

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE
Monday, December 1, 2008**

**MINUTE NO. 13
3:08 p.m. – Chamber**

1. **Present:** Delbert Kirsch in the Chair and Members Fred Bradshaw, Greg Brkich, Michael Chisholm, David Forbes*, Joceline Schriemer and Doyle Vermette*.

Substituting Members:

David Forbes for Deb Higgins

Doyle Vermette for Trent Wotherspoon

Other Member:

Frank Quennell

2. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of First Nations and Métis Relations. On motion of Ms. Schriemer:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009 the following sum:

For First Nations and Métis Relations\$19,643,000

3. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General. On motion of Mr. Brkich:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009 the following sum:

For Justice and Attorney General\$3,455,000

4. It was moved by Mr. Brkich:

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

The question being put, it was agreed to.

5. The committee considered Bill No. 42 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2008.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Don Morgan, Minister

Susan C. Amrud, Executive Director Public Law Division

Jayne Krueger, Senior Crown Counsel, Legislative Services

Barbara Shourounis, Director of the Securities Division, Saskatchewan Financial Services
Commission

6. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 36, they were agreed to.
7. It was moved by Mr. Chisholm:

That the committee report Bill No. 42 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2008 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

8. The committee considered Bill No. 62 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2008.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Don Morgan, Minister

Susan C. Amrud, Executive Director Public Law Division

Mary Ellen Wellsch, Senior Crown Counsel, Legislative Services

Andrea Jorde, Deputy Director of Residential Tenancies

9. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.
10. During consideration of clause 6, it was moved by Mr. Chisholm:

Strike out Clause 6 of the printed Bill and substitute the following:

6(1) Subsection 54(1) is repealed and the following substituted:

“(1) Subject to subsection (1.1), a landlord must give a tenant written notice of a rent increase for a periodic tenancy at least six months before the effective date of the increase.

“(1.1) A landlord shall not give a written notice of a rent increase pursuant to this section until at least six months have passed since the later of:

- (a) the date that the tenant is entitled to occupy the rental unit; and
- (b) the date of the last rent increase”.

(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 54(5):

“(6) This section does not apply to rent increases made by a non-profit corporation”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 6 as amended, it was agreed to.

11. The questions being put on clauses 7 to 13, they were agreed to.

12. It was moved by Mr. Brkich:

That the committee report Bill No. 62 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2008 with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

13. The committee recessed from 4:27 p.m. until 4:35 p.m.

14. The committee considered Bill No. 64 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2).

The following Municipal Affairs Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Bill Hutchinson, Minister
Maryellen Carlson, Assistant Deputy Minister
John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development
Elissa Aitken, Policy and Legislation Manager
Norm Magnin, Policy Manager
Carla Bing-Wo, Senior Policy Analyst

15. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 7, they were agreed to.

16. During consideration of clause 8, it was moved by Mr. Chisholm:

Strike out clauses 259.2(1)(r) and (s) of *The Northern Municipalities Act*, as being enacted by Clause 8 of the printed Bill, and substitute the following:

(r) buildings situated on a parcel of land where the agricultural operation of the land and any other land used or occupied in connection with the buildings constitutes the occupant's chief source of income;

(s) buildings, other than a residence, used solely in connection with the agricultural operation of land;

(t) buildings used in connection with the agricultural operation of land that are not exempt pursuant to clause (r) or (s), but the exemption from taxation of those buildings is limited to the amount of the assessed value of the buildings that is equal to the assessed value of all the land owned by the occupant within the northern municipality and used by him or her for agricultural purposes;

(u) unoccupied farmstead buildings situated on land that is agricultural in use;

(v) property of a person, society or organization that is:

(i) exempt from taxation pursuant to this or any other Act; and

(ii) occupied by another person, society or organization whose property is exempt from taxation pursuant to this or any other Act;

(w) property that:

(i) is specially exempted by law from taxation while used by a person for the purposes specified in the Act that conferred the exemption;

(ii) ceases to be used for those purposes by the person; and

(iii) is leased and used, in whole or in part, by a person who would not be taxable with respect to the property if he or she were the owner of the property.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 8 as amended, it was agreed to.

17. The questions being put on clauses 9 to 12, they were agreed to.

18. It was moved by Mr. Brkich:

That the committee report Bill No. 64 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

19. It was moved by Mr. Chisholm:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

20. The committee adjourned at 5:03 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Iris Lang
Committee Clerk

Delbert Kirsch
Committee Chair