

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

April 7, 2005

MINUTE NO. 14

3:00 p.m. - Room 8

1. **Present:** Mr. Lautermilch in the Chair and Members Bakken, Borgerson*, Hamilton, Higgins, Kirsch, Weekes and Yates.

Substituting Member

Mr. Borgerson for Hon. Ms. Higgins (for consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Environment)

Other Members

Mr. Allchurch, Mr. Brkich, Mr. Cheveldayoff, Mr. Hart

2. The Chair presided over the election of a Deputy Chair. Mr. Yates nominated Mr. Weekes for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Yates:

That Randy Weekes be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

3. The Chair advised that the committee had received an Order of the Assembly, dated April 4, 2005, to consider and report back on the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the following departments and agencies:

Vote 26	Environment
Vote 12, 18, 175, 176, 177	Finance
Vote 23	Industry and Resources
Vote 20	Labour
Vote 35	Saskatchewan Research Council
Vote 71	Fiscal Stabilization Fund
Vote 165	Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan
Vote 151	Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan
Vote 154	Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation
Vote 152	Saskatchewan Power Corporation
Vote 153	Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation
Vote 140	Saskatchewan Water Corporation
Vote 150	SaskEnergy Incorporated

4. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Industry and Resources.

The following Department of Industry and Resources Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Eric Cline, Minister

Larry Spanner, Deputy Minister

Jim Marshall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource and Economic Policy

Debbie Wilkie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Industry Development

Witnesses (continued)

Bruce Wilson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas Division

George Patterson, Executive Director, Exploration and Geological Services

Hal Sanders, Executive Director, Investment and Corporate Resources, Revenue and Funding Services

5. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Industry and Resources.
6. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Environment.

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

Witnesses

Hon. David Forbes, Minister

Lily Stonehouse, Deputy Minister

Alan Parkinson, Associate Deputy Minister, Compliance, Fire and Forest Division

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

Bob Ruggles, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Risk Analysis Division

Wayne Dyvbig, Vice President, Operations, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

Dale Hjertaas, Executive Director, Policy and Communications, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

Donna Johnson, Director, Finance and Administration Branch, Corporate Services Division

7. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Environment.
8. The committee adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Margaret Woods
Committee Clerk

Eldon Lautermilch
Committee Chair