STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY April 26, 2006

MINUTE NO. 28 3:00 p.m. – Room 8

1. **Present**: Mr. McCall in the Chair and Members Belanger*, Hamilton, Hart*, Higgins, Kirsch, Lautermilch, Stewart.

Substituting Members

Mr. Hart for Mr. Weekes

Hon. Mr. Belanger for Hon. Mr. Lautermilch (for consideration of Bill Nos. 33 and 34)

Other Member

Mr. Allchurch

2. The committee considered 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

Bruce Wilson, Deputy Minister

Glen Veikle, Associate Deputy Minister, Resource and Economic Policy

Trevor Dark, Assistant Deputy Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas Division

Debbie Wilkie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Industry Development

George Patterson, Executive Director, Exploration and Geological Services

Hal Sanders, Executive Director, Corporate and Financial Services

- 3. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Industry and Resources.
- 4. The committee began consideration of Bill No. 33 The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2006.

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

Witnesses

Hon. John Nilson, Minister

David Phillips, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment and Resource Stewardship Kevin Callele, Director, Resource Allocation Section, Environment and Resource Stewardship

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

6. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That the committee report Bill No. 33 - The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2006 - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

7. The committee began consideration of Bill No. 34 - The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2006.

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

Witnesses

Hon. John Nilson, Minister David Phillips, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment and Resource Stewardship Kevin Callele, Director, Resource Allocation Section, Environment and Resource Stewardship

- 8. The question being put on clauses 1 to 7, they were agreed to.
- 9. It was moved by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

That the committee report Bill No. 34 - The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2006 - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

10. It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. The committee adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

| Margaret A. Woods | Warren McCall | |
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| Committee Clerk | Committee Chair | |