

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Thursday, May 7, 2009

MINUTE NO. 25

11:22 a.m. – Room 8

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

Substituting Members

Trent Wotherspoon for Judy Junor

2. The committee considered Bill No. 89 – The Education Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 3) / Projet de loi n° 89 – Loi no 3 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Krawetz, Minister

Audrey Roadhouse, Deputy Minister

Helen Horsman, Assistant Deputy Minister

Darren McKee, Assistant Deputy Minister

Rosanne Glass, Executive Director, Policy, Evaluation and Legislative Services

Margaret Ball, Director, Education Finance and Facilities

Drew Johnston, Director, Policy, Evaluation and Legislative Services

Christina Stanford, Director, Education Finance and Facilities

Brenda Maximuik, Legislative Policy and Privacy Analyst, Policy, Evaluation and Legislative Services

Merv Woods, Crown Counsel, Ministry of Justice

Norm Magnin, Policy Director, Policy Development, Municipal Affairs

3. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 10, they were agreed to.
4. During consideration of clause 11, it was moved by Mr. Allchurch:

Clause 11 of the printed Bill

Article 11 du projet de loi dans sa version imprimée

Amend Clause 11 of the printed Bill:

Modifier l'article 11 du projet de loi dans sa version imprimée :

(a) in section 288 of *The Education Act, 1995*, as being enacted by Clause 11 of the printed Bill:

a) à l'article 288 de la *Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation*, que vise l'article 11 du projet de loi dans sa version imprimée :

(i) in subsection (1) by adding the following definition in alphabetical order:

(i) au paragraphe (1), par insertion, selon l'ordre alphabétique, de la définition suivante :

“ ‘property tier’ means a

« ‘niveau de biens’ Niveau

property tier that is:	qui à la fois :
(a) established by the Lieutenant Governor in Council within a property class; and	a) est établi par le lieutenant-gouverneur en conseil au sein d'une catégorie de biens;
(b) based on taxable assessment values; (« <i>niveau de biens</i> »);	b) est fonction des valeurs rattachées à l'assiette d'imposition. (" <i>property tier</i> ");
(ii) by striking out subsection (3) and substituting the following:	(ii) par suppression du paragraphe (3) et son remplacement par ce qui suit :
“(3) The rates to be determined pursuant to subsection (2) may differ:	« (3) Les taux à fixer en application du paragraphe (2) pourront varier selon qu'il s'agit :
(a) for different property classes;	a) de différentes catégories de biens;
(b) for different property tiers; and	b) de différents niveaux de biens;
(c) for school divisions located wholly or partly within the City of Lloydminster”;	c) de divisions scolaires sises complètement ou partiellement dans les limites de la City of Lloydminster »;
(iii) by striking out subsection (5) and substituting the following:	(iii) par suppression du paragraphe (5) et son remplacement par ce qui suit :
“(5) Subject to subsection (7), the rate for a taxation year determined pursuant to subsection (2) for a property class or property tier is the rate that must be levied in that taxation year on property in the property class or property tier of the taxable assessment of a school division”;	« (5) Sous réserve du paragraphe (7), le taux fixé en application du paragraphe (2) pour une année d'imposition et une certaine catégorie de biens ou un certain niveau de biens est le taux qui doit être appliqué au cours de cette année d'imposition aux biens de la catégorie de biens ou du niveau de biens de l'assiette d'imposition de la division scolaire »;

(iv) by striking out clause (7)(b) and substituting the following:

(iv) par suppression de l'alinéa (7)b) et son remplacement par ce qui suit :

“(b) not later than April 20 in each taxation year except in the case of the 2009 taxation year, and subject to any directive of the minister, determine the rate in mills to be levied, and, for that purpose, may determine a different rate:

« (b) sous réserve de directives ministérielles, détermine, au plus tard le 20 avril de chaque année d'imposition sauf pour l'année d'imposition 2009, le taux du millième à appliquer et, à cette fin, peut fixer un taux différent :

(i) for each property class;
and

(i) pour chaque catégorie de biens,

(ii) for each property tier”;
and

(ii) pour chaque niveau de biens »;

(b) in subsection 289(1) of *The Education Act, 1995*, as being enacted by Clause 11 of the printed Bill, by adding “except in the case of the 2009 taxation year and” before “except in the case of a newly established school division”.

b) au paragraphe 289(1) de la *Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation*, que vise l'article 11 du projet de loi dans sa version imprimée, par insertion de « sauf pour l'année d'imposition 2009 et » avant « sauf dans le cas d'une division scolaire nouvellement constituée ».

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

The question being put on clause 11 as amended, it was agreed to.

5. The questions being put on clauses 12 to 24, they were agreed to.

6. It was moved by Ms. Eagles:

That the committee report Bill No. 89 – The Education Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 3) / Projet de loi n° 89 – Loi no 3 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

7. The committee considered Bill No. 90 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Education Property Tax) Repeal and Amendment Act, 2009.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Krawetz, Minister
Audrey Roadhouse, Deputy Minister
Helen Horsman, Assistant Deputy Minister
Darren McKee, Assistant Deputy Minister
Rosanne Glass, Executive Director, Policy, Evaluation and Legislative Services
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Merv Woods, Crown Counsel, Ministry of Justice
Norm Magnin, Policy Director, Policy Development, Municipal Affairs

8. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 23, they were agreed to.

9. It was moved by Mr. Ottenbreit:

That the committee report Bill No. 90 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Education Property Tax) Repeal and Amendment Act, 2009 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

10. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Education.

11. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Education. On motion of Mr. Allchurch:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2010 the following sums:

For Education \$1,232,121,000

12. The committee adjourned at 1:10 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Kathy Burianyk
Committee Clerk

Glen Hart
Committee Chair