

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE
Monday, April 15, 2024

MINUTE NO. 30
3:28 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Terry Dennis in the chair and members Jennifer Bowes,* Todd Goudy, Gary Grewal, Travis Keisig, Blaine McLeod, Betty Nippi-Albright,* Nicole Sarauer, and Nathaniel Teed.*

Substituting Members

Jennifer Bowes for Nicole Sarauer (3:28 p.m. – 6:01 p.m.)

Betty Nippi-Albright for Erika Ritchie (5:03 p.m. – 6:01 p.m.)

Nathaniel Teed for Erika Ritchie (3:28 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 6:28 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.)

2. Pursuant to rule 148(1) the following estimates and supplementary estimates no. 2 were committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice on March 28, 2024 and March 20, 2024 respectively:

2024–25 Estimates

Vote 73	Corrections, Policing and Public Safety
Vote 92	Firearms Secretariat
Vote 30	Government Relations
Vote 3	Justice and Attorney General
Vote 27	Parks, Culture and Sport
Vote 88	Tourism Saskatchewan

2023–24 Supplementary Estimates No. 2

Vote 73	Corrections, Policing and Public Safety
Vote 30	Government Relations
Vote 3	Justice and Attorney General
Vote 27	Parks, Culture and Sport

3. The committee considered the estimates and supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport.

The Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Laura Ross, Minister

Twyla MacDougall, Deputy Minister

Dan French, Assistant Deputy Minister, Stewardship

Paul Johnson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Parks

Pam Herbert, Executive Director, Strategic and Corporate Services

Tracy Morey, Executive Director, Sport, Culture, and Recreation

Jessica Jackson, Director, Corporate Services

4. The committee recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 5:03 p.m.

5. The committee resumed consideration of the estimates and supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport.

The Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Laura Ross, Minister
Twyla MacDougall, Deputy Minister
Bernadet Hamill, Executive Director, Status of Women Office
Pam Herbert, Executive Director, Strategic and Corporate Services

6. The committee adjourned consideration of the estimates and supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport.
7. The committee recessed from 6:01 p.m. until 6:28 p.m.
8. The committee considered the estimates and supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.

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

Witnesses

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General
Hon. Bronwyn Eyre, Minister
Dennis Cooley, Deputy Minister
Max Bilson, Deputy Attorney General
Kylie Head, Assistant Deputy Minister, Justice Services and Tribunals
Rory Jensen, Assistant Deputy Minister, Courts and Community Justice
Elizabeth Hilts, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Public Prosecutions
Gina Alexander, Executive Director, Community Safety and Well-Being
Noel Busse, Executive Director, Communications
Darcy McGovern, Executive Director, Legislative Services
Lionel McNabb, Executive Director, Family Justice Services
Dan Dierker, Director, Financial and Resource Planning
Legal Aid Saskatchewan
Jayne Mallin, Chief Executive Officer

9. The committee adjourned consideration of the estimates and supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.
10. The committee recessed from 8:33 p.m. until 8:40 p.m.
11. The committee considered Bill No. 149, *The Franchise Disclosure Act*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Bronwyn Eyre, Minister
Darcy McGovern, Executive Director, Legislative Services
Maria Markatos, Senior Crown Counsel, Legislative Services

12. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 6, they were agreed to.

13. During consideration of clause 7, it was moved by Mr. McLeod:

Amend subsection (2) of Clause 7 of the printed Bill by striking out “fails to provide the disclosure document within those 2 years” and substituting “never provided a disclosure document”.

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

The question being put on clause 7 as amended, it was agreed to.

14. The questions being put on clauses 8 to 17, they were agreed to.

15. It was moved by Mr. Keisig:

That the committee report Bill No. 149, *The Franchise Disclosure Act* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

16. The committee considered Bill No. 150, *The Securities (Saskatchewan Investors Protection) Amendment Act, 2023*.

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

Witnesses

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General
Hon. Bronwyn Eyre, Minister
Neil Karkut, Senior Crown Counsel
Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority
Dean Murrison, Executive Director, Securities
Mobolanle Depo-Fajumo, Legal Counsel

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

18. During consideration of clause 14, it was moved by Mr. McLeod:

Amend Clause 14 of the printed Bill by adding the following clause after clause (b):

“(c) by adding the following clause after clause (dd.1):

(dd.11) respecting circumstances in which a person or company is not liable, or defences a plaintiff or defendant may have, in any action or proceeding pursuant to the common law, a statute or otherwise, with respect to any information disclosed or omitted to be disclosed in compliance with or intended compliance with this Act or the regulations, including but not limited to climate-related disclosure”.

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

The question being put on clause 14 as amended, it was agreed to.

19. The questions being put on clauses 15 and 16, they were agreed to.

20. It was moved by Mr. Goudy:

That the committee report Bill No. 150, *The Securities (Saskatchewan Investors Protection) Amendment Act, 2023* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

21. The committee considered Bill No. 152, *The Protection From Human Trafficking (Coerced Debts) Amendment Act, 2023*.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Bronwyn Eyre, Minister
Darcy McGovern, Executive Director, Legislative Services
Kara Moen, Crown Counsel, Legislative Services

22. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 4, they were agreed to.

23. During consideration of clause 5, it was moved by Mr. McLeod:

Amend Clause 5 of the printed Bill:

(a) by adding the following section after section 19.2:

“Prohibition on collection of debts

19.21 Notwithstanding any other Act, no person or entity shall, through any means whatsoever, knowingly collect or attempt to collect a coerced debt”; and

(b) by striking out section 19.3 and substituting the following:

“Certificate to verify coerced debt

19.3(1) A victim may apply for a certificate to verify a coerced debt pursuant to section 12.41 of *The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Act*.

(2) A certificate obtained by a victim pursuant to section 12.41 of *The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Act* that is provided to a credit reporting agency, creditor, person or entity constitutes proof of a coerced debt”.

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

The question being put on clause 5 as amended, it was agreed to.

24. The questions being put on clauses 6 to 9, they were agreed to.

25. It was moved by Mr. Grewal:

That the committee report Bill No. 152, *The Protection From Human Trafficking (Coerced Debts) Amendment Act, 2023* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

26. It was moved by Ms. Sarauer:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

27. The committee adjourned at 9:30 p.m. until Monday, April 22, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

Anne Drake
Committee Clerk

Terry Dennis
Chair