

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Monday, June 4, 2007

MINUTE NO. 47
1:00 p.m. – Room 8

1. **Present:** Ms. Hamilton in the Chair and Members Cheveldayoff*, Chisholm*, Crofford*, Hamilton, Iwanchuk*, Weekes, and Yates.

Substituting Members

Mr. Cheveldayoff for Mr. Stewart

Mr. Chisholm for Mr. Kirsch

Ms. Crofford for Ms. Higgins

Mr. Iwanchuk for Mr. Lautermilch

Committee Officials Present: Michel Carpentier, Research Officer

2. The following documents were tabled:

ECO 46/25 Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: Response to questions raised at the May 1, 2007 committee meeting dated May 14, 2007

ECO 47/25 Minister of Finance: Response to questions raised at the May 14, 2007 committee meeting dated May 24, 2007.

ECO 48/25 Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board: Response to questions raised at the May 14, 2007 committee meeting dated April 18, 2007.

ECO 49/25 Minister of Environment: Response to questions raised at the May 8, 2007 committee meeting regarding The Big Game and Waterfowl Damage programs dated May 23, 2007.

ECO 50/25 Minister of Environment: Response to questions raised at the May 14, 2007 committee meeting regarding the Chronic Wasting Disease program dated May 24, 2007.

ECO 51/25 Minister of Finance: Response to questions raised at the May 8, 2007 committee meeting regarding *The Revenue and Financial Services Act* dated May 24, 2007.

ECO 52/25 City of North Battleford: Written submission consisting of a letter to the Premier dated May 14, 2007

ECO 53/25 B. L. Wagner: Written submission (email) dated May 24, 2007.

ECO 54/25 Joyce Neufeld: Written submission (email) dated May 27, 2007.

ECO 55/25 City of Saskatoon: Written submission dated May 31, 2007.

ECO 56/25 Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association: Written submission dated May 31, 2007.

ECO 57/25 National Farmers Union: Written submission dated June 2007.

ECO 58/25 Department of Government Relations: Briefing binder entitled “Legislative Committee Hearings on Internal Trade Background Information for Committee Members”.

3. The committee Clerk presided over the election of a Chair. Ms. Hamilton was nominated for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Weekes:

That Ms. Hamilton be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy.

The question being put, the motion was carried.

4. It was moved by Mr. Weekes:

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for subsequent meetings, and that the membership be comprised of the Chair and the Deputy Chair;

And further, that the steering committee shall meet from time to time as directed by the Committee or at the call of the Chair; that the presence of all members of the sub-committee is necessary to constitute a meeting; and that substitutions from the membership of the Standing Committee on the Economy be permitted on the steering committee.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

5. The committee, pursuant to Rule 146(2), commenced its enquiry into the state of internal trade in Saskatchewan.

The following Government Relations Minister, officials, and expert witness appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Harry Van Mulligen, Minister

Lily Stonehouse, Deputy Minister

Paul Osborne, Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade and International Relations

Robert Donald, Director, Trade Policy

Linda Zarzeczny, Trade Counsel, Saskatchewan Justice

Kathleen Macmillan, President, International Trade Policy Consultants Inc.

6. The Committee recessed from 2:41 p.m. until 2:51 p.m.

7. It was moved by Mr. Yates:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

8. The committee adjourned at 4:52 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Viktor Kaczowski
Committee Clerk

Doreen Hamilton
Committee Chair