

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

May 10, 2006

MINUTE NO. 30

3:00 p.m. – Room 8

1. **Present:** Mr. McCall in the Chair and Members Borgerson*, Cheveldayoff*, Hamilton, Higgins, Kirsch, Lautermilch, Stewart* and Weekes.

Substituting Members

Mr. Borgerson for Hon. Ms. Higgins (from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.)

Mr. Cheveldayoff for Mr. Stewart

Mr. Stewart for Mr. Kirsch (for consideration of Bill Nos. 64 and 63 and the Estimates of the Department of Finance)

Other Members

Mr. Brkich, Mr. Hart, Mr. Toth

2. The committee began consideration of Bill No. 39 - The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Amendment Act, 2006.

The following Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. John Nilson, Minister

Bryan Ireland, Acting Vice President, Operations Division

Garnet Gobert, Policy and Program Development Analyst, Policy and Communications Division

3. The question being put on clauses 1 to 3, they were agreed to.
4. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That the committee report Bill No. 39 - The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Amendment Act, 2006 - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

5. The committee began consideration of Bill No. 53 - The Economic and Co-operative Development Amendment Act, 2006.

The following Information and Technology Office Minister and official appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister

Fred Antunes, Executive Director, Corporate and Customer Services

6. The question being put on clauses 1 to 7, they were agreed to.

7. It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

That the committee report Bill No. 53 - The Economic and Co-operative Development Amendment Act, 2006 - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

8. The committee began consideration of Bill No. 64 - The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2006.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister

Kirk McGregor, Acting Deputy Minister

Arun Srinivus, Senior Tax Analyst, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch

9. The question being put on clauses 1 to 18, they were agreed to.

10. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That the committee report Bill No. 64 - The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2006 - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. The committee began consideration of Bill No. 63 - The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2006.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister

Kirk McGregor, Acting Deputy Minister

Kelly Laurans, Director, Revenue Operations Branch

12. The question being put on clauses 1 to 8, they were agreed to.

13. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That the committee report Bill No. 63 - The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2006 - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

14. The committee considered the Estimates for the Department of Finance.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister
Kirk McGregor, Acting Deputy Minister
Dennis Polowyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury and Debt Management Division
Brian Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Employees Benefits Agency
Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller
Chris Bayda, Executive Director, Financial Management Branch, Provincial Comptroller
Joanne Brockman, Executive Director, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch
Bill Van Sickle, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Kelly Laurans, Director, Revenue Operations Branch

15. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Finance.
16. The committee adjourned at 5:33 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Warren McCall
Committee Chair