

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

April 4, 2007

MINUTE NO. 39

3:37 p.m. – Chamber

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

Substituting Members:

Ms. Heppner for Mr. Kirsch

Hon. Mr. Sonntag for Hon. Mr. Lautermilch (from 3:37 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. only)

Other Members:

Mr. Cheveldayoff, Mr. Hart, Mr. McMorris.

2. The committee considered Bill No. 3 – The Fuel Tax Accountability Act.
3. The following Department of Finance Minister appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witness

Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister

4. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.
5. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That the committee report Bill No. 3 – The Fuel Tax Accountability Act – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

6. The committee considered of Bill No. 15 – The Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2006.
7. The following Department of Finance Minister appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witness

Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister

8. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.
9. It was moved by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

That the committee report Bill No. 15 – The Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2006 – without amendment.

10. The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. The committee considered Bill No. 14 – The Environmental Management and Protection Amendment Act, 2006.
12. The following Department of Environment Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. John Nilson, Minister

Sam Ferris, Acting Executive Director, Environmental Protection Branch

13. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.
14. It was moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That the committee report Bill No. 14 – The Environmental Management and Protection Amendment Act, 2006 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The committee considered 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

Dave Phillips, Assistant Deputy Minister, Conservation Division

Bryan Ireland, Acting Vice President, Operations Division, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

Ray Deck, Executive Director, Human Resources Branch

16. The committee adjourned its consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Environment.
17. The committee adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Viktor Kaczowski
Committee Clerk

Kevin Yates
Committee Chair