



Standing Committee on Economy

Hansard Verbatim Report

No. 1 – April 6, 2004



Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

Twenty-fifth Legislature

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY
2004**

Eldon Lautermilch, Chair
Prince Albert Northcote

Lyle Stewart, Deputy Chair
Thunder Creek

Doreen Hamilton
Regina Wascana Plains

Hon. Deb Higgins
Moose Jaw Wakamow

Yogi Huyghebaert
Wood River

Ted Merriman
Saskatoon Northwest

Kevin Yates
Regina Dewdney

The committee met at 09:30.

Ms. Woods: — All right. I'll call the meeting to order. The agenda this morning for the Standing Committee on the Economy is the election of the Chair, the Deputy Chair, and to consider a motion to appoint a steering committee. I will preside over the first item and then the Chair will carry on from there.

So without further ado, we'll proceed to accepting nominations for the position of Chair of the committee. Mr. Yates.

Mr. Yates: — I would move Eldon Lautermilch for Chair.

Ms. Woods: — Thank you. Any further nominations? All right. I will entertain a motion to that effect.

The motion therefore is:

That Eldon Lautermilch be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Ms. Woods: — Carried. I will invite Mr. Lautermilch to take the Chair.

The Chair: — Thank you very much and good morning, everyone. This I guess is the first meeting of a new committee in a new structure in terms of the way we operate the Legislative Assembly. So I guess it'll be a time for learning for all of us and hopefully an exciting time and beneficial in terms of developing a strong and a vibrant, and continuing to build on, a strong Saskatchewan economy.

And I want to say to members both from the government and the opposition side that I look forward to working with you. I intend to be an unbiased Chair. I intend to allow members latitude to make their points, but I also intend to see the committee function and work in a way where there's respect for all members and by all members. And I'm sure that that will be the case.

And I want to say to the staff that I think all members will look forward to working with you as well.

We have a couple of orders of business to conduct, I'm told by the officials that represent us here. As I said, this is a learning process. We require a Vice-Chairman of the . . . or it's a Deputy Chairman, I guess it's called, for the Standing Committee on the Economy. And subsequent to that we will have a motion to establish a steering committee for this committee.

So with that, do we need someone to move? Okay. As I understand it, Mr. Stewart, you've indicated your intention to serve as Deputy Chair of the standing committee. And so if we could, I'd like to . . . It's been moved by Ms. Hamilton, and do we have a seconder? By Mr. Huyghebaert.

Okay. Could we have you fill that in please and sign it? You,

sir. Yes, I guess it's a unanimous decision . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Well it's a very popular decision, so we should enjoy it. We should enjoy it.

Thank you very much. And Mr. Huyghebaert. Okay. The motion is moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That Lyle Stewart be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy.

It's been moved. We have a seconder. All those in favour? It would appear to be unanimous. Thank you very much.

Okay. We have one other motion that we require to establish the steering committee. And the recommendation is:

That the steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for subsequent meetings and that the membership be comprised of Eldon Lautermilch and Lyle Stewart.

And further, that the steering committee shall meet time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the Chair, that the presence of all members of the subcommittee is necessary to constitute a meeting, and the substitutions from the membership of the Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure Committee be permitted on the steering committee.

We're going to amend this already or correct it. Okay. The last line after . . . Maybe I better read that all again.

And further, that the steering committee shall meet time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the Chair, that the presence of all members of the subcommittee is necessary to constitute a meeting, and that substitutions from the membership of the Economy Committee be permitted on the steering committee.

If we could have someone move that? It's been moved by Ms. Higgins. Seconder? All those in favour? That's carried.

Ms. Woods: — If I could just say a couple of further points. It is the intention of the Clerk's office to hold an orientation for the standing committees next week, in particular for the policy field committees. That is going to take place either next Wednesday morning or Thursday morning. It hasn't been finalized at this point but once it is that will be communicated to you.

The intent of that orientation is to go over some of the standard practices and procedures that will take place in the policy field committees during the consideration of the estimates and the Bills that come before it. As well, at that time we will be distributing committee manuals which will include some reference material for the members in terms of the operation of the committees and some other matters that might be of interest to you.

But as I said, those will be distributed at the orientation next week. If not, they will be forwarded to the members of the committee that aren't able to attend.

The Chair: — Okay. Thank you very much. Ms. Hamilton.

Ms. Hamilton: — I would just mention that, because some people may be using the Wednesday morning to return from the break, it would probably be good to try and accommodate Thursday, and that way you'd probably have a better attendance.

The Chair: — Thank you very much. Are there any other comments? Okay, if there's nothing else . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Yes, that's where I was headed. I think we've completed the work of the committee and the Chair would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Yates: — I so move.

The Chair: — It has been moved. All those in favour? We are adjourned. Thank you very much.

The committee adjourned at 09:40.

