

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Tuesday, May 5, 2009

MINUTE NO. 20
3:00 p.m. - Room 8

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

Other Members

Sandra Morin

2. The following documents were tabled:

ECO 10/26 Ministry of Environment: Maps documenting the areas of the province that will be affected by Bill No. 76 - The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2).

3. The committee considered Bill No. 76 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2).

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

Witnesses

Hon. Nancy Heppner, Minister

Liz Quarshie, Deputy Minister

Nancy Cherney, Director, Lands Branch

4. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 4, they were agreed to.
5. It was moved by Mr. Michelson:

That the committee report Bill No. 76 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

6. The committee recessed from 3:09 p.m. until 3:21 p.m.
7. The committee considered Bill No. 84 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2009.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Lyle Stewart, Minister

Dale Botting, Chief Executive Officer, Enterprise Saskatchewan

Denise Haas, Chief Financial Officer, Enterprise Saskatchewan

Marv Weismiller, Manager, Business Programs, Enterprise Saskatchewan

8. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 3, they were agreed to.

9. It was moved by Ms. Wilson:

That the committee report Bill No. 84 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

10. The committee considered Bill No. 71 – The Innovation Saskatchewan Act.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Lyle Stewart, Minister

Dale Botting, Chief Executive Officer, Enterprise Saskatchewan

David Katz, Acting Director, Innovation and Advanced Technology, Enterprise Saskatchewan

11. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 25, they were agreed to.

12. It was moved by Ms. Ross:

That the committee report Bill No. 71 – The Innovation Saskatchewan Act – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

13. The committee considered Estimates for Enterprise and Innovation Programs.

14. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for Enterprise and Innovation Programs. On motion of Mr. Harrison:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2010 the following sums:

For Enterprise and Innovation Programs..... \$22,133,000

15. The committee considered Estimates for Enterprise and Innovation Programs (Lending and Investing Activities).

16. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for Enterprise and Innovation Programs (Lending and Investing Activities). On motion of Mr. Michelson:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2010 the following sums:

Lending and Investing Activities

For Enterprise and Innovation Programs..... \$5,500,000

17. The committee considered Estimates for Enterprise Saskatchewan.

18. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for Enterprise Saskatchewan. On motion of Ms. Wilson:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2010 the following sums:

For Enterprise Saskatchewan..... \$47,305,000

19. The committee considered Estimates for the Saskatchewan Research Council.
20. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Saskatchewan Research Council. On motion of Ms. Ross:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2010 the following sums:

For Saskatchewan Research Council \$15,016,000

21. It was moved by Mr. Harrison:

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

22. It was moved by Ms. Wilson:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

23. The committee adjourned at 4:03 p.m. to the call of the Chair.