

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

November 23, 2005

### MINUTE NO. 22

3:05 p.m. – Room 8

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

#### **Substituting Members**

Mr. Borgerson for Hon. Ms. Higgins

Mr. Hagel for Hon. Mr. Lautermilch (for consideration of Agriculture and Food)

#### **Other Members**

Mr. Bjornerud, Mr. Brkich, Ms. Harpauer, Mr. Hermanson, Mr. Krawetz, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Toth, Mr. Wakefield

2. The following documents were tabled:

**ECO 16/25 – Saskatchewan Watershed Authority:** Responses to questions raised at the May 16, 2005 meeting of the committee, re: the TransGas Project near Vanscoy, dated June 13, 2005.

**ECO 17/25 – Department of Environment:** Responses to questions raised at the May 16, 2005 meeting of the committee, re: Agroforestry in Saskatchewan and related reports, dated June 14, 2005.

**ECO 18/25 – Standing Committee on the Economy:** Correspondence from Eldon Lautermilch re: his resignation as chair, dated October 18, 2005.

**ECO 19/25 – Standing Committee on the Economy:** Responses to questions raised at the May 11, 2005 meeting of the committee, re: the WCB's numbers for salaries, dated November 9, 2005.

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

That Kevin Yates be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy.

The question being put, the motion was carried.

4. The Chair advised that the committee had received an Order of the Assembly, dated November 21, 2005 to consider and report back on the Supplementary Estimates for the following departments and agencies:

Vote 1	Agriculture and Food
Vote 23	Industry and Resources
Vote 43	Rural Development

5. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Rural Development.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Clay Serby, Minister  
Louise Greenberg, Deputy Minister  
Alan Syhlonyk, Executive Director, Policy and Planning  
Debbie Harrison, Director, Program Development and Support, Regional Programs and Services  
John Keeler, Director, Investment Programs, Regional Programs and Services  
Andrea Terry Munro, Senior Manager, Financial Services, Department of Agriculture and Food

6. The committee adjourned consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Rural Development.
7. The committee then considered the 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  
Bruce Wilson, Deputy Minister  
Debbie Wilkie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Industry Development  
Glen Veikle, Associate Deputy Minister, Resource and Economic Policy  
Hal Sanders, Executive Director, Corporate and Financial Services  
Dion McGrath, Manager, Agri-Value, Strategic Sector Development, Industry Development

8. The committee adjourned consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Industry and Resources.
9. The committee then considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.

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  
Hal Cushon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Programs and Services  
Jack Zepp, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Industry and Development  
Rick Burton, Director, Policy Branch  
Lee Giroux, Manager, Grant and Rebate Programs, Financial Programs Branch

10. The committee adjourned consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.
11. It was moved by Mr. Hagel:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.
12. The committee adjourned at 5:30 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Margaret A. Woods  
Committee Clerk

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Kevin Yates  
Committee Chair