## STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE March 19, 2007

## MINUTE NO. 41 3:00 p.m. – Chamber

1. **Present**: Mr. Harper in the Chair and Members Allchurch, Draude, Huyghebaert, Iwanchuk, Nilson\*, Prebble\*, Taylor and Trew.

# **Substituting Members**

Hon. Mr. Nilson for Hon. Mr. Taylor (from 7:00 p.m. to 9:06 p.m. only) Mr. Prebble for Mr. Iwanchuk (from 9:00 p.m. to 9:06 p.m. only)

#### **Other Members**

Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Hermanson, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Weekes

2. The committee resumed consideration of the 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. Eldon Lautermilch, Minister
John Law, Deputy Minister
Terry Schmidt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations Division
George Stamatinos, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Programs Division
Ted Stobbs, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Division
Tim Kealey, Director, Corporate Support Branch

3. On motion of Mr. Trew:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2007, the following sum:

For Highways and Transportation .......\$4,400,000

4. The committee began consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Department of Justice.

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

## Witnesses

Hon. Frank Quennell, Minister

Keith Laxdal, Associate Deputy Minister, Finance and Administration

Rod Crook, Assistant Deputy Minister, Courts and Civil Justice

Susan Amrud, Executive Director, Public Law

Murray Brown, Executive Director, Public Prosecutions

Linda Bogard, Executive Director, Court Services

Gerald Tegart, Executive Director, Civil Law

Rick Mulrooney, Director, Law Enforcement Services

Gord Sisson, Director, Administrative Services

Pat Thiele, Director, Victim Services

Kylie Head, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

5. On motion of Mr. Trew:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2007, the following sum:

6. The committee considered its Seventh Report of the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislature. It was then moved by Ms. Draude:

That the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on the Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

- 7. The committee recessed from 4:18 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- 8. The committee considered Bill No. 11 The International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act / Loi sur les garanties internationales portant sur des matériels d'équipement aéronautiques mobiles.

The following Department of Justice Minister and official appeared before the committee and answered questions:

### Witnesses

Hon. Frank Quennell, Minister

Darcy McGovern, Crown Counsel, Legislative Services

- 9. The question being put on clauses 1 to 9, they were agreed to.
- 10. It was moved by Mr. Trew:

That the committee report Bill No. 11 – The International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act / Loi sur les garanties internationales portant sur des matériels d'équipement aéronautiques mobiles – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. The committee considered Bill No. 18 – The Court Security Act.

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

### Witnesses

Hon. Frank Quennell, Minister

Darcy McGovern, Crown Counsel, Legislative Services

Maria Markatos, Crown Counsel, Civil Law

Sharon Pratchler, Registrar, Court of Queen's Bench and Provincial Court

12. The question being put on clauses 1 to 13, they were agreed to.

13. It was moved by Mr. Trew:

That the committee report Bill No. 18 – The Court Security Act – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

14. The committee considered Bill No. 22 – The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2006.

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

### Witnesses

Hon. Frank Quennell, Minister Susan Amrud, Executive Director, Public Law Shannon Carson, Crown Counsel, Civil Law

- 15. The question being put on clauses 1 to 8, they were agreed to.
- 16. During consideration of clause 9, it was moved by Mr. Trew:

Strike out clause 9 of the printed Bill and substitute the following:

### "Coming into force

- 9(1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act comes into force on assent.
- (2) Section 5 of this Act comes into force on assent but is retroactive and is deemed to have been in force on and from December 31, 2006".

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 9 as amended, it was agreed to.

17. It was moved by Mr. Trew:

That the committee report Bill No. 22 – The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2006 – as amended.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

18. It was moved by Mr. Morgan:

That the committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

19. The committee adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk
Committee Chair