

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Monday, December 2, 2013

MINUTE NO. 17
7:00 p.m. – Legislative Chamber

1. **Present:** Don Toth in the Chair and Members Bob Bjornerud*, Larry Doke, Darryl Hickie*, Bill Hutchinson, Victoria Jurgens and Trent Wotherspoon.

Substituting Members

Bob Bjornerud for Fred Bradshaw
Darryl Hickie for Jennifer Campeau

Other Members

Cathy Sproule

2. The Chair presided over the election of a Deputy Chair. Mr. Wotherspoon was nominated for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Doke:

That Trent Wotherspoon be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

3. The following documents were tabled:

ECO 7/27 - Ministry of Environment: Responses to questions raised at the May 1, 2013 meeting of the committee re: industry reforestation numbers, Aquistore, Petroleum Research Centre and payment to Ron Pederson, dated May 14, 2013.

ECO 8/27 - Ministry of Agriculture: Responses to questions raised at the April 9, 2013 meeting of the committee re: farm fatalities, lawsuits and litigation and Growing Forward Agreement, dated July 30, 2013.

4. The Chair advised the committee that, pursuant to Rule 148(1), the Supplementary Estimate (November) for the following ministry was deemed referred to the committee on November 27, 2013:

Vote 1 Agriculture

5. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimate (November) for the Ministry of Agriculture.

The following Agriculture Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Lyle Stewart, Minister
Alanna Koch, Deputy Minister
Karen Aulie, Assistant Deputy Minister
Shawn Jacques, President and Chief Executive Officer, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation
Jeff Morrow, Vice-President, Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation

Ray Arscott, Executive Director, Corporate Services Branch

6. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimate (November) for the Ministry of Agriculture. On motion of Ms. Jurgens:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014 the following sum:

For Agriculture..... \$31,000,000

7. It was moved by Ms. Jurgens:

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

8. It was moved by Ms. Jurgens:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

9. The committee adjourned at 7:15 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Rob Park
Committee Clerk

Don Toth
Committee Chair