

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Tuesday, December 7, 2010

MINUTE NO. 35
7:00 p.m. - Room 8

1. **Present:** Lyle Stewart in the Chair and Members Michael Chisholm*, Wayne Elhard*, David Forbes*, Darcy Furber*, Rod Gantefer, Hon. Darryl Hickie, Sandra Morin*, Len Taylor and Nadine Wilson.

Substituting Member

Michael Chisholm for Nancy Heppner

Wayne Elhard for Nadine Wilson (for consideration of Bill No. 156 and for consideration of Supplementary Estimates for Environment)

David Forbes for Ron Harper (for consideration of Bill No. 148)

Darcy Furber for Ron Harper (for consideration of Bill No. 156)

Sandra Morin for Ron Harper (for consideration of Supplementary Estimates for Environment)

Other Members

Kevin Yates

2. The committee considered Bill No. 148 – The Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2010.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Bob Bjornerud, Minister

Alanna Koch, Deputy Minister

Rick Burton, Assistant Deputy Minister

Paul Johnson, Director, Livestock Branch

Greg Douglas, Chief Veterinary Officer

3. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.
4. During consideration of new clause 3, it was moved by Ms. Wilson:

New Clause 3

Add the following Clause after Clause 2 of the printed Bill:

Section 2 amended

3(1) Subsection 2(1) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by adding ‘and Part III.1’ after ‘In this Part’.

(2) Subsection 2(4) is amended in the portion preceding clause (a) by adding ‘and Part III.1’ after ‘For the purposes of this Part’.

The question being put on new clause 3, it was agreed to.

5. During consideration of new clause 5, it was moved by Ms. Wilson:

New Clause 5

Add the following Clause after Clause 4 of the printed Bill:

“New Part III.1

5 The following Part is added after section 23:

‘PART III.1

Protection of Service Animals

‘Interpretation of Part

23.1 In this Part, “**service animal**” means an animal that is trained to be used by:

- (a) a person with a disability for reasons relating to his or her disability;
- (b) a peace officer in the execution of his or her duties; or
- (c) a person who is authorized by a peace officer to assist peace officers in their duties.

‘Interference with service animal prohibited

23.2(1) No person shall harm, attempt to harm, touch, feed, impede or interfere with a service animal without lawful excuse or authority.

(2) No person responsible for an animal shall allow that animal to harm, attempt to harm, touch, impede or interfere with a service animal without lawful excuse or authority.

‘Offences and penalties

23.3(1) A person who contravenes section 23.2 is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$25,000, to imprisonment for not more than two years or to both.

(2) In addition to any penalty imposed pursuant to subsection (1), the court may order the convicted person to pay compensation to the person responsible for the service animal for loss or damage suffered as a consequence of the commission of the offence, in an amount that the court may determine.

(3) The person to whom compensation is payable pursuant to subsection (2) may file a certified copy of the order in the office of the local registrar of the Court of Queen’s Bench at the judicial centre nearest to the place where the person resides.

(4) A certified copy filed pursuant to subsection (3) has the same force and effect as if it were a judgment obtained in the Court of Queen’s Bench for the recovery of a debt in the amount specified in the order, together with any reasonable costs and charges with respect to its filing.

‘Limitation on prosecution

23.4 No prosecution for a contravention of this Part is to be commenced more than one year from the date on which the offence is alleged to have been committed””.

The question being put on new clause 5, it was agreed to.

6. It was moved by Mr. Gantefer:

That the committee report Bill No. 148 – The Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2010 – with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

7. The committee recessed from 7:17 p.m. until 7:21 p.m.
8. The committee considered Bill No. 156 – The Freehold Oil and Gas Production Tax Act, 2010.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Bill Boyd, Minister
Ed Dancsok, Assistant Deputy Minister
Kylie Head, Crown Counsel, Justice
Mike Ferguson, Director, Petroleum Royalties

9. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 63, they were agreed to.
10. It was moved by Hon. Mr. Hickie:

That the committee report Bill No. 156 – The Freehold Oil and Gas Production Tax Act, 2010 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. The committee recessed from 7:39 p.m. until 7:48 p.m.
12. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Environment.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister
Mark Wittrup, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment Protection and Audit Division
Wayne Dybvig, Acting President, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority
Jim Waggoner, Manager, Saskatchewan Watershed Authority

13. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Environment. On motion of Mr. Gantefer:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2011 the following sum:

For Environment.....\$8,000,000

14. It was moved by Hon. Mr. Hickie:

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. It was moved by Mr. Chisholm:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

16. The committee adjourned at 8:29 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Nathan Elliott
Committee Clerk

Lyle Stewart
Committee Chair