

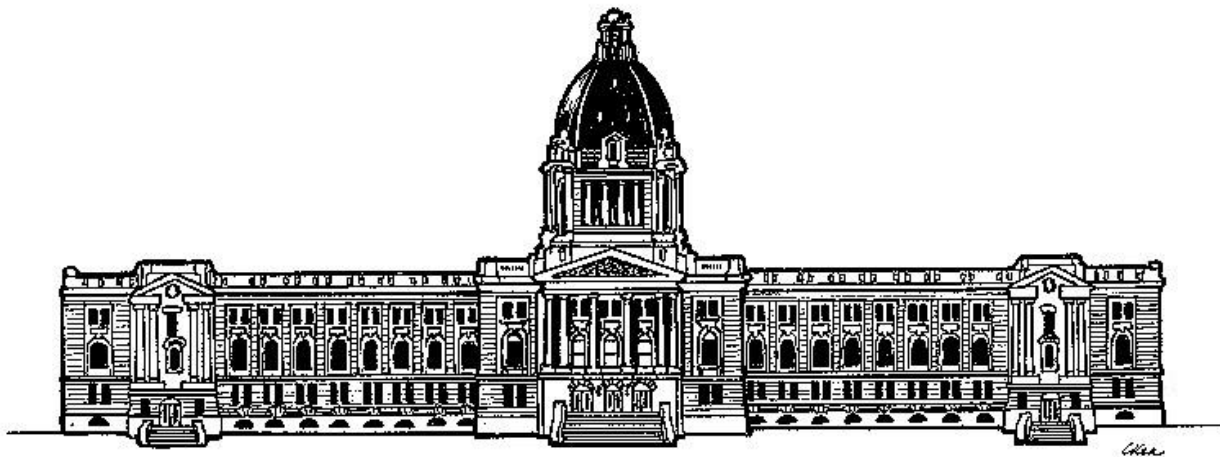


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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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Ms. Alana Ross
Prince Albert Northcote

[The committee met at 15:32.]

The Chair: — Well good afternoon. Welcome to the Standing Committee on Human Services. My name is Ken Cheveldayoff. I'm the MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] for Saskatoon Willowgrove, and I will serve as your Chair this afternoon.

Committee members present and any substitutions: Ms. Meara Conway is a member, substituting in for her is Aleana Young today. Mr. Ryan Domotor is here, Mr. Muhammad Fiaz, Mr. Derek Meyers, Mr. Hugh Nerlien. Ms. Alana Ross is a member of the committee, and substituting in for her today is Mr. Travis Keisig.

Consideration of committee resolutions. We're here today to vote off the remaining committee resolutions for the following ministries in the 2022-23 year estimates. We'll be voting vote 37, 169, Advanced Education; vote 5, Education; vote 32, Health; vote 20, Labour Relations and Workplace Safety; vote 36, Social Services.

And in the 2021-22 supplementary estimates no. 2, we will be voting off vote 32 for Health.

**General Revenue Fund
Advanced Education
Vote 37**

The Chair: — We will begin with vote 37, Advanced Education. Central management and services, subvote (AE01) in the amount of 16,621,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Post-secondary education, subvote (AE02) in the amount of \$684,066,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Student supports, subvote (AE03) in the amount of \$39,200,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of \$400,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for information purposes only. No amount is to be voted.

So Advanced Education, vote 37 — 739,887,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2023, the following sums for Advanced Education in the amount of \$739,887,000.

Mr. Fiaz. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Education
Vote 5**

The Chair: — All right. Vote no. 5, Education, on page 35. Central management and services, subvote (ED01) in the amount of 14,233,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. K to 12 education, subvote (ED03) in the amount of \$2,117,017,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Teachers' pensions and benefits, subvote (ED04) in the amount of 23,934,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Early years, subvote (ED08) in the amount of \$314,129,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Provincial library and literacy, subvote (ED15) in the amount of \$14,446,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of zero dollars. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for information purposes only. No amount is to be voted.

