

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Monday, May 7, 2012

MINUTE NO. 8

2:46 p.m. – Māṁawapiwin Room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Delbert Kirsch in the Chair and Members Cam Broten, Danielle Chartier*, Mark Docherty, Doreen Eagles, Greg Lawrence, Russ Marchuk, Paul Merriman and Scott Moe*.

Substituting Members

Danielle Chartier for Cam Broten (7:00 p.m. – 7:53 p.m. only)

Scott Moe for Russ Marchuk (7:00 p.m. – 10:33 p.m. only)

Other Members

Buckley Belanger, Danielle Chartier, David Forbes, Trent Wotherspoon

2. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Education.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister

Cheryl Senecal, Deputy Minister

Greg Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister

Lynn Allan, Executive Director, Early Years

Tim Caleval, Executive Director, Student Achievement and Supports

Lori Mann, Executive Director, Corporate Services

Clint Repski, Executive Director, Education Funding

Doug Volk, Executive Director, Teachers' Superannuation Commission

Kathy Abernethy, Director, Early Years

Angela Chobanik, Director, Education Financial Policy

Stephanie Hall, Director, Provincial Library and Literacy

Phil Pearson, Facilities Consultant, Corporate Services

3. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Education.
4. The committee recessed from 3:47 p.m. until 3:59 p.m.
5. The committee considered Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2011.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister

Cheryl Senecal, Deputy Minister

Greg Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister

Lynn Allan, Executive Director, Early Years

Clint Repski, Executive Director, Education Funding
Mike Back, Director, Infrastructure, Corporate Services
Brenda Dougherty, Director, Early Learning and Child Care and Childhood Development and Integrated Services
Drew Johnston, Director, Legislative Services and Privacy
Natalie Huber, Executive Director, Program and Service Design, Social Services
Billie-Jo Morrisette, Director, Program Design and Operational Policy, Social Services

6. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.
7. It was moved by Ms. Eagles:

That the committee report Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2011 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

8. The committee considered Bill No. 27 – The Education Amendment Act, 2011 / Projet de loi no 27 – Loi de 2011 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister
Cheryl Senecal, Deputy Minister
Greg Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister
Lynn Allan, Executive Director, Early Years
Clint Repski, Executive Director, Education Funding
Mike Back, Director, Infrastructure, Corporate Services
Brenda Dougherty, Director, Early Learning and Child Care and Childhood Development and Integrated Services
Drew Johnston, Director, Legislative Services and Privacy

9. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 46, they were agreed to.
10. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence:

That the committee report Bill No. 27 – The Education Amendment Act, 2011 / Projet de loi no 27 – Loi de 2011 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. The committee considered Bill No. 28 – The Education Consequential Amendments Act, 2011.
12. The following Education Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister

Cheryl Senecal, Deputy Minister
Greg Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister
Lynn Allan, Executive Director, Early Years
Clint Repski, Executive Director, Education Funding
Mike Back, Director, Infrastructure, Corporate Services
Brenda Dougherty, Director, Early Learning and Child Care and Childhood Development and Integrated Services
Drew Johnston, Director, Legislative Services and Privacy

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

14. It was moved by Mr. Merriman:

That the committee report Bill No. 28 – The Education Consequential Amendments Act, 2011– without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The committee recessed from 4:46 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

16. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Social Services.

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

Witnesses

Hon. June Draude, Minister
Ken Acton, Deputy Minister
Alan Syhlonyk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services
Louise Greenberg, Associate Deputy Minister, Child and Family Services
Andrea Brittin, Executive Director, Child and Family Service Delivery
Natalie Huber, Executive Director, Program and Service Design
Miriam Myers, Executive Director, Finance and Administration
Wayne Phaneuf, Executive Director, Child and Family Community Services

17. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Social Services.

18. The committee recessed from 8:03 p.m. until 8:32 p.m.

19. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety.

The following Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Don Morgan, Minister
Mike Carr, Deputy Minister
Glennis Bihum, Executive Director, Occupational Health and Safety
Rikki Bote, Executive Director, Marketing and Communications

Laurier Donais, Executive Director, Central Services
Greg Tuer, Executive Director, Labour Standards
Denise Klotz, Director, Office of the Workers' Advocate
Peter Federko, Chief Executive Officer, Workers' Compensation Board
Fred Bayer, Board Registrar, Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board

20. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety.
21. The committee adjourned at 10:32 p.m. until May 8, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

Stacey Ursulescu
Committee Clerk

Delbert Kirsch
Committee Chair