? And Aleana Young is sitting in for Jordan McPhail, and Trent Wotherspoon for Erika Ritchie. Thank you.

Okay, committee, supplementary estimates. I would like to inform the committee that pursuant to rule 148(1), the following 2025-26 supplementary estimates no. 1 were committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies on November 27th, 2025: vote 93, Saskatchewan Residential Fuel Charge; vote 152, Saskatchewan Power Corporation; vote 140, Saskatchewan Water Corporation; vote 175, Debt Redemption; and vote 176, Sinking Fund Payments, Government Share. Today we will be considering these supplementary estimates.

First I will consider the supplementary estimates from the Minister of Finance, including vote 175, Debt Redemption; vote 176, Sinking Fund Payments, Government Share. We will begin with vote 175 . . .

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — I have a point of order, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, I have a point of order. I'd like to raise a point of order with respect to the fact we've come to learn that the Minister for CIC [Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan] who's the minister responsible for these two very large supplementary estimates that are before us here tonight — almost a billion dollars of appropriations — that he won't be attending the committee here tonight. And obviously that doesn't provide any sort of proper accountability to this committee or to the legislature.

I'd ask for a ruling from you, Mr. Chair, whether the minister responsible, Minister of CIC, whether his non-attendance for his subvotes, almost a billion dollars of appropriations, is acceptable.

**Chair Steele:** — Do any other members want to speak to this point of order? Seeing none. I rule that the point of order is out of order, I guess, as such.

So, okay. I will be voting in this during the decision making of the committee tonight as Chair.

Okay.

**Aleana Young:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd like to move the following motion:

That the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies calls on the Minister for Crown Investments Corporation to attend the meeting today as a witness during the consideration of the supplementary estimates for Saskatchewan Residential Fuel Charge and Saskatchewan Power Corporation.

**Chair Steele:** — Okay. The member has moved:

That the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies calls on the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation to attend the meeting today as a witness during the consideration of the supplementary estimates for Saskatchewan Residential Fuel Charge and Saskatchewan Power Corporation.

Does anyone wish to speak to the motion?

**Aleana Young:** — Mr. Chair, I'll just put a couple comments on the record in regards to this. As was stated by my colleague the member for Regina Mount Royal, we have nearly a billion dollars of supplementary borrowing that's happening at the committee tonight.

The Crown and Central Agencies Committee's job is to provide oversight and accountability to the Crowns. And when we have what I understand to be a meeting without precedent . . . Never before has a minister of the Crown not appeared before the committee as a witness. I think this is fundamental to the existence of democratic institutions, of oversight and scrutiny when it comes to the disbursement of public funds.

As such, as you're aware, the committee does have the power to compel witnesses to come before it. And I think it's incumbent on any minister of the Crown but certainly the Minister of CIC, who again has a billion dollars of additional spending coming towards the committee tonight, to make himself available to the Crown and Central Agencies Committee to answer questions and provide that essential democratic function of accountability.

**Chair Steele:** — So we'll move the motion to a vote. Okay. Seeing no more comments, the motion will move to a vote. Is that agreed?

Okay, I'll read the motion again for clarity:

That the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies calls on the Minister for Crown Investments Corporation to attend the meeting today as a witness during the consideration of the supplementary estimates for Saskatchewan Residential Fuel Charge and Saskatchewan Power Corporation.

So we'll take it to a vote as a committee. All in favour of the . . . Oh, okay. Sorry. Is that agreed we take it to . . .

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — What's the question, sorry?

**Chair Steele:** — For voting on the motion that has been presented to us. Agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**Chair Steele:** — No. It's lost. We'll call for a recorded vote. Okay, as a committee I'll make you aware, as I am the Chair . . . The question before the committee is the motion as presented. I would like to inform the committee members that I will be

exercising my right to deliberative vote.

Okay, so then we'll have a show of hands. Those in favour of the motion? An aye? Okay.

Those opposed to the motion, say no. Okay, no.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**Chair Steele:** — Okay, no. Yeah, the motion is defeated. So we'll continue on with proceedings then.

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — Mr. Chair.

**Chair Steele:** — Yes.

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — We have a billion dollars of appropriations before us here tonight. That's the bulk of what we're dealing with. The minister is not showing up for his duty and responsibility. As such, I would . . . I mean it's unacceptable. We'll be ready to consider those estimates when the minister's ready.

We had asked for a very reasonable amount of time, one hour for the almost \$200 million with respect to the Saskatchewan Residential Fuel Charge, two hours with respect to the nearly a billion — 800-and-some million — of appropriation for Sask Power Corporation.

