

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
April 6, 2005**

**MINUTE NO. 10  
3:00 p.m. - Chamber**

1. **Present:** Mr. Harper in the Chair and Members Allchurch, Draude, Huyghebaert, Morin, Trew and Yates\*.

**Substituting Member**

Mr. Yates for Mr. Sonntag

**Other Members**

Ms. Bakken, Mr. Weekes

2. The following documents were tabled during the intersessional period:

**IAI 2/25 – Department of Highways and Transportation:** Response to question raised at the November 28, 2004 meeting of the committee, re: Federal funding for transportation, dated February 18, 2005.

**IAI 3/25 – Department of Highways and Transportation:** Response to question raised at the November 28, 2004 meeting of the committee, re: Subsidized pay phones on remote roads, dated February 18, 2005.

**IAI 4/25 – Department of Highways and Transportation:** Response to question raised at the November 28, 2004 meeting of the committee, re: Great Western Railway loans, dated February 18, 2005.

**IAI 5/25 – Department of Highways and Transportation:** Response to question raised at the November 28, 2004 meeting of the committee, re: Roads south of Athabasca and overweight permits, dated February 18, 2005.

3. The Chair advised that the committee had received an Order of the Assembly, dated April 4, 2005, to consider and report back on the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the following departments and agencies:

Vote 25	First Nations and Métis Relations
Vote 16, 17, 145	Highways and Transportation
Vote 75, 163	Northern Affairs
Vote 43, 144	Rural Development

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

That Ms. June Draude be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

The question being put, the motion was carried.

5. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

The following Department of Highways and Transportation Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Maynard Sonntag, Minister  
John Law, Deputy Minister  
Terry Schmidt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations  
George Stamatinos, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Planning  
Cathy Lynn Borbely, Acting Director, Corporate Support

6. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.
7. The committee considered the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Northern Affairs.

The following Department of Northern Affairs Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Buckley Belanger, Minister  
Larry Steeves, Deputy Minister  
Glenn McKenzie, Assistant Deputy Minister  
Richard Turkheim, Executive Director, Resource Industry and Development

8. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Northern Affairs.
9. The committee adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Margaret A. Woods  
Committee Clerk

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Ron Harper  
Committee Chair