

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE**

Monday, April 28, 2008

**MINUTE NO. 7
3:30 p.m. – Chamber**

1. **Present:** Delbert Kirsch in the Chair and Members Fred Bradshaw, Greg Brkich, Michael Chisholm, Deb Higgins, David Forbes*, Warren McCall*, Jim Reiter*, Joceline Schriemer and Trent Wotherspoon.

Substituting Members

David Forbes for Deb Higgins (for consideration of Bill No. 29)

Warren McCall for Trent Wotherspoon (for consideration of Estimates for the Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations)

Jim Reiter for Joceline Schriemer (for consideration of Bill No. 29)

Other Members

Pat Atkinson, Buckley Belanger, Darcy Furber, Len Taylor

2. The committee considered Estimates for the Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations.

The following Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. June Draude, Minister

Ron Crowe, Acting Deputy Minister

John Reid, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister

Trisha Delormier-Hill, Executive Director, Lands and Resources

Anita Jones, Executive Director, Northern Economic Programs and Policies

Giselle Marcotte, Acting Executive Director, Aboriginal Policy and Operations

Richard Turkheim, Executive Director, Northern Resource and Industry Development

James Froh, Director, Consultation

Kerry Gray, Acting Director, Finance and Corporate Services

Mark La Rocque, Acting Director, Strategic Planning and Policy

Jennifer Brass, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

3. The following document was tabled:

IAJ 3/26 Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations: New Initiatives / Enhancements (2008-09 Budget).

4. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations.
5. The committee considered Bill No. 33 – The Active Families Benefit Act.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Christine Tell, Minister

Van Isman, Deputy Minister

Susan Hetu, Acting Executive Director, Culture and Heritage Division

6. The committee adjourned consideration of Bill No. 33 – The Active Families Benefit Act.
7. The committee recessed from 5:06 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
8. The committee considered Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008 / Projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation.

The following Ministry of Education Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Ken Krawetz, Minister
Audrey Roadhouse, Deputy Minister
Helen Horsman, Assistant Deputy Minister
Elaine Caswell, Director, Children's Services
Frances Bast, Special Projects
Drew Johnston, Manager, Legislative Services and Privacy

9. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 14, they were agreed to.
10. It was moved by Mr. Chisholm:

That the committee report Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008 / Projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. It was moved by Ms. Higgins:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. The committee adjourned at 7:29 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Margaret Woods
Committee Clerk

Delbert Kirsch
Committee Chair