Completely unacceptable that a minister of the Crown, a minister responsible for those estimates, wouldn't take the time to come before this committee and answer basic questions. So we'll be ready for scrutiny when that minister is, but I'd move to adjourn debate.

**Chair Steele:** — Thank you. Okay, we'll continue on with proceedings of the committee this evening, so let's go back to our . . . [inaudible].

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — I moved to adjourn debate.

**Chair Steele:** — He moved to adjourn debate. Sorry.

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — No use in having a charade here, Mr. Speaker, right? Like, you know, we'll adjourn debate now and then . . .

**Chair Steele:** — Yeah, we don't need to start this. We want to get to the dealings of the evening so . . .

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — Well, no.

**Chair Steele:** — Okay, so Mr. Wotherspoon has moved . . . Is that . . .

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — Sorry, I guess I'm not adjourning . . . I would move to adjourn the committee.

**Chair Steele:** — The committee?

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — There's no use in us sitting here for a charade. We have items before us, a billion dollars in appropriations, and I would . . . I see the signals coming in from

the folks in the back there. But you know, we can all as legislators understand that a minister should show up for those appropriations. And we're ready to do so when it works for this minister and this committee. Sorry for all those that are here right now, but I'd move to adjourn this committee.

**Chair Steele:** — We'll take a vote on that. No?

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**Chair Steele:** — Okay. So we'll continue on. The motion has been voted upon that is . . .

So we'll continue on with committee work this evening . . .

**Aleana Young:** — Mr. Chair?

**Chair Steele:** — Oh.

**Aleana Young:** — Sorry. Thanks, Mr. Chair. You know, it's clear that the government members on this committee aren't interested in compelling the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation to come and answer basic questions when it comes to accountability and respect for the legislature's oversight mechanisms. I'd remind all members that we have a duty and we're bound by our Code of Ethical Conduct, including the duties of accountability and respect for those oversight mechanisms in the legislature. This committee itself has statutory reporting obligations under various pieces of legislation as well as to the legislature as itself.

If the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation doesn't believe it's important to appear before this committee — which again exists to exercise democratic oversight and accountability for spending public dollars, for which all members on this committee owe a duty — then I would move the following motion:

That the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies calls on the Minister of Finance to continue to attend the meeting today as a witness during the consideration of all of the supplementary estimates.

I'm not sure if . . . There's lots going on here tonight, Mr. Chair, but the Minister of Finance is right here.

**Chair Steele:** — It's all good. I've got time. I've got time. We've got time. So okay, the member has moved:

That the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies calls on the Minister of Finance to continue to attend the meeting today as a witness during the consideration of all of the supplementary estimates.

So does anyone wish to speak to the motion? Seeing none, we will move to a vote. Is that agreed? We'll move to a vote?

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**Chair Steele:** — Okay.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair Steele:** — Agreed, okay. All in favour of the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair Steele:** — Recorded. Against the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**Chair Steele:** — Defeated. Okay, so there being no more discussion, we'll move into the script for the committee.

**General Revenue Fund  
Supplementary Estimates — No. 1  
Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments  
Debt Redemption  
Vote 175**

**Chair Steele:** — Okay, we will begin with the vote on 175, Debt Redemption. Minister Reiter is here with his officials. I would ask that the officials please state their names before speaking at the microphone. I remind, please do not touch the microphones. The Hansard operator will turn your microphone on when it's your turn to speak to the committee.

Minister, please introduce your officials and make your opening remarks.

**Hon. Jim Reiter:** — Thanks, Mr. Chair. I have with me today Max Hendricks, who's the deputy minister of Finance; Amy Gates, who's executive director of the provincial treasury office; Matthew Glover, who's executive director of communications; and Jeff MacDonald, assistant deputy minister.

Mr. Chair, in light of the fact that I think there was an understanding it'd be a brief period of time here, I'll decline making any opening comments and go straight to questions.

**Chair Steele:** — Okay. Committee.

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — Yeah, thank you, Minister. Thanks, Chair. With respect to the vote 175, the debt redemption, the \$92,000, could the minister just provide a bit more detail on this front and maybe talk a bit about any financial impacts and rates on that borrowing and their terms?

[17:15]

**Hon. Jim Reiter:** — Yeah, so thanks, Mr. Wotherspoon. What this is is all the other debt repayment, which was \$1,529,420,000 that you see listed, that was already anticipated in estimates at budget time. The extra \$92,000 was from Innovation Saskatchewan. They just decided that they were in a position to pay more of their debt earlier. And since it wasn't included in estimates for the budget, it would need supplementary estimates.

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — And with respect to vote 176, the sinking fund payment, it's also not a real large amount there. Could the minister just provide the details on it?