Education, vote 5 — \$2,483,759,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2023, the following sums for Education in the amount of \$2,483,759,000.

Mr. Domotor: — Yeah.

The Chair: — Mr. Domotor. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**General Revenue Fund
Health
Vote 32**

The Chair: — All right. For vote no. 32, Health, on page 67. Central management and services, subvote (HE01) in the amount of \$10,110,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Saskatchewan health services, subvote (HE03) in the amount of 4,648,300,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Provincial health services and support, subvote (HE04) in the amount of 280,447,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Medical services and medical education programs, subvote (HE06) in the amount of \$1,047,938,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Drug plan and extended benefits, subvote (HE08) in the amount of 451,472,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of \$1,501,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for information purposes only. No amount is to be voted.

I will now ask for a member to move the following resolution: Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2023 . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Oh, I'm sorry.

Health vote 32, in the amount of 6,438,267,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that it be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2023, the following sums for Health in the amount of \$6,438,267,000.

Mr. Nerlien. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Labour Relations and Workplace Safety
Vote 20**

The Chair: — We'll now turn our attention to vote 20, Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, on page 91. Central management and services, subvote (LR01) in the amount of \$5,160,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Occupational health and safety, subvote (LR02) in the amount of \$9,935,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Employment standards, subvote (LR03) in the amount of \$3,171,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Labour Relations Board, subvote (LR04) in the amount of \$1,000,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Labour relations and mediation, subvote (LR05) in the amount of \$745,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Workers' Advocate, subvote (LR06) in the amount of \$863,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Non-appropriated expense adjustment in the amount of \$92,000. Non-appropriated expense adjustments are non-cash adjustments presented for information purposes only. No amount is to be voted.

Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, vote 20 — \$20,874,000. I will now ask that a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2023, the following sums for Labour Relations and Workplace Safety in the amount of \$20,874,000.

Mr. Meyers. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
Advanced Education
Vote 169**

The Chair: — Vote 169, Advanced Education on page 152. Loans to Student Aid Fund, subvote (AE01) in the amount of \$80,000,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

Advanced Education, vote 169 — \$80,000,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2023, the following sums for Advanced Education in the amount of \$80,000,000.

Mr. Keisig?

Mr. Keisig: — I do so move, Mr. Chair.

The Chair: — Making sure you're paying attention.

Mr. Keisig: — I'm paying very close attention, Mr. Chair. I'd just be a little bit uncomfortable moving \$80,000,000 worth of

funding not having had an opportunity to read the financials in detail, but I do so move. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

The Chair: — Mr. Keisig moves. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

**General Revenue Fund
Supplementary Estimates — No. 2
Health
Vote 32**

The Chair: — All right, and we'll go to supplementary estimates no. 2 from the 2021-22, vote 32, Health, on page 11. Saskatchewan health services, subvote (HE03) in the amount of \$112,751,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Health, vote 32 — \$112,751,000. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2022, the following sums for Health in the amount of \$112,751,000.

Mr. Nerlien. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[15:45]

The Chair: — Carried. The committee Clerk is going to hand out a draft report to committee members.

Committee members, you have before you a draft of the third report of the Standing Committee on Human Services. We require a member to move the following motion:

That the third report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Mr. Meyers . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Pardon me? Oh, Mr. Nerlien. Oh, okay. I feel like the Speaker. Mr. Nerlien was supposed to be doing it, but Mr. Meyers was very aggressive.

Mr. Nerlien: — Mr. Chair?

The Chair: — Yes?

Mr. Nerlien: — I move:

That the third report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The Chair: — Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

The Chair: — All right, committee members. That concludes our business today. I would ask that a member move a motion of adjournment. Mr. Fiaz has moved. All agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. The committee stands adjourned until the call of the Chair.

[The committee adjourned at 15:47.]