

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

November 29, 2006

MINUTE NO. 34

3:00 p.m. – Room 8

1. **Present:** Mr. Yates in the Chair and Members Bjornerud*, Borgerson*, Cheveldayoff*, Hamilton, Kirsch, Nilson* and Weekes.

Substituting Members

Mr. Bjornerud for Mr. Weekes (for consideration of the Estimates of the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund and Bill No. 2)

Mr. Borgerson for Mr. Lautermilch

Mr. Cheveldayoff for Mr. Stewart

Mr. Nilson for Ms. Higgins

Other Members

Ms. Draude, Mr. Weekes

2. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister

Doug Matthies, Deputy Minister

Karen Layng, Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury Board Branch

Kirk McGregor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch

Brian Bettcher, Director, Budget Review, Treasury Board Branch

Rob Dobson, Director, Provincial Sales Tax Branch

Doug Lambert, Director, Revenue Programs Branch

Arun Srinivas, Senior Analyst, Taxation Policy, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch

3. The committee adjourned consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Fund.
4. The committee began consideration of Bill No. 2 - The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2006.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister

Doug Matthies, Deputy Minister

Kirk McGregor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch

Rob Dobson, Director, Provincial Sales Tax Branch

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

6. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That the committee report Bill No. 2 - The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2006 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

7. The committee began consideration of Bill No. 16 - The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2006.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister

Doug Matthies, Deputy Minister

Kirk McGregor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch

Doug Lambert, Director, Revenue Programs Branch

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

9. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That the committee report Bill No. 16 - The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2006 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

10. The committee began consideration of Bill No. 35 - The Infrastructure Fund Act.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister

Doug Matthies, Deputy Minister

Karen Layng, Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury Board Branch

Brian Bettcher, Director, Budget Review, Treasury Board Branch

11. The question being put on clauses 1 to 11, they were agreed to.

12. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That the committee report Bill No. 35 - The Infrastructure Fund Act – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

13. The committee began consideration of Bill No. 36 - The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2).

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

Witnesses

Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister

Doug Matthies, Deputy Minister

Kirk McGregor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch

Arun Srinivas, Senior Analyst, Taxation Policy, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch

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

15. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That the committee report Bill No. 36 - The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2) – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

16. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That the committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

17. The committee adjourned at 4:54 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Kevin Yates
Committee Chair