

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY
Tuesday, November 30, 2010

MINUTE NO. 34
7:00 p.m. – Room 8

1. **Present:** Lyle Stewart in the Chair and Members Nancy Heppner, Hon. Darryl Hickie, Andy Iwanchuk*, Len Taylor, Nadine Wilson and Kevin Yates*.

Substituting Members

Andy Iwanchuk for Ron Harper (7:00 p.m. - 7:54 p.m. only and 8:03 p.m. - 8:59 p.m. only)

Kevin Yates for Ron Harper (7:54 p.m. - 8:03 p.m. only)

Other Members

Dwain Lingenfelter (for consideration of Supplementary Estimates for Agriculture)

2. The committee clerk presided over the election of a Chair. Mr. Stewart was nominated for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Hon. Mr. Hickie:

That Mr. Stewart be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

3. The following document was tabled:

ECO 22/26 – Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: Economy Committee (2005 – August 31, 2010) Acts, Regulations and Professional Bylaws, dated November 18, 2010.

4. 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 November 25, 2010:

Vote 1	Agriculture
Vote 23	Energy and Resources
Vote 43	Enterprise and Innovation Programs
Vote 26	Environment

5. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture.

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

Scott Brown, Executive Director, Policy Branch

Tom Schwartz, Director, Financial Programs Branch

Dean Cursons, Acting Director, Corporate Services Branch

Cam Swan, General Manager, SCIC

Milo Grimsrud, Policy Analyst

6. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture. On motion of Ms. Heppner:

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

For Agriculture.....\$144,000,000

7. The committee recessed from 8:03 p.m. until 8:11 p.m.

8. The following documents were tabled:

ECO 23/26 – Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: Economy Committee 2007 (January 1 – December 31) Regulations – No legal issues, dated November 4, 2010.

ECO 24/26 – Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: Economy Committee 2008 (January 1 – December 31) Regulations – No legal issues, dated November 4, 2010.

ECO 25/26 – Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: Economy Committee 2009 (January 1 – December 31) Regulations – No legal issues, dated November 4, 2010.

ECO 26/26 – Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: Economy Committee 2010 (January 1 – December 31) Regulations – No legal issues, dated November 4, 2010.

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

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

Witnesses

Hon. Bill Boyd, Minister

Laurie Pushor, Chief of Staff

10. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Energy and Resources. On motion of Ms. Wilson:

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

For Energy and Resources.....\$600,000

11. The committee recessed from 8:20 p.m. until 8:24 p.m.

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

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

Witnesses

Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Minister

Chris Dekker, Chief Executive Officer

Denise Haas, Chief Financial Officer

13. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for Enterprise and Innovation Programs. On motion of Hon. Mr. Hickie:

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

For Enterprise and Innovation Programs.....\$14,053,000

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

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The committee adjourned at 8:59 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Nathan Elliott
Committee Clerk

Lyle Stewart
Committee Chair

