STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES Wednesday, June 17, 2009

MINUTE NO. 27 9:45 a.m. – Room 8

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

Substituting Members

Lyle Stewart for Joceline Schreimer

Other Members

Andy Iwanchuk, Warren McCall, Sandra Morin, Kevin Yates

2. The following document was tabled:

HUS 25/26 - Standing Committee on Human Services: Letter of resignation from Chair, Glen Hart, effective June 16, 2009, dated June 16, 2009.

3. The committee clerk presided over the election of a Chair. Mr. Ottenbreit was nominated for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Ms. Eagles:

That Greg Ottenbreit be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

4. The following documents were tabled:

HUS 22/26 – Ministry of Social Services: Answers to questions raised during consideration of Estimates during April 27, 2009 meeting, relating to the number of approved households on wait lists for each northern housing authority based on March 31, 2009 data, dated May 20, 2009.

HUS 23/26 – Standing Committee on Human Services: Steering Committee First Report, dated May 25, 2009.

HUS 24/26 - Standing Committee on Human Services: Letter of resignation from Deputy Chair, Judy Junor, effective June 15, 2009, dated June 15, 2009.

HUS 26/26 - **Ministry of Social Services**: Answers to questions raised during consideration of Estimates during April 27, 2009 meeting, relating to the number of approved households on wait lists for each northern housing authority based on data dating to 2004, dated June 10, 2009.

5. The committee considered the First Report of the Steering Committee. It was moved by Ms. Junor:

That the First Report of the Steering Committee be adopted.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

6. The Chair presided over the election of a Deputy Chair. Mr. Broten was nominated for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Ms. Eagles:

That Cam Broten be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

7. The committee considered Bill No. 80 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009. It was moved by Mr. Broten:

That the committee rooms be opened to all of the members of the public who wish to attend and who will observe the proper decorum of the Legislature.

A debate arising and the question being put, the motion was defeated.

8. It was moved by Mr. Broten:

That the Standing Committee on Human Services do now adjourn for the purpose of reconvening in the Legislative Chambers in ten minutes.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

9. It was moved by Mr. Broten:

That the Standing Committee on Human Services do now recess for the purpose of reconvening in a suitable location, subject to availability and that the clerk of committees be instructed to find such a location, and that the time of the reconvening be at the call of the Chair but shall be no later than tomorrow morning.

A debate arising and the question being put, the motion was defeated.

- 10. The committee recessed from 9:57 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- 11. The committee resumed consideration of Bill No. 80 The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009. It was moved by Mr. Broten:

That the Standing Committee on Human Services do now recess for the purpose of reconvening in the Legislative Chambers in thirty minutes.

A debate arising and the question being put, the motion was defeated.

- 12. A point of order was raised by Mr. Broten, stating it was not in order for the committee to disregard accommodating visitors in the committee room. The Chair ruled it was not a point of order, but rather, a point of debate.
- 13. It was moved by Mr. Broten:

That the remaining days of public hearing occur in the Legislative Chambers, or at a suitable location that allows any interested member of the public to attend in person.

A debate arising and the question being put, the motion was defeated.

- 14. The following document was tabled:
 - **HUS 27/26 General Contractors Association of Saskatchewan:** Submission for Public Hearings on Bill No. 80 The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009.
- 15. Mr. Terry Parker, Business Manager and Mr. Randy Nichols, President, representing the Saskatchewan Building and Construction Trades Council, addressed the committee and responded to questions. The following document was tabled:
 - **HUS 28/26 Saskatchewan Building and Construction Trades Council:** Submission for Public Hearings on Bill No. 80 The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009.
- 16. The committee recessed from 11:10 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.
- 17. The committee resumed consideration of Bill No. 80 The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009. Mr. Michael Fougere, President, representing the Saskatchewan Construction Association, addressed the committee and responded to questions. The following document was tabled:
 - **HUS 29/26 Saskatchewan Construction Association:** Submission for Public Hearings on Bill No. 80 The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009.
- 18. The committee recessed from 12:02 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 19. The committee resumed consideration of Bill No. 80 The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009. Mr. Alan Thomorat, representing the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, addressed the committee and responded to questions. The following document was tabled:
 - **HUS 30/26 Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:** Submission for Public Hearings on Bill No. 80 The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009.
- 20. The committee recessed from 1:34 p.m. to 1:39 p.m.
- 21. The committee resumed consideration of Bill No. 80 The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009. Mr. Alan Thomorat, representing the Canadian Home Builders Association, Saskatchewan, addressed the committee and responded to questions. The following document was tabled:
 - **HUS 31/26 Canadian Home Builders Association, Saskatchewan:** Submission for Public Hearings on Bill No. 80 The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009.
- 22. The committee recessed from 2:20 p.m. to 2:28 p.m.
- 23. The committee resumed consideration of Bill No. 80 The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009. Ms Karen Low, Executive Director (incoming); Ms. Hilda Szabo, Executive Director (outgoing); Mr. Harley Friesen, Chairman, Board of Directors; and Mr. Drew Tiefenbach, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, representing Merit Contractors Association of Saskatchewan, addressed the committee and responded to questions. The following document was tabled:

HUS 32/26 - Merit Contractors Association of Saskatchewan: Submission for Public Hearings on Bill No. 80 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009.

- 24. The committee recessed from 3:10 p.m. to 3:18 p.m.
- 25. The committee resumed consideration of Bill No. 80 The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009. Mr. Co Vanderlaan, Executive Director; Mr. Danny Daoust, President; Mr. Hardy Lange Van Ravenswaay, Regional Director; and Mr. Bob Cochrane, Treasurer, representing the Progressive Contractors Association of Canada, addressed the committee and responded to questions. The following document was tabled:

HUS 33/26 - Progressive Contractors Association of Canada: Submission for Public Hearings on Bill No. 80 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009.

26. The committee adjourned at 4:14 p.m. until Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Kathy Burianyk	Greg Ottenbreit
Committee Clerk	Committee Chair