

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

April 17th, 2002

MINUTE NO. 2

11:01 a.m. – Room 10

1. PRESENT: Mr. Harper in the Chair and Members Atkinson, Bjornerud, Elhard, Forbes, Harpauer, Jones, Osika, Weekes.

2. The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair. Mr. Elhard nominated Mr. Harper for the position. Seeing no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Elhard:

That Mr. Harper be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to and Mr. Harper took the Chair.

3. The Chair of the Committee presided over the election of a Vice-Chair. Ms. Atkinson nominated Ms. Harpauer for the position. Seeing no further nominations, it was moved by Ms. Atkinson:

That Ms. Harpauer be elected to preside as Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Health Care.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

4. The Committee considered its first Order of Reference, that being the appearance of the ACRE Committee before the Standing Committee on Agriculture. It was agreed that the Committee meet to hear a representation from the ACRE Committee on Monday, April 29, 2002 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. and that the Committee request the use of the Legislative Chamber during the Assembly's regularly scheduled meeting hours for the purpose of receiving the ACRE Committee. It was also agreed that the Chair send a formal letter of invitation to the Chair of the ACRE Committee.
5. The Committee then considered its second Order of Reference, that being committee examination of the issue of agricultural land holding provisions as set out on the Saskatchewan Farm Security Act. To assist in the Committee's preparation for its hearings, the establishment of a steering committee was proposed. Accordingly, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud:

That a sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure (Steering Committee), comprising the Chair, the Vice-Chair, and Ms. Atkinson be appointed to make recommendations to the Committee on the following matters:

- a) how the Committee should proceed to study its order of reference;
- b) selection of a committee researcher and any other assistance as might be necessary;
- c) time and locations of hearings;
- d) witnesses;
- e) a committee budget;
- f) quorum for the purpose of receiving testimony;

And further, that the sub-committee shall meet as directed by the Committee or at the call of the Chair.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. It was agreed that a meeting of the Steering Committee would be convened at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2002 at in Room 10.

7. It was moved by Mr. Weekes:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. The Committee adjourned at 11:41 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Viktor Kaczkowski
Committee Clerk

Ron Harper, MLA
Committee Chair