

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

April 13, 2005

MINUTE NO. 15

3:00 p.m. - Chamber

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

Other Members

Mr. Brkich, Ms. Eagles, Mr. Krawetz, Mr. McCall, Mr. Stewart

2. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Labour.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Deb Higgins, Minister

Bill Craik, Deputy Minister

Jim Nicol, Assistant Deputy Minister

Peter Federko, Chief Executive Officer, Workers' Compensation Board

3. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Labour.
4. The committee resumed consideration of 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

Dave Phillips, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment and Resource Stewardship

Bob Ruggles, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Risk Analysis

Steve Roberts, Executive Director, Fire Management and Forest Protection

Allan Willcocks, Executive Director, Forest Service

Michele Arscott, Manager, Financial Management, Finance and Administration

Laurel Welsh, Manager, Budget and Fiscal Planning, Finance and Administration

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

Bill Duncan, Director, Infrastructure Management, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

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

Margaret Woods
Committee Clerk

Eldon Lautermilch
Committee Chair