

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

MINUTE NO. 17

3:00 p.m. - Room 8

1. **Present:** D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert in the Chair and Members Doreen Eagles*, Darcy Furber, Ron Harper, Jeremy Harrison, Warren Michelson, Laura Ross and Nadine Wilson.

Substituting Members

Doreen Eagles for Nadine Wilson (7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. only)

Other Members

Andy Iwanchuk, Sandra Morin, Len Taylor, Doyle Vermette

2. The following document was tabled:

ECO 8/26 - Ministry of Energy and Resources: Responses to questions raised at the April 10, 2008 meeting re: the forestry industry, dated March 25, 2009.

3. The committee considered 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

Kent Campbell, Deputy Minister

Bob Ruggles, Associate Deputy Minister, Forestry Development

Ed Dancsok, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Petroleum and Natural Gas

Hal Sanders, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate and Financial Services and Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource and Energy Policy

George Patterson, Executive Director, Exploration and Geological Services

4. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Energy and Resources.
5. The committee recessed from 5:01 p.m. until 6:59 p.m.
6. The committee considered Estimates for the Saskatchewan Research Council.

The following Saskatchewan Research Council Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Lyle Stewart, Minister

Dr. Laurier Schramm, President and Chief Executive Officer

Crystal Smudy, Chief Financial Officer and Vice-President, Finance Safety and Risk

7. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Saskatchewan Research Council.
8. The committee recessed from 7:32 p.m. until 7:35 p.m.

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

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

Witnesses

Hon. Lyle Stewart, Minister
Dale Botting, Chief Executive Officer
Denise Haas, Chief Financial Officer
Gerry Offet, Chief Operating Officer
Tony Baumgartner, Vice President, Sector Development and Innovation
Angela Schmidt, Vice President, Competiveness and Strategy
Ernest Heapy, Acting Vice President, Regional Enterprise
Andrea Terry Munro, Controller/Director, Corporate Services

10. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation.

11. The committee recessed from 9:31 p.m. until 9:35 p.m.

12. The committee considered Bill No. 46 – The Labour Market Commission Amendment Act, 2008.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Lyle Stewart, Minister
Dale Botting, Chief Executive Officer
Gerry Offet, Chief Operating Officer
Angela Schmidt, Vice President, Competiveness and Strategy

13. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 7, they were agreed to.

14. It was moved by Mr. Michelson :

That the committee report Bill No. 46 – The Labour Market Commission Amendment Act, 2008 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. It was moved by Mr. Harrison:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

16. The committee adjourned at 10:07 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Kathy Burianyk
Committee Clerk

D. F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert
Committee Chair