

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

May 4, 2005

### MINUTE NO. 18

3:00 p.m. – Room 8

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

#### **Substituting Member**

Mr. Allchurch for Ms. Bakken Lackey (for consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Environment)

Mr. Cheveldayoff for Ms. Bakken Lackey (for consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Finance)

#### **Other Members**

Ms. Bakken Lackey, Ms. Draude, Mr. Hart, Mr. Heppner, Mr. Huyghebaert

2. The following document was tabled:

**ECO 11/25 – Saskatchewan Watershed Authority:** Responses to questions raised at the April 13, 2005 meeting of the committee, re: TransGas Project near Vanscoy, dated April 29, 2005.

3. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Finance.

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

#### Witnesses

Hon. Harry Van Mulligen, Minister

Ron Styles, Deputy Minister

Kirk McGregor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs

Dennis Polowyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury and Debt Management

Glen Veikle, Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury Board

Joanne Brockman, Executive Director, Economic and Fiscal Policy

Brian Smith, Executive Director, Public Employees Benefits Agency

Bill Van Sickle, Executive Director, Executive Administration

Katherine Strutt, General Manager, Saskatchewan Pension Plan

4. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Finance.
5. The committee resumed consideration of the 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

Stuart Kramer, President, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

Dave Phillips, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment and Resource Stewardship

Witnesses (continued)

Bob Ruggles, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Risk Analysis

Steve Roberts, Executive Director, Fire Management and Forest Protection

Allan Willcocks, Executive Director, Forest Service

Donna Johnson, Director, Finance and Administration, Corporate Services

6. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Environment.
7. The committee adjourned at 5:02 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Margaret Woods  
Committee Clerk

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Eldon Lautermilch  
Committee Chair