

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Thursday, April 24, 2008

MINUTE NO. 8
2:00 p.m. - Room 8

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

Substituted Members:

Andy Iwanchuk for Cam Broten
Sandra Morin for Judy Junor
Laura Ross for Greg Ottenbreit (evening only)
Jim Reiter for Doreen Eagles (evening only)

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

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

3. The following document was tabled:

HUS 8/26 Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment, and Labour: Written submission entitled “Table 1 Union Coverage by Jurisdiction, 2007”.

4. The Chair made the following statement:

Thank you, Mr. Iwanchuk. In fact Mr. Iwanchuk is correct that comments should be made to the Chair. When members are recognized, they can ask their questions and comments to the Chair. Committee members are not witnesses. It’s certainly appropriate for a committee member to make a statement on the issue that is before the committee, but it is not appropriate for . . . This is not the 75-minute debate, question and answer period, and so I would ask committee members to observe the appropriate decorum and rules of debate.

5. The committee recessed from 3:29 p.m. until 3:40 p.m.

6. The Chair made the following statement:

I would just remind the member that it is not appropriate to call someone a liar. The member may express that it is his belief that the third party was not presenting the facts as the member understood. But I would just caution all members just to be mindful of that when they are making their comments.

7. The committee resumed its consideration of Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007.
8. The committee adjourned its consideration of Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007.
9. The committee recessed from 5:01 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
10. The committee considered Bill 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act.

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11. The committee adjourned its consideration of Bill 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act.
12. It was moved by Mr. LeClerc:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.
13. The committee adjourned at 8:03 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Viktor Kaczkowski
Committee Clerk

Glen Hart
Committee Chair