

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

November 29, 2004

MINUTE NO. 13

4:00 p.m. - Room 8

1. **Present:** Mr. Lautermilch in the Chair and Members Chisholm, Hamilton, Huyghebaert, Junor*, Stewart and Yates.

Substituting Members

Ms. Junor for Ms. Higgins

Other Members

Mr. Allchurch

2. The committee considered Bill No. 76 - The Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute Amendment Act, 2004.

The following Department of Agriculture and Food Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. Mark Wartman, Minister

Doug Matthies, Deputy Minister

Maryellen Carlson, Assistant Deputy Minister

Jacquie Gibney, Director, Livestock Development Branch

Abdul Jalil, Director, Agriculture Research Branch

3. The questions being put on Clauses 1 to 7, they were agreed to.
4. On motion of Mr. Yates:

Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 76 - The Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute Amendment Act, 2004 - without amendment.

5. The committee considered Bill No. 57 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2004.

The following Department of Agriculture and Food Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. Mark Wartman, Minister

Doug Matthies, Deputy Minister

Louise Greenberg, Assistant Deputy Minister

Len Erickson, Manager, Irrigation Engineering, Inspection and Regulatory Management Branch

Bill Vavra, Senior Technician, Irrigation Administration, Inspection and Regulatory Management Branch

6. The questions being put on Clauses 1 to 34, they were agreed to.

7. On motion of Ms Junor:

Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 57 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2004 - without amendment.

8. The committee considered Bill No. 79 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2004.

The following Department of Environment Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. David Forbes, Minister

Dave Phillips, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment and Resource Stewardship Division

Hugh Hunt, Executive Director, Resource Stewardship

Nancy Cherney, Director, Ecosystem Management Section, Resource Stewardship

Greg Haase, Director, Lands Administration, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization

9. The questions being put on Clauses 1 to 3, they were agreed to.

10. On motion of Ms. Hamilton:

Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 79 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2004 - without amendment.

11. It was moved by Mr. Stewart:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. The committee adjourned at 4:55 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Eldon Lautermilch
Committee Chair