

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

December 4, 2006

MINUTE NO. 35

3:12 p.m. – Chamber

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

Other Members

Mr. Allchurch, Mr. Bjornerud, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hart, Mr. McMorris

2. The committee began consideration of Bill No. 34 - The Labour Market Commission Act.

The following Department of Advanced Education and Employment Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Pat Atkinson, Minister

Rob Cunningham, Assistant Deputy Minister

Linda Smith, Executive Director, Policy and Evaluation Branch

Mary Didowycz, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy and Intergovernmental Relations

3. Larry Hubick, President, Saskatchewan Federation of Labour, and Holly Hetherington, Third Vice-President, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the committee and responded to questions.
4. The question being put on clauses 1 to 23, they were agreed to.
5. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That the committee report Bill No. 34 – The Labour Market Commission Act – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

6. The committee began consideration of Bill No. 1 – The Labour Standards Amendment Act, 2006.

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

Witnesses

Hon. David Forbes, Minister

Jim Nicol, Assistant Deputy Minister

Eric Greene, Executive Director, Labour Standards Branch

Mary Ellen Wellsch, Manager, Legal Policy and Legislative Services

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

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

That the committee report Bill No. 1 – The Labour Standards Amendment Act, 2006 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

9. The committee began consideration of Bill No. 29 – The Labour Standards Consequential Amendments Act, 2006.

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

Witnesses

Hon. David Forbes, Minister

Jim Nicol, Assistant Deputy Minister

Eric Greene, Executive Director, Labour Standards Branch

Mary Ellen Wellsch, Manager, Legal Policy and Legislative Services

10. The question being put on clauses 1 to 4, they were agreed to.

11. It was moved by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

That the committee report Bill No. 29 – The Labour Standards Consequential Amendments Act, 2006 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.

13. On motion of Ms. Hamilton:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2007 the sum:

Executive Branch of Government

For Agriculture and Food \$66,630,000

14. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Environment.

15. On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2007 the sum:

Executive Branch of Government

For Environment \$12,900,000

16. The committee considered its Sixth Report of the 25th Legislature. It was then moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That the draft Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

17. It was moved by Mr. Weekes:

That the committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

18. The committee adjourned at 4:12 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Kevin Yates
Committee Chair