

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

March 1, 2007

### MINUTE NO. 36

1:00 p.m. – Room 8

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

#### **Substituting Members**

Ms. Crofford for Hon. Ms. Higgins

#### **Other Members**

Mr. Cheveldayoff, Mr. Hart, Mr. Krawetz

2. The committee considered Bill No. 32 - The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2006.
3. Ms. Kathy Sutherland, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Minister, representing the Public Employees Benefits Agency, addressed the committee and responded to questions.
4. Mr. Jack Shepherd, President, and Mr. Hugh Hubenig, Secretary, representing the Power Pioneers Association of Saskatchewan, addressed the committee and responded to questions. The following document was tabled:

**IAI 32/25 Power Pioneers Association of Saskatchewan Inc.:** Written submission regarding Bill No. 32 - The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2006 and Post Presentation Discussion Notes.

5. Mr. Blake McGrath, President, representing the Saskatchewan Federation of Union Retirees, addressed the committee and responded to questions. The following document was tabled:

**IAI 33/25 Saskatchewan Federation of Union Retirees:** Written submission regarding Bill No. 32 - The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2006, dated March 1, 2007.

6. The committee recessed from 2:14 p.m. until 2:24 p.m.
7. Mr. Alf Zimmerman, President, and Frank May, Vice President, representing the Saskatchewan Retirees Association, addressed the committee and responded to questions. The following document was tabled:

**IAI 34/25 Saskatchewan Retirees Association:** Written submission regarding Bill No. 32 - The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2006, dated March 1, 2007.

8. The committee recessed from 3:10 p.m. until 3:18 p.m.

9. The committee considered Bill No. 5 - The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2006.

The following Department of Industry and Resources officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Trevor Dark, Assistant Deputy Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas

Todd Han, Assistant Director, Petroleum Development

Brad Wagner, Manager, Licensing and Environmental Liability, Petroleum Development

10. The following document was tabled:

**IAI 35/25 Saskatchewan Industry and Resources:** Written submission regarding Bill No. 5 - The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2006, dated March 1, 2007:

- Saskatchewan Orphan Well and Facility Liability Management Program Review;
- PowerPoint slides handout.

11. The committee recessed from 3:43 p.m. until 3:48 p.m.

12. The following organizations representing the oil and gas industry appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses:

David Pryce, Vice President, Western Canada Operations, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

Gary C. Leach, Executive Director, Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada

Carl Henneberg, Blacksmith Resources, and Chairman, Saskatchewan Committee, Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada

Henry Dunfield, President and Chief Executive Officer, K-Town Holdings Ltd., Saskatchewan Swab Producers Association:

Orest Kotelko, Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.

13. The following document was tabled:

**IAI 36/25 Oil and Gas Industry Associations:** Joint Industry Association submission re: Saskatchewan Orphan Well and Facility Management Program, dated March 1, 2007.

14. Mr. Grant Greenslade, representing Greenslade Consulting, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

15. Mr. Orest Kotelko, representing Canadian Natural Resources Ltd., addressed the committee and responded to questions.

16. The committee adjourned at 4:42 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