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Mr. Cam Broten, Deputy Chair Saskatoon Massey Place

> Mr. Mark Docherty Regina Coronation Park

Ms. Doreen Eagles Estevan

Mr. Greg Lawrence Moose Jaw Wakamow

Mr. Russ Marchuk Regina Douglas Park

Mr. Paul Merriman Saskatoon Sutherland

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[The committee met at 16:21.]

Ms. Ursulescu: — Good afternoon, members. Since this is your first meeting of your committee, the first item of business is the election of the Chair. It is my duty as Committee Clerk to preside over the election of a Chair.

I'd like to remind members of the process. I will first ask for nominations. Once there are no further nominations, I will then ask a member to move a motion to have a committee member preside as Chair.

I will now call for nominations for the position of committee Chair. Ms. Eagles.

Ms. Eagles: — Thank you. I move:

That Delbert Kirsch be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Ms. Ursulescu: — Are there any further nominations? Ms. Eagles has nominated Mr. Kirsch for the position of Chair. It has been moved by Ms. Eagles:

That Mr. Kirsch has been elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Are all those in favour of the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Ms. Ursulescu: — All those opposed? I declare the motion carried and invite Mr. Kirsch to take the Chair.

The Chair: — Thank you. And there's a new one, so we're off and running here, our first committee meeting. And just for record's sake, let's go down the row and have everyone introduce themselves so they've got it on record. We'd start with Ms. Eagles.

Ms. Eagles: — Doreen Eagles, MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] for Estevan.

Mr. Marchuk: — Russ Marchuk, MLA for Regina Douglas Park.

Mr. Docherty: — Mark Docherty, MLA for Regina Coronation Park.

Mr. Merriman: — Paul Merriman, MLA, Saskatoon Sutherland.

Mr. Broten: — Cam Broten, MLA, Saskatoon Massey Place.

Mr. Belanger: — Buckley Belanger, MLA for Athabasca.

The Chair: — Thank you very much. Members have a copy of today's agenda. If members are in agreement, we will proceed with that agenda. So moved.

The first item of business will be the election of a Deputy Chair. I just want to remind members of this process. I will first ask

for nomination. Once there are no further nominations, I will then ask a member to move a motion to have a committee member preside as Deputy Chair. I will now call for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair. Ms. Eagles.

Ms. Eagles: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move:

That Cam Broten be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Mr. Broten: — Thank you.

The Chair: — Ms. Eagles has nominated Mr. Broten to the position of Deputy Chair. Are there any further nominations? Seeing none, I would now invite one of the members to move that motion.

Mr. Marchuk: — So moved.

The Chair: — Mr. Marchuk. Mr. Broten will be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services. All in favour of the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — All those opposed? I declare the motion carried.

Next on our agenda is the establishment of a steering committee. I would ask a member to move the following motion:

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for the subsequent meetings and that the membership be comprised of the Chair and 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 members of the subcommittee is necessary to continue a meeting and to constitute a meeting; and that substitutions from the membership of the Standing Committee on Human Services be permitted on the steering committee.

I recognize Mr. Merriman.

Mr. Merriman: — So moved.

The Chair: — He has moved that members do approve of the motion as read. Opposed? The motion is carried.

Advise the committee that pursuant to rule 146(1), the supplementary estimates from the following ministries and agencies were deemed referred to the committee this afternoon in the Assembly: vote 37, 169, Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration; vote 5, Education; vote 20, Labour Relations and Workplace Safety.

Before we adjourn I have one more item. I want to table the following documents: HUS 1/27, Ministry of Social Services response to questions raised at the May 12, 2011 meeting of the committee re exit income thresholds for the child care subsidy

program, dated May 19, 2011.

If there is no other business, I will ask a member to move a motion for adjournment. Ms. Eagles so moves. Meeting is adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 16:27.]