

## **STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**

**December 1, 2005**

### **MINUTE NO. 24**

**3:00 p.m. – Room 8**

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

#### **Substituting Member**

Mr. Bjornerud for Ms. Bakken Lackey (for consideration of Bill Nos. 2 and 7)

Mr. Hagel for Hon. Mr. Lautermilch (for consideration of Bill Nos. 20 and 25)

Ms. Morin for Hon. Ms. Higgins

#### **Other Members**

Mr. Brkich, Mr. Cheveldayoff, Ms. Draude, Mr. Hart, Mr. Krawetz

2. The committee considered Bill No. 20 - The Collective Bargaining Agreement Expiry Date Exception Act.

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

#### Witnesses

Hon. Deb Higgins, Minister

William Craik, Deputy Minister

Pat Parenteau, Senior Policy Analyst, Planning and Policy

Mary Ellen Wellsch, Manager, Legal Policy and Legislative Services, Planning and Policy

3. The question being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.
4. On motion of Ms. Hamilton:

Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 20 - The Collective Bargaining Agreement Expiry Act - without amendment.

5. The committee then considered Bill No. 25 - The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005.

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

#### Witnesses

Hon. Deb Higgins, Minister

William Craik, Deputy Minister

Pat Parenteau, Senior Policy Analyst, Planning and Policy

Mary Ellen Wellsch, Manager, Legal Policy and Legislative Services, Planning and Policy

6. The question being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.

7. On motion of Ms. Hamilton:

Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 25 – The Workers’ Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 - without amendment.

8. The committee then considered Bill No. 23 - The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2).

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

Witnesses

Hon. Harry Van Mulligen, Minister  
Kirk McGregor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs  
Kelly Laurans, Director, Revenue Operations Branch, Revenue Division

9. The question being put on clauses 1 to 3, they were agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 23 - The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) - without amendment.

11. The committee then considered Bill No. 2 - The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2005.

The following Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation Minister and official appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. Joan Beatty, Minister  
Dawn Martin, Executive Director, Culture and Heritage

12. The question being put on clauses 1 to 6, they were agreed to.

13. On motion of Ms. Morin:

Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 2 - The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2005 - without amendment.

14. The committee then considered Bill No. 7 - The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2).

The following Department of Agriculture and Food Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. Mark Wartman, Minister  
Hal Cushon, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Dave Boehm, Director, Financial Programs Branch  
Merv Ross, Manager, Livestock Loan Guarantee Program

15. The question being put on clauses 1 to 6, they were agreed to.

16. On motion of Ms. Hamilton:

Ordered, That the committee report Bill No. 7 - The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) - without amendment.

17. It was moved by Mr. Weekes:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

18. The committee adjourned at 4:32 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