

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002

MINUTE NO. 5

9:01 a.m. – Room 10

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

### **Others Present:**

Avrum Fenson, Researcher to the Committee

2. Pursuant to its Order of Reference dated April 12, 2002, the Committee commenced its examination of the agricultural land holding provisions as set out in the *Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*.
2. The following documents were tabled with the committee:

**AGC 21/24 Colby Shawn Gallagher:** Written submission dated April 30, 2002.

**AGC 22/24 Al Gaetz:** Written submission dated May 4, 2002.

**AGC 23/24 Rural Municipality of Estevan No. 5:** Written submission dated May 3, 2002.

**AGC 24/24 Rural Municipality of Emerald No. 277:** Written submission dated May 9, 2002.

**AGC 25/24 J. Porter Land Ltd.:** Written submission dated May 6, 2002.

**AGC 26/24 Rural Municipality of Lost River No. 313:** Written submission dated May 8, 2002.

**AGC 27/24 Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 49:** Written submission dated May 8, 2002.

**AGC 28/24 Lyle Straker:** Written submission dated May 6, 2002.

**AGC 29/24 Researcher to the Committee:** Memorandum entitled "Hearings on the farmland ownerships provisions in Part VI of the *Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*" dated May 14, 2002.

3. Mssrs. Keith Laxdal and Darcy McGovern from the Department of Justice and Hal Cushon from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization presented a technical briefing to the Committee and, with Mr. Dan Patterson of the Farmland Security Board, responded to questions.

4. Ms. Marilyn Braun-Pollon representing the Canadian Federation of Independent Business addressed the Committee and responded to questions.

Ms. Braun-Pollon tabled the following document:

**AGC 030/24 Canadian Federation of Independent Business:** Written submission dated May 15, 2002.

5. At 10:07 a.m., the Committee recessed until 10:18 a.m.
6. Mr. Neal Hardy, representing the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities addressed the Committee and with Mssrs. Robert (Bob) Schultz, and Don Taylor responded to questions.
7. Mr. Joe Saxinger addressed the Committee and responded to questions.
8. It was moved by Mr. Bjornerud:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. At 11:17 a.m., the Committee adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2002.

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Viktor Kaczkowski  
Committee Clerk

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Ron Harper, MLA  
Committee Chair