

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Wednesday, April 16, 2008

MINUTE NO. 4
2:30 p.m. - Room 8

1. **Present:** Mr. Glen Hart in the Chair and Members Denis Allchurch, Cam Broten, Doreen Eagles, Judy Junor, Serge LeClerc, and Greg Ottenbreit.

Substituted Members: Randy Weekes for Doreen Eagles (for consideration of Bill No. 6)

Other Members: Pat Atkinson, Deb Higgins, Andy Iwanchuk, Sandra Morin, Kevin Yates

2. The committee considered Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act.

The following Advanced Education, Employment and Labour Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses:

Hon. Rob Norris, Minister

Wynne Young, Deputy Minister

Mike Carr, Associate Deputy Minister

Mary Ellen Wellsch, Acting Executive Director of Labour Planning and Policy

3. The following documents were tabled:

HUS 3/26 Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: Written submission entitled “Sask. Opposition pushes for essential-services law” (Globe and Mail article dated January 12, 2007).

HUS 4/26 Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: Written submission (excerpt from “Securing the Future: New Ideas for Saskatchewan”).

4. It was agreed:

That the committee would recess for ten minutes and that the ten minutes would count as part of the time for the consideration of Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act.

5. The committee recessed from 4:01 p.m. until 4:11 p.m.
6. The committee resumed its consideration of Bill 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act.
7. The committee adjourned its consideration of Bill 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act.
8. The committee recessed from 5:03 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

9. The committee considered Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007.

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Witnesses:

Hon. Rob Norris, Minister

Wynne Young, Deputy Minister

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Mary Ellen Wellsch, Acting Executive Director of Labour Planning and Policy

10. The committee adjourned its consideration of Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007.

11. It was moved by Mr. Allchurch:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. The committee adjourned at 8:01 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2008.

Viktor Kaczowski
Committee Clerk

Glen Hart
Committee Chair