

333STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

May 11, 2005

MINUTE NO. 19

3:00 p.m. – Chamber

1. **Present:** Mr. Lautermilch in the Chair and Members Allchurch*, Bakken Lackey, Hamilton, Hart*, Higgins, Iwanchuk*, Krawetz*, Stewart *, Weekes and Yates.

Substituting Members

Mr. Allchurch for Mr. Weekes (for consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Labour)

Mr. Hart for Mr. Kirsch (for consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Labour)

Mr. Iwanchuk for Hon. Ms. Higgins (for consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Labour)

Mr. Krawetz for Ms. Bakken Lackey (for consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Labour)

Mr. Stewart for Mr. Kirsch (for consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Industry and Resources)

Other Members

Mr. D'Autremont, Mr. Heppner, Mr. Kirsch, Ms. Morin and Mr. Toth

2. The committee resumed consideration of 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

Bruce Wilson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas

George Patterson, Executive Director, Exploration and Geological Services

Hal Sanders, Executive Director, Revenue and Funding Services

3. The following document was tabled:

ECO 12/25 – Department of Industry and Resources: Responses to questions raised at the April 27, 2005 meeting of the committee, re: the Government's regulatory review and reform process, a breakdown of average salaries by sector in Saskatchewan, and business-friendly tax incentives implemented over the past decade, dated May 9, 2005.

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

5. The committee resumed consideration of the 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
Corinne Bokitch, Executive Director, Status of Women Office
John Boyd, Executive Director, Planning and Policy
Doug Forseth, Executive Director, Labour Relations and Mediation
Eric Greene, Executive Director, Labour Standards
Allan Walker, Executive Director, Occupational Health and Safety
Melanie Baldwin, Registrar, Labour Relations Board
Margaret Halifax, Director, Office of the Worker's Advocate
Kevin Kuntz, Manager, Budget and Operations

6. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Labour.
7. The committee adjourned at 5:12 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Margaret Woods
Committee Clerk

Eldon Lautermilch
Committee Chair