

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Tuesday, April 17, 2007

MINUTE NO. 41
3:00 p.m. – Room 8

1. **Present:** Mr. Yates in the Chair and Members Allchurch*, Bjornerud*, Borgerson*, Brkich*, Cheveldayoff*, Crofford*, Hart*, Heppner*, Higgins, Iwanchuk*, Lautermilch, Prebble*, and Weekes.

Substituting Members

Mr. Allchurch for Mr. Kirsch (7:50 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. only)
Mr. Bjornerud for Mr. Stewart (for consideration of Estimates for Agriculture and Food)
Mr. Borgerson for Hon. Mr. Lautermilch (3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. only)
Mr. Brkich for Mr. Kirsch (for consideration of Estimates for Regional Economic and Co-operative Development)
Mr. Cheveldayoff for Mr. Kirsch (for consideration of Estimates for Finance)
Ms. Crofford for Ms. Hamilton (3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. only)
Mr. Hart for Mr. Stewart (for consideration of Estimates for Environment)
Ms. Heppner for Mr. Kirsch (7:00 p.m. – 7:50 p.m. only)
Mr. Iwanchuk for Ms. Hamilton (8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. only)
Mr. Prebble for Ms. Hamilton (7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. only)

Other Members

Mr. McMorris, Mr. Toth

2. The committee considered the Estimates for the Department of Finance.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister
Arun Srinivas, Senior Analyst, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs Branch

3. The following document was tabled:

ECO 38/25 Department of Finance: Written submission entitled “Components of Corporate Capital Tax Estimates”.

4. The committee adjourned its consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Finance.
5. The committee recessed from 4:01 p.m. until 4:03 p.m.
6. The committee considered the Estimates for the Department of Regional Economic and Co-operative Development.

The following Department of Regional Economic and Co-operative Development Minister and official appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Mark Wartman, Acting Minister
Denise Haas, Deputy Minister

7. The committee adjourned its consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Regional Economic and Co-operative Development.
8. The committee recessed from 5:01 p.m. until 6:57 p.m.
9. The committee considered the 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
Joe Muldoon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Management Division
Dave Phillips, Assistant Deputy Minister, Conservation Division
Sam Ferris, Acting Executive Director, Environmental Protection Branch

10. The committee adjourned its consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Environment.
11. The committee recessed from 8:02 p.m. until 8:06 p.m.
12. The committee considered the 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, Associate Deputy Minister
Stan Benjamin, General Manager, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation

13. The committee recessed from 9:15 p.m. until 9:22 p.m.
14. The committee adjourned its consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.
15. The committee adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

Viktor Kaczowski
Committee Clerk

Kevin Yates
Committee Chair