**Hon. Jim Reiter:** — Sure. So in May of '24 a \$1 billion Eurobond was done, which would be roughly 1.8 billion Canadian. That was May of '24. In May of '25 — so after the budget — in May of '25, \$18 million was transferred into the

sinking funds, which the sinking funds are essentially still an asset, right. It's an asset set aside for down the road to do a significant amount of the debt repayment.

So \$18 million was set aside in May, which wasn't in the estimates in March. So we would need the supplementary estimate for that as well.

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — Thanks. And can you provide, on the bond, can you provide the rate and the term on it?

**Hon. Jim Reiter:** — Sure. While Amy looks that up, I should just clarify I was rounding off there. The 18 million is just slightly more than that, and again, a rough estimate on what the conversion rate from the euro to Canadian dollars is. And Amy'll get me the amounts. I'll just get you to do that.

**Amy Gates:** — Amy Gates. So the Eurobond was a maturity of May 8th, 2034 at a rate of 4.66 per cent.

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — And what are current rates that government's accessing?

**Amy Gates:** — Amy Gates. For a 10-year debenture at this point it would be about 4.25 per cent, at this point in time right now.

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — And what about 5 or 20?

**Amy Gates:** — Oh, 20 I don't know. The 30-year, I would know at about 4.5 per cent; and 5 would be under 4.

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — Okay, thanks for that information.

**Chair Steele:** — No more questions? Okay. Okay, Minister, do you have any closing comments?

**Hon. Jim Reiter:** — No. Just like to thank Mr. Wotherspoon for the questions and all committee members for your time and the officials for being here as well. Thank you.

**Chair Steele:** — MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Wotherspoon, any closing comments?

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — Yeah, thanks. Thanks to the officials. Thanks to the minister for being here for this portion. And we'll get ready to speak to these next items.

**Chair Steele:** — Okay, we'll move on. Vote 175, Debt Redemption. Debt Redemption, vote 175 in the amount of 92,000. There is no vote on this, is statutory.

**General Revenue Fund  
Supplementary Estimates — No. 1  
Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments  
Sinking Fund Payments — Government Share  
Vote 176**

**Chair Steele:** — Okay, next vote on 176, Sinking Fund Payments, Government Share. Sinking Fund Payments, Government Share, voting on 176 in the amount of \$18,797,000. This vote has no vote on it and it's statutory again.

Okay, any officials not required for the next vote may leave. Do

we need to take a brief recess?

**General Revenue Fund  
Supplementary Estimates — No. 1  
Saskatchewan Residential Fuel Charge  
Vote 93**

**(RF01)**

**Chair Steele:** — We will continue on the consideration on vote 93, Saskatchewan Residential Fuel Charge, subvote (RF01) . . . Okay.

We're going to move into vote 93, Saskatchewan Residential Fuel Charge. Saskatchewan residential fuel charge, subvote (RF01) in the amount of 194,600,000. And no vote on that either. Statutory.

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — Well, Mr. Chair, yeah, I mean I think all can see what an absolute mockery this is of any sort of accountability. You know, here of course we're ready to invite a minister before us to provide remarks and lay out the rationale, the substance for the almost \$200 million of additional borrowing in this case here. We have no minister before us, and that's supposed to just roll right through. I mean this is not acceptable, Mr. Chair.

We laid out very clearly to the government that we would like an allocation of time. We requested an hour with the minister for \$200 million on this front. We've identified that we'd like a couple hours to review the \$800 million for SaskPower. It makes absolutely no sense that we would simply move forward without that basic level of accountability and let that minister hide from accountability with respect to this matter.

I mean this is with respect to the carbon tax. And of course we've all been clear that we don't support it and that it shouldn't be there on the gas bill. And we passed motions on that front and stated as such. The minister has failed clearly on this front because he suggested that we wouldn't be on the hook for these dollars. And now we have a minister mid-year which changes the financial position in a fairly significant way and puts the public, puts the taxpayer on the hook for this expense and doesn't have the decency to show up to this committee and to this legislature and to provide basic rationale and to answer questions around this appropriation.

So this is completely unacceptable, Mr. Chair. And I would move at this point again to adjourn this committee.

**An Hon. Member:** — They already moved the motion once.

**Chair Steele:** — Yeah . . .

**Trent Wotherspoon:** — Well I would just say this. You know, listen, I've been around this place for a while. And I won't be too hard on my good members opposite here. But I would urge them . . . Like you have some independence in all of this. These appropriations, this is basic stuff. Like are you telling me that we aren't going to answer for our constituents and those that we serve on an appropriation of this matter and provide a rationale to them?

