

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

MINUTE NO. 1

9:07 a.m. - Room 8

1. **Present:** Mr. Huyghebaert in the Chair and Members Furber, Harper, Harrison, Michelson, Ross and Wilson.
2. The committee clerk presided over the election of a Chair. Mr. Harper nominated Mr. Huyghebaert for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Harper:

That D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert be elected to preside as chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

3. The Chair presided over the election of a Deputy Chair. Ms. Wilson nominated Mr. Harper for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Ms. Wilson:

That Ron Harper be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

4. The committee then proceeded to appoint a steering committee. It was moved by Mr. Michelson:

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 steering 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. It was moved by Mr. Furber:

That, pursuant to Rule 133(2), the committee authorize the broadcast of its public proceedings.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

6. The Chair advised the committee that, pursuant to Rule 146(1), the Supplementary Estimates for the following ministries and agencies were deemed referred to the committee on December 13, 2007:

Vote 23	Energy and Resources
Vote 43	Enterprise and Innovation
Vote 16	Highways and Infrastructure
Vote 17	Highways and Infrastructure Capital

7. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.

The following Highways and Infrastructure Minister and official appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Wayne Elhard, Minister
John Law, Deputy Minister

8. On motion of Mr. Harper:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008 the following sum:

For Highways and Infrastructure \$19,878,000

9. On motion of Mr. Furber:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008 the following sums, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for that fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2009:

For Highways and Infrastructure Capital \$2,500,000

10. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Energy and Resources.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Bill Boyd, Minister
Glen Veikle, Deputy Minister

11. On motion of Mr. Harper:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008 the following sum:

For Energy and Resources \$22,322,000

12. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Lyle Stewart, Minister
Dale Botting, Deputy Minister

13. On motion of Mr. Furber:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008 the following sum:

For Enterprise and Innovation \$4,764,000

14. It was moved by Mr. Harper:

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The committee adjourned at 9:29 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Viktor Kaczowski
Committee Clerk

D. F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert
Committee Chair