

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

April 19, 2006

MINUTE NO. 27

3:25 p.m. – Room 8

1. **Present:** Mr. McCall in the Chair and Members Brkich*, Hamilton, Junor*, Kirsch, Krawetz*, Lautermilch, Nilson*, and Stewart.

Substituting Member

Mr. Brkich for Mr. Weekes (for consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Regional Economic and Co-operative Development)

Ms. Junor for Hon. Mr. Lautermilch (for consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Labour)

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

Hon. Mr. Nilson for Hon. Ms. Higgins (for consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Regional Economic and Co-operative Development)

Other Members

Mr. Hart, Mr. Weekes

2. The Chair advised that the committee had received an Order of the Assembly, dated April 13, 2005 to consider and report back on the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the following departments and agencies:

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| Vote 12, 18, 175, 176, 177 | Finance |
| Vote 23 | Industry and Resources |
| Vote 20 | Labour |
| Vote 43, 144 | Regional Economic and Co-operative Development |
| Vote 35 | Saskatchewan Research Council |
| Vote 71 | Fiscal Stabilization Fund |
| Vote 159 | Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan |
| Vote 151 | Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan |
| Vote 154 | Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation |
| Vote 152 | Saskatchewan Power Corporation |
| Vote 153 | Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation |
| Vote 140 | Saskatchewan Water Corporation |
| Vote 150 | SaskEnergy Incorporated |

3. The committee considered the Estimates for the Department of Regional Economic and Co-operative Development.

The following Department of Regional Economic and Co-operative Development Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. Clay Serby, Minister

Louise Greenberg, Deputy Minister

Denise Haas, Executive Director, Regional Programs and Services

Alan Syhlonyk, Executive Director, Policy and Planning

Debbie Harrison, Director, Program Development and Support

John Keeler, Director, Investment Programs

Andrea Terry Munro, Senior Manager, Financial Services, Department of Agriculture and Food

4. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Regional Economic and Co-operative Development.
5. The committee then considered the Estimates for the Department of Labour.

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

Witnesses

Hon. David Forbes, Minister
Bill Craik, Deputy Minister
Jim Nicol, Assistant Deputy Minister
John Boyd, Executive Director, Policy and Planning
Peter Federko, Chief Executive Officer, Workers' Compensation Board
Doug Forseth, Executive Director, Labour Relations and Mediation
Eric Greene, Executive Director, Labour Standards
Gail Kruger, Vice President, Prevention, Finance and Information Technology, Workers' Compensation Board
Melanie Baldwin, Board Registrar, Labour Relations Board
Glennis Bihun, Acting Executive Director, Occupational Health and Safety
Margaret Halifax, Director, Office of the Worker's Advocate
Kevin Kuntz, Director, Finance and Administration, Human Resource and Administration
Nadine Sisk, Acting Executive Director, Status of Women Office

6. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Labour.
7. It was moved by Ms. Higgins:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

8. The committee adjourned at 4:59 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Warren McCall
Committee Chair