I mean at the end of the day, we all stood up against the carbon

tax. The minister had said that he had passed legislation and that we wouldn't have to remit this to the federal government. And then he sneaks this in after the mid-year report outside of the budget process, that, oopsy, he really failed on this front and actually the public's going to be on the hook for these \$200 million. That that's going to be added to the debt of our province, that we're going to pay interest on that, that we're going to have those costs, that that's all going to be borne by the people of this province. This is so incredibly reckless.

And I would just simply urge members opposite . . . I understand you sometimes get some marching orders coming in here. You've got to sometimes stand back and say, like stand up and say, that's not cool; I'm not doing it; you know, I'm going to stand up for the people I represent. And so I would call on members opposite to think about that.

In this way it's absolutely unacceptable that this vote move forward and that these considerations are closed without a minister before us. And everyone, every single member of this committee should expect as such.

**Chair Steele:** — Mr. Wotherspoon. Mr. Wotherspoon, your motion is not debatable. We'll take it to a vote and then we'll see where . . . proceed from there.

So the motion to adjourn is the vote on the table. Show of hands.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**Chair Steele:** — That's three, four. All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair Steele:** — Three. Yeah. No, no, four are against. Okay, so we move on. The motion is defeated, yeah. Okay.

Okay, here we go to next . . . Okay, Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

**General Revenue Fund  
Supplementary Estimates — No. 1  
Lending and Investing Activities  
Saskatchewan Water Corporation  
Vote 140**

**Chair Steele:** — We'll now consider supplementary estimates no. 1 for Saskatchewan Water Corporation, loans, subvote (SW01). So there's no vote on that.

Okay, vote 140, Saskatchewan Water Corporation, loans, subvote (SW01) in the amount of 700,000. There is no vote to be taken on this, so we move next. This is statutory.

**General Revenue Fund  
Supplementary Estimates — No. 1  
Lending and Investing Activities  
Saskatchewan Power Corporation  
Vote 152**

**(PW01)**

**Chair Steele:** — Okay, number 6, SaskPower Corporation. We

will now consider supplementary estimate no. 1 for the Saskatchewan Power Corporation loan, subvote (PW01).

**Aleana Young:** — Sorry, Mr. Chair?

**Chair Steele:** — Pardon?

**Aleana Young:** — Thanks, Mr. Chair. Just with the indulgence of the committee, I would like the opportunity to put a couple comments on the record in regards to this vote for \$813 million of supplementary estimates for SaskPower. My colleague canvassed a lot of this. It is incredibly disappointing that the minister isn't here to take questions. Again I said it off the top, but this is without precedent in Saskatchewan.

This isn't typically an opportunity . . . You know, I appreciate the cut and thrust of opposition and government, but this is a basic principle of democracy and accountability. This isn't just kind of, you know, inside baseball and voting against the opposition because they're the opposition. I'd submit that a government that refuses basic oversight, members that accept no scrutiny for nearly a billion dollars of additional spending, there's a lack of respect and perhaps a forgetting for the people that we serve as elected officials in this House. This is not the behaviour of a government that's behaving within the norms of basic democratic principles.

SaskPower is, I believe — I have a bias — I think the most important Crown corporation we've got. I'm sure folks at the other Crowns would debate that. But this is a government that's choosing secrecy and a lack of respect over accountability by not appearing. And we've seen this. Ministers will appear at this committee. You know this, Mr. Chair. Sometimes we filibuster . . . or they filibuster. Sometimes they don't answer questions at all, but they appear before this committee because it is an obligation to the legislature and the people that we serve.

This is a billion dollars, nearly a billion dollars of additional spending, \$813 million of additional spending. SaskPower's gone from projecting a surplus of \$126 million to now projecting a deficit of \$166 million. That's a \$292 million swing, and there's no answers on how the Crown — because we can't ask them basic questions — on how the Crown is going to make up that lost revenue.

And we know where that lost revenue is coming from, Mr. Chair. My colleague from Regina Rosemont canvassed it well. It's coming from those missing carbon tax dollars, those missing OBPS [output-based performance standards] dollars that the Crown has relied on for the past several years. There is no clarity on how SaskPower is going to replace that revenue.

[17:30]

We don't have any answers. The only thing we can do is guess that it's going to come from rate hikes and that the taxpayers of Saskatchewan are going to be responsible for that. When we look at the \$813 million that is being asked for by the government and supported by members opposite tonight, there's one place that that comes from, Mr. Chair. It comes from the taxpayers of Saskatchewan. This is not imaginary money. It's incredibly disappointing that the minister and his officials aren't here to take, again, basic questions on nearly a billion dollars in

appropriation.

