

## **STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**Monday, May 7, 2007**

### **MINUTE NO. 58**

**3:18 p.m. – Room 8**

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

#### **Other Members**

Mr. Allchurch, Mr. Cheveldayoff, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Gantefer, Ms. Harpauer, Ms. Heppner, Mr. Kirsch, Mr. McMorris

2. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Health.

The following Department of Health Minister appeared before the committee and answered questions:

#### Witnesses

Hon. Len Taylor, Minister

3. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Health.

4. The committee considered Bill No. 8 – The Paramedics Act.

The following Department of Health Minister and official appeared before the committee and answered questions:

#### Witnesses

Hon. Len Taylor, Minister

Patrick O'Byrne, Director, Community Hospitals and Emergency Services

5. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 57, they were agreed to.

6. It was moved by Mr. Prebble:

That the committee report Bill No. 8 – The Paramedics Act – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

7. The committee considered Bill No. 61 – The Vital Statistics Act, 2007.

The following Department of Health Minister and official appeared before the committee and answered questions:

#### Witnesses

Hon. Len Taylor, Minister

Ronn Wallace, Director, Health Registration and Vital Statistics

8. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 23, they were agreed to.

9. During consideration of clause 24, it was moved by Ms. Crofford:

That clause 24 of the printed Bill be amended by striking out subsection (3) and substituting the following:

“(3) If more than one parent completes a statement and one or more of the parents has a hyphenated or combined surname, only one of the names in a parent’s hyphenated or combined surname is to be used in the surname of the child”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

10. The question being put on clause 24 as amended, it was agreed to.

11. The questions being put on clauses 25 to 116, they were agreed to.

12. It was moved by Mr. Prebble:

That the committee report Bill No. 61 – The Vital Statistics Act, 2007 – with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

13. The committee considered Bill No. 62 – The Vital Statistics Consequential Amendment Act, 2007.

The following Department of Health Minister appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Len Taylor, Minister

14. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 6, they were agreed to.

15. It was moved by Mr. Prebble:

That the committee report Bill No. 62 – The Vital Statistics Consequential Amendment Act, 2007 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

16. The committee recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:01 p.m.

17. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Learning.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Deb Higgins, Minister

Wynne Young, Deputy Minister

Darren McKee, Assistant Deputy Minister

Witnesses (continued)

Margaret Ball, Director, Facilities

David Steele, Consultant, Education Finance and Facilities

18. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Learning.
19. The committee recessed from 8:28 p.m. until 8:34 p.m.
20. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Advanced Education and Employment.

The following Department of Advanced Education and Employment Minister and official appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Pat Atkinson, Minister

Rob Cunningham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Labour Market Services

21. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Advanced Education and Employment.
22. The committee commenced its consideration of Bill No. 64 – The Graduate Tax Exemption Act.

The following Department of Advanced Education and Employment Minister appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Pat Atkinson, Minister

23. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 10, they were agreed to.
24. It was moved by Mr. Prebble:

That the committee report Bill No. 64 – The Graduate Tax Exemption Act – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

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

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Viktor Kaczowski  
Committee Clerk

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Judy Junor  
Committee Chair