

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

November 20, 2006

MINUTE NO. 39

7:00 p.m. – Room 8

1. **Present:** Ms. Junor in the Chair and Members Borgerson, Crofford, Draude*, Elhard, Gantefoer*, Prebble and Wakefield.

Substituting Members

Ms. Draude for Mr. Morgan (for consideration of Supplementary Estimates for Culture, Youth and Recreation only)

Mr. Gantefoer for Mr. Morgan (for consideration of Bill No. 4 only)

Other Members

Mr. Krawetz, Mr. Toth, Mr. Wall

2. The following documents were tabled:

HUS 45/25 Department of Justice: Response to questions raised by Mr. Weekes regarding *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act* during the May 15, 2006 committee meeting.

HUS 46/25 Department of Community Resources: Response to questions regarding the progress made by the Government on the recommendations that were put forward by the all-party committee on child sexual exploitation.

HUS 47/25 Department of Advanced Education and Employment: Response to questions raised during the May 11, 2006 regarding the Provincial Training Allowance.

HUS 48/25 Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Response to questions raised by Ms. Draude regarding Wanuskewin gift shop, METSI, Student Employment Experience and companies that would have been supported financially in the film and TV Industry during the May 15, 2006 committee meeting.

HUS 49/25 Department of Justice: Response to questions raised by Mr. Hart regarding property crime in the Balcarres area and the need for additional RCMP officers during the May 16, 2006 committee meeting.

HUS 50/25 Department of Community Resources: Response to questions raised by Mr. Don Morgan, Mr. Wayne Elhard and Ms. June Draude regarding a status report of the progress made to date concerning the recommendations of the Special Committee to Prevent the Abuse and Exploitation of Children Through the Sex Trade.

HUS 51/25 Department of Justice: Response to questions regarding sexually exploited children and youth in Saskatchewan, the number of police officers in Saskatchewan, police complaints, professional background of lay coroners, Corporations branch, full-time equivalent prosecutors, Legal Aid expenditures, mandatory mediation and Queen's Bench workload.

HUS 52/25 The Saskatchewan School Boards Association: Letter from the Saskatchewan School Boards Association regarding Bill No. 4 - The Education Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2) / Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation (no 2).

3. The committee considered Bill No. 4 - The Education Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2) / Projet de loi n° 4 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation (no 2).

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

Witnesses

Hon. Deb Higgins, Minister
Larry Steeves, Associate Deputy Minister
Frances Bast, Director, Legislative Services and School Administration
Edith Nagy, Acting Director, Policy and Evaluation

4. It was moved by Mr. Elhard:

That the Standing Committee on Human Services approve the attendance of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association to make a presentation regarding Bill No. 4, an Act to amend *The Education Amendment Act, 1995* at tonight's meeting.

5. Lance Bean, Bill Wells and Ardith Stephanson, representing the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, addressed the committee, made a presentation and responded to questions.
6. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 10, they were agreed to.
7. It was moved by Mr. Prebble:

That this committee report Bill No. 4 – The Education Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2) / Projet de loi n° 4 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation (no 2) – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

8. The committee recessed from 8:48 p.m. until 9:02 p.m.
9. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation.

The following Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Glenn Hagel, Minister
Barbara MacLean, Deputy Minister
Dawn Martin, Executive Director, Culture and Heritage Division
Brady Salloum, Executive Director of Strategic Policy, Recreation and Youth
Melinda Gorrill, Director of Corporate Services

10. The committee adjourned consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation.

11. It was moved by Mr. Elhard:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. The committee adjourned at 10:27 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Iris Lang
Committee Clerk

Judy Junor
Committee Chair