

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, April 24th, 2002

MINUTE NO. 3

10:00 a.m. – Room 10

1. PRESENT: Mr. Harper in the Chair and Members Atkinson, Elhard, Forbes, Harpauer, Jones, Weekes.
2. The Committee received the report of the Steering Committee which reads as follows:

Your Steering Committee met on Thursday, April 18, 2002, to consider the method of proceeding with its Order of Reference dated April 12, 2002 instructing the Committee to examine and make recommendations to the Assembly with respect to the agricultural land holding provisions as set out in *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*, and recommends the following:

1. That the Committee will meet for the purpose of public hearings according to the following schedule:

Wednesday, May 15, 2002: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 16, 2002: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 22, 2002: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 23, 2002: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
2. That the Clerk will arrange to have an advertisement placed once in Saturday editions of each Saskatchewan daily newspaper and once in each Saskatchewan weekly newspaper, with the ad to appear commencing April 27, 2002. The advertisement will also be placed on the Saskatchewan Legislative Network and on the Legislative Assembly's website.
3. That the Clerk send notice of the hearings to key stakeholder groups, including agricultural organizations and Rural Municipalities.
4. That the deadline for witnesses to request an appearance before the Committee is Thursday, May 9, 2002.
5. That the deadline for written submissions via the post, fax, or email is Wednesday May 23, 2002.
6. That each group or individual be given 20 minutes in which to make their presentation, including time for questioning by the committee.

7. That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, be given the authority to schedule witnesses. Should the number of requests to appear be greater than the available number of time slots, the Clerk will ask the Steering Committee for direction.
 8. That any expert witnesses may be called upon at the Committee's request.
 9. That the Clerk be authorized to tentatively arrange for the services of a researcher to the Committee, subject to the final approval of the Steering Committee.
 10. That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, is authorized to make any other decisions that relate to the logistics of the Committee's hearings as may be necessary.
 11. That the Clerk has the authority to begin implementing the decisions made by the Steering Committee immediately.
3. After debate, it was moved by Ms. Harpauer:
- That the report of the Steering Committee be adopted.
- The question being put, the motion was agreed to.
4. The Committee then proceeded consider the format and structure of the meeting scheduled for Monday, April 29, 2002 at which the ACRE Committee would be appearing. A discussion having ensued, it was agreed that the representatives of the ACRE Committee would be allotted 2 hours to make their presentation. The committee then considered how the remaining 90 minutes would be allocated. It was moved by Ms. Atkinson that:
- The 90-minute time for questions be allotted in the following way: 5 minutes for an opening statement, 25 minutes for each side of the House, then three 10-minute allotments, including one the Independent Member, and then 5 minutes for closing comments.
- The question being put on the motion, the motion was carried.
5. It was moved by Ms. Jones:
- That this Committee do now adjourn.
- The question being put, the motion was agreed to.
6. The Committee adjourned at 10:43 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Viktor Kaczkowski
Committee Clerk

Ron Harper, MLA
Committee Chair