

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**  
**Monday, April 27, 2026**

**MINUTE NO. 16**  
**4:59 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)**

1. **Present:** Daryl Harrison in the chair and members Tajinder Grewal, Racquel Hilbert, Kevin Kasun, Don McBean,\* Kevin Weedmark, and Trent Wotherspoon.\*

**Substituting Members**

Don McBean for Meara Conway  
Trent Wotherspoon for Sally Housser

2. The committee considered Bill No. 40, *The Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2025*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. David Marit, Minister  
Brady Pollock, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regulatory  
Venkata Vakulabharanam, Executive Director, Regulatory and Compliance  
Stephanie Smith, Chief Veterinary Officer  
Raj Premkumar, Animal Health and Welfare Veterinarian

3. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 16, they were agreed to.
4. It was moved by Kevin Kasun:

That the committee report Bill No. 40, *The Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2025* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

5. It was moved by Racquel Hilbert:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

6. The committee adjourned at 5:22 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Nadine Coderre  
Committee Clerk

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Daryl Harrison  
Chair