

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**

**November 28, 2005**

**MINUTE NO. 23**

**7:00 p.m. – Room 8**

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

**Substituting Member**

Mr. Borgerson for Hon. Ms. Higgins

**Other Members**

Mr. Bjornerud, Mr. Brkich, Ms. Eagles, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Toth, Mr. Wakefield

2. 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

3. On motion of Ms. Hamilton:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006 the sum:

For Rural Development ..... \$1,531,000

4. The committee 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

Glen Veikle, Associate Deputy Minister, Resource and Economic Policy

Myron Sereda, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas

Debbie Wilkie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Industry Development

Hal Sanders, Executive Director, Corporate and Financial Services

5. On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006 the sum:

For Industry and Resources ..... \$2,200,000

6. The committee 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

David Boehm, Director, Financial Programs

Rick Burton, Director, Policy Branch

7. On motion of Mr. Borgerson:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006 the sum:

For Agriculture and Food .....\$159,100,000

8. The committee considered its Fourth Report of the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislature. It was then moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be adopted.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

9. It was moved by Mr. Lautermilch:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

10. The committee adjourned at 9:27 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