

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Tuesday, November 17, 2015

MINUTE NO. 35
3:00 p.m. – Māwawapiwin Room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Gene Makowsky in the Chair and Members Fred Bradshaw*, Bill Hutchinson, Victoria Jurgens, Delbert Kirsch, Paul Merriman* and Cathy Sproule*.

Substituting Members

Fred Bradshaw for Don Toth

Paul Merriman for Larry Doke (3:00 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. only)

Cathy Sproule for Trent Wotherspoon

2. The following documents were tabled:

ECO 21/27 – Ministry of Environment: Responses to questions raised at the March 31, 2015 meeting of the committee re: climate change, legal counsel outside the Ministry of Justice, purposes for which the ministry was given \$3.342 million in federal transfers in 2013-14, representative areas network/biodiversity action plan targets, draft performance agreements, whether the data for The Healthy River Ecosystem Assessment System (THREATS) was gone and a report was completed, 2007 campaign on public awareness for water and water loss control, dated May 12, 2015.

ECO 22/27 – Ministry of the Economy: Responses to questions raised at the April 20 and 29, 2015 meetings of the committee re: Size of Labour Market Development branch where a staff member was seconded to Executive Council, Shanghai/Beijing travel additional information, contractors additional information, travel constraint additional information, forestry map of how far north timber harvesting has taken place, venting and flaring additional information, SINP nominees, retention rates, comparison between fiscal years, breakdown of travel/mission expenses for Immigration branch for last three years, ABE waitlists by region and analysis on barriers, number with respect to job losses resulting from the oil price drop, dated May 14, 2015.

ECO 23/27 – Ministry of Agriculture: Responses to questions raised at the April 14, 2015 meeting of the committee re: RFP for the replacement of the Crown Land Management System, changes in Subvote AG01, copy of the report commissioned by Innovation Saskatchewan and cost-shared by the Ministry of Agriculture Leveraging Saskatchewan's Core Strength in Agriculture, annual review report contemplated under the agreement between Livestock Services of Saskatchewan Corporation and the Ministry, copy of updated brand inspection performance objectives and targets, LSS business plan, Memorandum of Association of Saskatchewan Livestock Inspection Organization, and *Canada Transportation Act* review submission, dated September 2, 2015.

3. The committee considered Bill No. 187 – The Saskatchewan Farm Security Amendment Act, 2015.

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

Witnesses

Ministry of Agriculture

Hon. Mr. Stewart, Minister

Alanna Koch, Deputy Minister

Karen Aulie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Programs

Mark Folk, General Manager, Farm Land Security Board

Rob Pentland, Interim Executive Director, Financial Program Branch
Ministry of Government Relations
Laurier Donais, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Public Safety

4. The questions being put on Clauses 1 to 42, they were agreed to.

5. It was moved by Ms. Jurgens:

That the committee report Bill No. 187 – The Saskatchewan Farm Security Amendment Act, 2015 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

6. It was moved by Mr. Kirsch:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

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

Rob Park
Committee Clerk

Gene Makowsky
Committee Chair