

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Monday, May 11, 2009

MINUTE NO. 26

3:00 p.m. – Room 8

1. **Present:** Glen Hart in the Chair and Members Denis Allchurch, Doreen Eagles, David Forbes*, Judy Junor, Serge LeClerc, Greg Ottenbreit, Frank Quennell* and Len Taylor*.

Substituting Members

David Forbes for Cam Broten (for consideration of Bill No. 63)

Frank Quennell for Cam Broten (for consideration of Bill No. 66)

Len Taylor for Cam Broten (for consideration of Bill No. 49 and Estimates for Health)

Other Members

Doyle Vermette

2. The following document was tabled:

HUS 21/26 – Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: Written submission regarding the Security Intelligence Officer training partnership between the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing and the Correctional Service of Canada, dated May 4, 2009.

3. The committee considered Bill No. 63 – The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Amendment Act, 2008.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister

Alan Hansen, Deputy Minister

Larry Chaykowski, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing

4. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 3, they were agreed to.
5. It was moved by Mr. Ottenbreit:

That the committee report Bill No. 63 – The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Amendment Act, 2008 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

6. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Social Services.
7. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Social Services. On motion of Mr. LeClerc:

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

For Social Services..... \$733,023,000

8. The committee recessed from 3:50 p.m. to 3:58 p.m.
9. The committee considered Bill No. 66 – The Witness Protection Act.

The following Corrections, Public Safety and Policing Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Darryl Hickie, Minister
Al Hilton, Deputy Minister
Mae Boa, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services
Murray Sawatsky, Executive Director, Policing Services
Jason Rumancik, Legislation Officer, Corporate Services

10. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 30, they were agreed to.
11. It was moved by Ms. Eagles:

That the committee report Bill No. 66 – The Witness Protection Act – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing.
13. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing. On motion of Mr. LeClerc:

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

For Corrections, Public Safety and Policing..... \$367,088,000

14. The committee recessed from 4:30 p.m. until 7:01 p.m.
15. The committee considered Bill No. 49 – The Ambulance Amendment Act, 2008.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Don McMorris, Minister
Dan Florizone, Deputy Minister of Health
Kari Harvey, Executive Director, Capital and Regional Services
Deb Jordan, Executive Director, Acute and Emergency Services
Melissa Kimens, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy and Governance Support
Duncan Fisher, Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister

16. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 13, they were agreed to.

17. It was moved by Mr. LeClerc:

That the committee report Bill No. 49 – The Ambulance Amendment Act, 2008 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

18. The committee recessed from 7:14 p.m. until 7:25 p.m.

19. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Health.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Don McMorris, Minister
Dan Florizone, Deputy Minister of Health
Louise Greenberg, Associate Deputy Minister
Gren Smith-Windsor, Associate Deputy Minister
Lauren Donnelly, Assistant Deputy Minister
Max Hendricks, Assistant Deputy Minister
Roger Carrier, Executive Director, Community Care
Brad Havervold, Executive Director, Medical Services
Kari Harvey, Executive Director, Capital and Regional Services
Deb Jordan, Executive Director, Acute and Emergency Services
Ron Knaus, Executive Director, Workforce Planning
Scott Livingstone, Executive Director, Health Information Solutions Centre
Donna Magnusson, Executive Director, Primary Health Services
Rick Trimp, Executive Director, Population Health
Ted Warawa, Executive Director, Financial Services
Kevin Wilson, Executive Director, Drug Plan and Extended Benefits
Heather Murray, Project Manager, Community Care
Duncan Fisher, Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister
Lauren Black, Assistant to the Deputy Minister

20. The committee recessed from 9:02 p.m. until 9:11 p.m.

21. The committee resumed consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Health.

22. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Health. On motion of Ms. Eagles:

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

For Health..... \$4,086,327,000

23. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

24. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour. On motion of Mr. LeClerc:

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

For Advanced Education, Employment and Labour..... \$840,067,000

25. The committee considered the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

26. The committee concluded its consideration of the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour. On motion of Mr. Ottenbreit:

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

Lending and Investing Activities

For Advanced Education, Employment and Labour..... \$41,500,000

27. It was moved by Mr. Allchurch:

That the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

28. It was moved by Mr. LeClerc:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

29. The committee adjourned at 10:00 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Kathy Burianyk
Committee Clerk

Glen Hart
Committee Chair