

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE**  
**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

**MINUTE NO. 22**  
**3:32 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)**

1. **Present:** Terry Dennis in the chair and members Gary Grewal, Travis Keisig, Lisa Lambert, Tim McLeod, Greg Ottenbreit, and Nicole Sarauer.\*

**Substituting Members**

Nicole Sarauer for Erika Ritchie

2. Pursuant to rule 148(1) the following estimates and supplementary estimates were committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice on March 30, 2023 and March 22, 2023 respectively:

2023–24 Estimates:

Vote 73	Corrections, Policing and Public Safety
Vote 92	Firearms Secretariat
Vote 30	Government Relations
Vote 91	Integrated Justice Services
Vote 3	Justice and Attorney General
Vote 27	Parks, Culture and Sport
Vote 88	Tourism Saskatchewan

2022–23 Supplementary Estimates No. 2:

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

3. The committee considered Bill No. 117, *The Saskatchewan Firearms Act*.

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

Witnesses

Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety

Hon. Christine Tell, Minister

Robert Freberg, Chief Firearms Officer

Blaine Beavan, Senior Legal Counsel, Saskatchewan Firearms Office

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

Neil Karkut, Senior Crown Counsel

4. The questions being put on clauses 1-1 to 3-19, they were agreed to.

5. During consideration of clause 4-1, it was moved by Mr. Keisig:

Amend Clause 4-1 of the printed Bill:

(a) in subsection (1) in the portion of the definition of “**seizure agent**” preceding clause (a) by adding “, including an officer or constable of any police service or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police,” after “person”; and

(b) in subsection (2) by striking out clause (d).

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

The question being put on clause 4-1 as amended, it was agreed to.

6. The questions being put on clauses 4-2 to 4-29, they were agreed to.
7. During consideration of clause 5-1, it was moved by Mr. Keisig:

Amend Clause 5-1 of the printed Bill by adding the following definitions in alphabetical order:

“**firearm**” includes ammunition;

“**seizure**” includes the taking of a firearm pursuant to a specified law, whether or not the firearm is provided voluntarily by the owner”.

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

The question being put on clause 5-1 as amended, it was agreed to.

8. The question being put on clause 5-2, it was agreed to.
9. During consideration of clause 5-3, it was moved by Mr. Keisig:

Amend Clause 5-3 of the printed Bill:

(a) by renumbering it as subsection 5-3(1); and

(b) by adding the following subsection after subsection (1):

“(2) No person who seizes a firearm from an owner pursuant to or for the purposes of enforcing a specified law shall destroy or deactivate the firearm until the person has provided the owner full compensation for the fair market value of the firearm in accordance with this Division”.

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

The question being put on clause 5-3 as amended, it was agreed to.

10. The questions being put on clauses 5-4 to 6-9, they were agreed to.

11. It was moved by Mr Keisig:

Add the following Clause after Clause 4-25 of the printed Bill:

**“Non-application of sections 4-23 to 4-25**

**4-26** Sections 4-23 to 4-25 do not apply to a seizure agent who is acting as an officer or constable of any police service or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police”.

The question being put on new clause 4-26, it was agreed to.

12. It was moved by Mr. Keisig:

Add the following Clause after Clause 5-12 of the printed Bill:

**“DIVISION 4**  
**Offences pursuant to Part**

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**5-13(1)** Any person who contravenes any provision of this Part or any regulations made with respect to this Part is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to:

(a) a fine of not more than \$20,000 for an individual and not more than \$100,000 for a corporation;

(b) imprisonment for a term of not more than 6 months; or

(c) both the fine and imprisonment.

(2) If a corporation commits an offence pursuant to this Part or any regulations made with respect to this Part, any officer or director of the corporation who directed, authorized, assented to, acquiesced in or participated in the commission of the offence is guilty of the offence and liable on conviction to the penalties provided by this Part, whether or not the corporation has been prosecuted or convicted”.

The question being put on new clause 5-13, it was agreed to.

13. It was moved by Mr. Keisig:

Add the following Clause after Clause 6-6 of the printed Bill:

**“Police enforcement**

**6-7** Parts 4 and 5 apply to officers or constables of any police service, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

(a) only with respect to the enforcement of a specified law as defined in section 4-1; and

(b) not with respect to the enforcement of any other law during the officer’s or constable’s normal course of duties”.

The question being put on new clause 6-7, it was agreed to.

14. It was moved by Mr. Grewal:

That the committee report Bill No. 117, *The Saskatchewan Firearms Act* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The committee considered Bill No. 98, *The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency Amendment Act, 2022*.

The Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Christine Tell, Minister

Marlo Pritchard, President and Fire Commissioner

16. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 8, they were agreed to.

17. It was moved by Ms. Lambert:

That the committee report Bill No. 98, *The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency Amendment Act, 2022* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

18. The committee considered Bill No. 106, *The Police Amendment Act, 2022*.

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

Witnesses

Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety

Hon. Christine Tell, Minister

Dale Larsen, Deputy Minister.

Rob Cameron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policing and Community Safety Services

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

Neil Karkut, Senior Crown Counsel

19. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 8, they were agreed to.

20. It was moved by Mr. Ottenbreit:

That the committee report Bill No. 106, *The Police Amendment Act, 2022* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

21. The committee considered Bill No. 107, *The Provincial Protective Services Act*.

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

Witnesses

Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety

Hon. Christine Tell, Minister

Rob Cameron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policing and Community Safety Services

Jeff Rowden, Executive Director, Provincial Protective Services

Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

Neil Karkut, Senior Crown Counsel

22. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 11, they were agreed to.

23. It was moved by Mr. McLeod:

That the committee report Bill No. 107, *The Provincial Protective Services Act* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

24. It was moved by Mr. Keisig:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

25. The committee adjourned at 5:56 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Anne Drake  
Committee Clerk

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Terry Dennis  
Chair