We should be able to ask these questions about what the plan is for SaskPower, how it's going to get back into the green, whether there are rate hikes coming, whether it's going to be homeowners, whether it's going to be farms, whether it's going to be small businesses, whether it's going to be industry who's going to be on the hook for this. Those missing carbon tax dollars that my colleague referenced, we don't know where those are going to come from. We don't know if industry is going to have to pay them back, if the government is going to turn around and ask them for a cheque, or if it's going to be the taxpayers who are responsible for that.

We should be able to ask ministers of the Crown basic questions about public money in this building. It is one of the most core functions of democracy, and we can't do that tonight. And that's not just a shame, it's not . . . a waste of everybody's time. That is an undermining of the basic principles of democracy and demonstrates such a lack of respect for the taxpayers of Saskatchewan, Mr. Chair. And every government member here has voted to support that, and I find that really disappointing.

Saskatchewan people, they deserve basic answers when it comes to how this government is choosing to spend public money. And instead tonight what we see is that the Sask Party government has voted for secrecy over transparency and they have voted to hide from the taxpayers.

Again nearly a billion dollars of spending in public money, Mr. Chair. Affordability is the number one issue for people. Cost of living is huge. This is a government with a spending problem. This is a government who's come back again and asked for nearly a billion dollars more in public money and does not think it is acceptable to answer questions about that, and that it's somehow beneath them. And that is such a shame for the fundamental institutions of democracy. That shows a real lack of respect for the taxpayers and the ratepayers, and shows what I hope is a one-off but unfortunately I fear may be a precedent for a government that has forgotten who they serve.

**Chair Steele:** — We're going to move on now, and thank you, Ms. Young . . . [inaudible] . . . So we are back here on track. Okay, we're moving to vote 152, Saskatchewan Power Corporation loans, subvote (PW01) in the amount of 813 million. There is no vote needed. Oh yeah, there is no vote taken. It's statutory.

**Aleana Young:** — Sorry, Mr. Chair. Sorry, one more.

**Chair Steele:** — One? Okay, make 'er tight. Or short.

**Aleana Young:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have one more motion to move tonight. As I said, the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies and all MLAs in this legislature are bound by the Code of Ethical Conduct, including those basic duties of accountability and respect for the legislature's oversight mechanisms. And we all have duties and obligations as members, and I don't feel those have been . . . This hasn't been a great show of respect here tonight, Mr. Chair.

So with those comments, I would move the following motion:

That the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies considers the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation's failure to attend today's committee meeting as a witness to be a breach of the privileges of the committee; and further,

That the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies report the breach of privilege to the Assembly for consideration.

**Chair Steele:** — The member has moved:

That the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies considers the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation's failure to attend today's committee meeting as a witness to be a breach of the privileges of the committee; and further,

That the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies report the breach of privilege to the Assembly for consideration.

Okay, so does anyone wish to speak to the motion? Okay, we're going to take a vote. Vote on the motion. Seeing none, we'll move to the vote on the motion. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**Chair Steele:** — Okay. Recorded. Show of hands. You're not in favour? No. Okay. And there . . . It's . . . [inaudible] . . . yeah. So it's been defeated.

Gotta be happy, guys. It's December 2nd. Christmas is coming. Maybe I shouldn't . . .

**Aleana Young:** — Maybe you'll be visited by three ghosts, Mr. Chair.

**Chair Steele:** — It could happen. I don't believe in ghosts.

**Aleana Young:** — Accountability, transparency . . .

**Chair Steele:** — Do you believe in Santa?

**Aleana Young:** — Of course.

**Chair Steele:** — Well I do too. Okay. Okay, committee members, you have before you a draft of the third report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies for the thirtieth legislature. We require a member to move the following motion:

That the third report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies for the thirtieth legislature be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

**Chris Beaudry:** — I do so move.

**Chair Steele:** — Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**Chair Steele:** — All right. We'll call for a show of hands on the vote. The question before the committee is . . . I would like to inform committee members that I will be exercising my right to deliberative vote. Those in favour of the motion, please say aye, I guess.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Aye.

**Chair Steele:** — Okay. Yeah, I'm aye myself too. Yeah, okay. So those opposed to the motion, please say no.

**Some Hon. Members:** — No.

**Chair Steele:** — Okay. Thank you. Ayes have it, and carried. Now we're going to . . .

That concludes our business for today. I would ask a member to move a motion of adjournment. Chris Beaudry. And all in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**Chair Steele:** — Carried. The standing committee is adjourned to the call of the Chair.

[The committee adjourned at 17:40.]