

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Wednesday, April 17, 2013**

**MINUTE NO. 15**  
**6:59 p.m. – Māṁawapiwin Room (Room 8)**

1. **Present:** Delbert Kirsch in the Chair and Members Fred Bradshaw\*, Mark Docherty, David Forbes, Paul Merriman, Laura Ross and Nadine Wilson.

**Substituting Members**

Fred Bradshaw for Greg Lawrence

**Other Members**

Hon. Dustin Duncan, Hon. Don Morgan

2. The committee considered Bill No. 604 – The Public Health (Asbestos right-to-know) Amendment Act.

The following Member appeared before the committee and answered questions:

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Cam Broten, Leader of the Opposition

3. Jesse Todd, representing Saskatchewan Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, addressed the committee and responded to questions.
4. The following document was tabled:

**HUS 8/27 – The Saskatchewan Asbestos Disease Organization’s Report on Bill 604:** Submission for consideration of Bill No. 604 – The Public Health (Asbestos right-to-know) Amendment Act.

5. Marianne Hladun, Regional Executive Vice President, Prairies representing Public Service Alliance of Canada, addressed the committee and responded to questions.
6. Dan Demers, Director, National Public Issues representing Canadian Cancer Society, addressed the committee and responded to questions.
7. Terry Parker, Business Agent representing Saskatchewan Building Trades Provincial Council and Chuck Rudder, Business Manager representing International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers, addressed the committee and responded to questions.
8. The question being put on clause 2, it was agreed to.
9. During consideration of clause 3, it was moved by Mr. Merriman:

**Clause 3**

The heading before new section 19.1 as being enacted by the printed Bill is struck out and the following substituted:

“ASBESTOS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS”

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

10. During consideration of clause 3, it was moved by Mr. Merriman:

**Clause 3**

Clause 19.1(a) as being enacted by the printed Bill is amended by adding “ made pursuant to *The Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993*” after “*The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996*”.

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

11. During consideration of clause 3, it was moved by Mr. Merriman:

**Clause 3**

Clauses 19.1(b) and (c) as being enacted by the printed Bill are struck out and the following substituted:

“(b) ‘**public building**’ means an enclosed structure that:

(i) is owned by:

(A) the Government of Saskatchewan;

(B) a prescribed Crown corporation; or

(C) a regional health authority or an affiliate, as defined in *The Regional Health Services Act*;

(ii) is a building used by and in connection with a school as defined in *The Education Act, 1995*; or

(iii) is prescribed or is a member of a prescribed class of enclosed structures”.

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

12. During consideration of clause 3, it was moved by Mr. Merriman:

**Clause 3**

Section 19.2 as being enacted by the printed Bill is struck out and the following is substituted after section 19.1:

“(2) Within six months of the day on which section 19.1 of this Act comes into force, the owner of a public building who is required to record information about asbestos in that building pursuant to *The Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993* and the regulations made pursuant to that Act shall post on the website or other

suitable electronic format mentioned in subsection (4) the following information about that building;

(a) the written records required to be kept pursuant to *The Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993* and the regulations made pursuant to that Act;

(b) any additional prescribed information.

(3) In addition to complying with subsection (2), the owner of a public building mentioned in that subsection shall make the information required pursuant to that subsection available at that building to any person during normal business hours on request.

(4) The minister shall cause a website or other suitable electronic format to be made available where the information required pursuant to subsection (2) must be posted and made available to the public.

(5) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

(a) for the purposes of paragraph (1)(b)(i)(B), prescribing Crown corporations;

(b) for the purposes of subclause (1)(b)(iii), prescribing enclosed structures or classes of enclosed structures as public buildings;

(c) for the purposes of clause (2)(b), prescribing information that owners of public buildings shall post on the website or other suitable electronic format mentioned in subsection (4)".

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

The question being put on clause 3 as amended, it was agreed to.

13. The question being put on clause 4, it was agreed to.

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

15. During consideration of the clause 1, it was moved by Mr. Forbes:

**Clause 1 of the printed Bill**

Clause 1 of the printed Bill is amended by striking out "(Asbestos right-to-know)" and substituting "(Howard's Law)".

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

The question being put on the clause 1, as amended, it was agreed to.

16. It was moved by Ms. Ross:

That the committee report Bill No. 604 – with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

17. It was moved by Mr. Docherty:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

18. The committee adjourned at 8:02 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Stacey Ursulescu  
Committee Clerk

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Delbert Kirsch  
Committee Chair