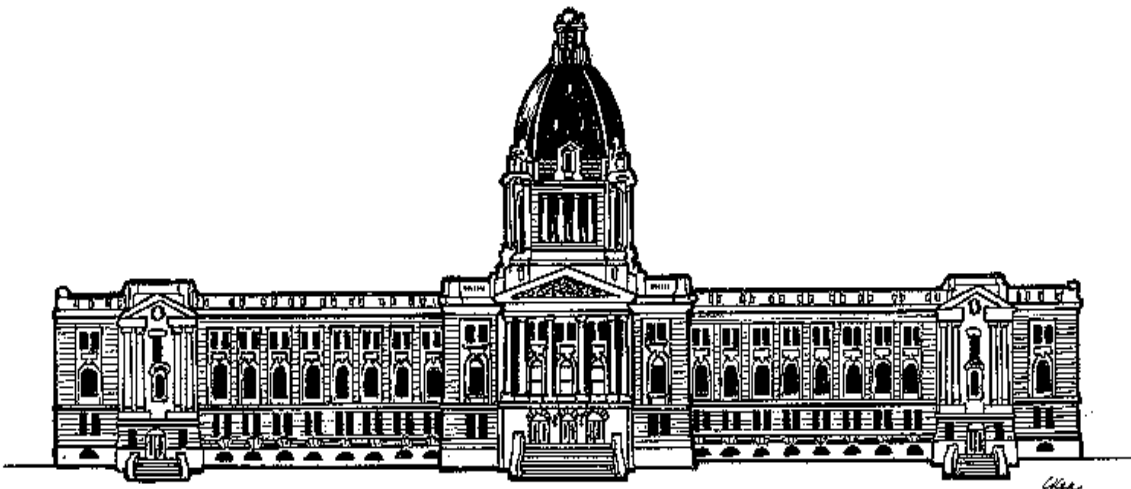




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[The committee met at 18:59.]

**The Chair:** — Good evening, everybody, welcome. And seeing as though we're now at the hour, or pretty darn close to 7 o'clock that's been chosen to start the committee, we'll begin by calling the committee to order. Good evening, everyone. As I've already stated I want to welcome you to the deliberations of the Standing Committee on the Economy.

I guess introductions. Tonight we have a chit in for Mr. Taylor — there we go — Mr. Broten for Mr. Taylor, thank you very much. And Mr. Vermette on the opposition side is here as well. On the government side we have Mr. Ottenbreit for Mr. Duncan. We have Mr. Allchurch for Ms. Wilson. We have Ms. Eagles for Ms. Ross. We have Mr. Weekes for Mr. Stewart. And with us then also is the Hon. Minister Rob Norris.

Well I doubt we have any questions as we move forward in this one, so we'll get right to the business of the night.

**General Revenue Fund  
Energy and Resources  
Vote 23**

**The Chair:** — Vote 23, Energy and Resources, central management and services subvote (ER01) in the amount of \$20,332,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Forest development, subvote (ER18) in the amount of 1,390,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Revenue and program services, subvote (ER04) in the amount of 3,725,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Petroleum and natural gas, subvote (ER05) in the amount of 7,368,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Before I continue, I forgot to introduce Minister Heppner on behalf of Mr. Boyd. Sorry about that.

Exploration and geological services, subvote (ER16) in the amount of 5,751,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Resource and energy policy, subvote (ER06) in the amount of 5,408,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Amortization of capital assets in the amount of 4,201,000, this is for information purpose only. There is no amount to be voted.

Energy and Resources, vote 23, \$43,974,000. I'll now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2011, the following sums for Energy and Resources in the amount of 43,974,000.

Mr. Ottenbreit. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried.

[Vote 23 agreed to.]

**The Chair:** — Any concluding comments for anybody at all?

**An Hon. Member:** — Great work, Mr. Chair.

**The Chair:** — Thank you so much for that. All right, this committee will now stand in recess for about two minutes. Thank you.

[The committee recessed for a period of time.]

**General Revenue Fund  
Environment  
Vote 26**

**The Chair:** — Welcome back, everybody. Just before we continue on now, I see we have Mr. McCall's joined us and substituting for Mr. Harper. So welcome, Mr. McCall. So we're here to consider vote 26, the Environment. Do we have any questions from any of the members? Seeing none, vote 26, Environment. I see we have Minister Heppner now for the Environment ministry, thank you very much for sticking around.

Vote 26, Environment, central management and services, subvote (EN01) in the amount of \$17,093,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Climate change, subvote (EN06) in the amount of \$16,723,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Lands, subvote (EN15) in the amount of \$2,778,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Environmental support, subvote (EN14) in the amount of \$11,060,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Fish, wildlife and biodiversity, subvote (EN07) in the amount of \$8,830,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. 8,883,000 . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Compliance and field services, subvote (EN08) in the amount of \$16,585,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Environmental protection, subvote (EN11) in the amount of 31,221,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Forest services, subvote (EN09) in the amount of 9,943,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Fire management and forest protection, subvote (EN10) in the amount of 71,507,000, is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Amortization of capital assets in the amount of 5,030,000, this is for informational purposes only. There is no amount to be voted.

Environment, vote 26, 185,793,000, I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2011, the following sums for Environment in the amount of \$185,793,000.

Mr. Weekes. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried.

[Vote 26 agreed to.]

**The Chair:** — Thank you to the minister and your officials, by the way, tonight for coming again. It's been a great experience for my first time in the Chair during estimates, and to all committee members now. Seeing no comments for conclusion, I'll ask for a motion to adjourn this committee meeting. Ms. Eagles. Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Thank you, everyone, for coming out tonight. This meeting now stands adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 19:06.]