

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Wednesday, April 23, 2008**

**MINUTE NO. 7**  
**6:00 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:**

Sandra Morin for Judy Junor (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. only)  
Nadine Wilson for Greg Ottenbreit (6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. only)  
Kevin Yates for Cam Broten (7:45 p.m. – adjournment)

**Other Members:** Lyle Stewart

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  
Pat Parenteau, Senior Policy Analyst

4. The Chair made the following ruling:

Mr. Yates, I note your point of order. Members have the ability to put their questions and take the time that they need to put their questions. I believe the same right extends to the minister in answering the questions. I'll ask the minister to continue with his comments.

5. The Chair made the following ruling:

Committee members, I would offer this: Marleau and Montpetit state on page 522 that, "Remarks directed specifically at another Member which question that Member's integrity, honesty or character are not in order."

And so I would direct that questions be put without impugning another member's integrity, that they deal with the Bill that we are considering. The members certainly have the right to take the time they need to frame their questions, and the minister — and if he so chooses — can call on his officials to frame their answer in the fashion that they so choose and the time that they would require.

6. The committee adjourned its consideration of Bill 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act.

7. The committee recessed from 8:32 p.m. until 8:46 p.m.
8. The committee considered Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007.

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9. The following document was tabled:

**HUS 7/26 Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment, and Labour:** Written submission entitled “Jurisdictional Comparison – Labour Relations”.

10. The committee adjourned its consideration of Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007.
11. It was moved by Mr. LeClerc:  
  
That this committee do now adjourn.  
  
The question being put, it was agreed to.
12. The committee adjourned at 10:31 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2008.

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Viktor Kaczkowski  
Committee Clerk

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Glen Hart  
Committee Chair