

## **STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**

**November 21 2006**

### **MINUTE NO. 32**

**7:00 p.m. – Room 8**

1. **Present:** Mr. Yates in the Chair and Members Allchurch\*, Bjornerud\*, Hamilton, Hart\*, Higgins, Lautermilch, Quennell\*, Stewart and Weekes.

#### **Substituting Members**

Mr. Allchurch for Mr. Kirsch (for consideration of the Supplementary Estimates of the Department of Environment)

Mr. Bjornerud for Mr. Kirsch (for consideration of the Supplementary Estimates of the Department of Agriculture and Food)

Mr. Hart for Mr. Stewart (for consideration of the Supplementary Estimates of the Department of Environment)

Hon. Mr. Quennell for Hon. Mr. Lautermilch (for consideration of the Supplementary Estimates of the Department of Agriculture and Food)

#### **Other Members**

Mr. Brkich, Mr. Elhard, Mr. Hermanson, Mr. McMorris

2. The following document was tabled:

**ECO 28/25 Standing Committee on the Economy:** Resignation letter of Warren McCall, Chair, dated October 4, 2006.

3. The Clerk presided over the election of a Chair. Ms. Hamilton nominated Mr. Yates for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That Kevin Yates be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Mr. Yates then took the chair.

4. 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

Harvey Brooks, Deputy Minister

Hal Cushon, Assistant Deputy Minister

Jacquie Gibney, Assistant Deputy Minister, Development Division

Karen Aulie, Director, Corporate Services Branch

David Boehm, Director, Policy Branch

Tom Schwartz, Branch Manager, Financial Programs Branch

5. The following document was tabled:

**ECO 29/25 Department of Finance:** Correspondence from Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister, to Hon. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker, re: Correction to the Schedule of Appropriation by Classification of the 2006-07 Supplementary Estimates – November, dated November 22, 2005.

6. The committee adjourned consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.
7. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Environment.

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

Witnesses

Hon. John Nilson, Minister  
Alan Parkinson, Deputy Minister  
Sam Ferris, Executive Director, Environmental Protection Branch  
Lin Gallagher, Director, Green Policy Branch  
Donna Johnson, Director, Finance and Administration Branch  
Everett Dorma, Manager, Public and Media Services  
Darryl Jessop, Manager, Science and Planning Section, Fire Management & Forest Protection

8. The committee adjourned consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Environment.
9. The committee adjourned at 10:21 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