

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE
Monday, March 30, 2009**

**MINUTE NO. 15
3:00 p.m. – Chamber**

1. **Present:** Deb Higgins in the Chair and Members Fred Bradshaw, Greg Brkich, Michael Chisholm, David Forbes*, Tim McMillan*, Laura Ross* and Trent Wotherspoon.

Substituting Members

David Forbes for Trent Wotherspoon (for consideration of Estimates for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs)

Tim McMillan for Delbert Kirsch

Laura Ross for Joceline Schriemer

Other Members

Buckley Belanger, John Nilson, Frank Quennell, Len Taylor, Doyle Vermette

2. The Acting Chair advised the committee that, pursuant to Rule 146(1), the Estimates for the following ministries and agencies were deemed referred to the committee on March 26, 2009:

Vote 25, 163	First Nations and Métis Relations
Vote 81	Intergovernmental Affairs
Vote 3	Justice and Attorney General
Vote 30	Municipal Affairs
Vote 27	Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport

3. The committee considered Estimates for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Bill Hutchinson, Minister

Terry Coleman, Deputy Minister

Maryellen Carlson, Assistant Deputy Minister

Wanda Lamberti, Executive Director, Central Management Services

Russ Krywulak, Executive Director, Grants Administration and Financial Management

John Edwards, Executive Director, Policy Development

Kathy Rintoul, Director, New Deal Secretariat

4. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.
5. The committee recessed from 5:02 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
6. The committee considered Estimates for the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Don Morgan, Minister
Doug Moen, Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General
Rod Crook, Assistant Deputy Minister, Regulatory Services
Ken Acton, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Courts and Civil Justice
Lee Anne Schienbein, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Justice
Gord Sisson, Executive Director, Corporate Services
Susan Amrud, Executive Director, Public Law Division
Daryl Rayner, Executive Director, Public Prosecutions
Jan Turner, Executive Director, Community Justice Division
Ray Petrich, Crown Counsel, Civil Law Division
Dave Gullickson, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy, Planning & Evaluation
Lionel McNabb, Director, Family Justice Services
Jeff Markewich, Director of Assurance and Financial Reporting
Dave Wild, Chair, Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission

7. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.
8. The committee considered Bill No. 52 – The Trustee Act, 2008.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Don Morgan, Minister
Madeleine Robertson, Senior Crown Counsel, Legislative Services
Maria Markatos, Crown Counsel, Legislative Services

9. The question being put on clause 1 to 71, they were agreed to. It was moved by Mr. Chisholm

That the committee report Bill No. 52 – The Trustee Act, 2008 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

10. The committee considered Bill No. 56 – The Trustee Consequential Amendment Act, 2008/ Loi de 2008 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Trustee Act, 2008.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Don Morgan, Minister
Madeleine Robertson, Senior Crown Counsel, Legislative Services
Maria Markatos, Crown Counsel, Legislative Services

11. The question being put on clause 1 to 5, they were agreed to. It was moved by Mr. Brkich:

That the committee report Bill No. 56 – The Trustee Consequential Amendment Act, 2008/ Loi de 2008 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Trustee Act, 2008 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. The committee considered Bill No. 65 – The Seizure of Criminal Property Act, 2008.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Don Morgan, Minister

Darcy McGovern, Senior Crown Counsel, Legislative Services, Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

Gord Sisson, Executive Director of Corporate Services, Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

Dave Horn, Director of the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Investigation Unit, Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety

13. The question being put on clause 1 to 43, they were agreed to. It was moved by Mr. McMillan

That the committee report Bill No. 65 – The Seizure of Criminal Property Act, 2008 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

14. The committee considered Bill No. 74 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (English) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008.

The following Justice and Attorney General Minister and officials from various ministries appeared before the committee:

Witnesses

Hon. Don Morgan, Minister

Susan Amrud, Executive Director, Public Law Division

Catherine Benning, Senior Crown Counsel, Legislative Services, Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

Alan Syhlonyk, Executive Director, Policy Branch, Ministry of Agriculture

Abdul Jalil, Director, Agriculture Research, Ministry of Agriculture

Rick Peach, Director of Strategic Policy Development, Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing

Hal Sanders, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy and Resources

Earl Bourlon, Forest Standards Analyst, Ministry of Environment

Allan Laird, Legislative Analyst, Policy and Planning, Ministry of Health

Richard Murray, Executive Director, Policy and Planning, Information Technology Office

Jim Hall, Superintendent of Financial Institutions, Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission

15. The question being put on clause 1 to 18, they were agreed to. It was moved by Ms. Ross:

That the committee report Bill No. 74 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (English) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

16. The committee considered Bill No. 75 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Bilingual) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008/Loi corrective (lois biligues) de 2008.

The following Justice and Attorney General Minister and officials from various ministries appeared before the committee:

Witnesses

Hon. Don Morgan, Minister

Susan Amrud, Executive Director, Public Law Division

Catherine Benning, Senior Crown Counsel, Legislative Services, Ministry of Justice and Attorney General

Alan Syhlonyk, Executive Director, Policy Branch, Ministry of Agriculture

Abdul Jalil, Director, Agriculture Research, Ministry of Agriculture

Rick Peach, Director of Strategic Policy Development, Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing

Hal Sanders, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy and Resources

Earl Bourlon, Forest Standards Analyst, Ministry of Environment

Allan Laird, Legislative Analyst, Policy and Planning, Ministry of Health

Richard Murray, Executive Director, Policy and Planning, Information Technology Office

Jim Hall, Superintendent of Financial Institutions, Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission

17. The question being put on clause 1 to 7, they were agreed to. It was moved by Mr. Bradshaw:

That the committee report Bill No. 75 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Bilingual) Amendment and Repeal Act, 2008/Loi corrective (lois biligues) de 2008 – without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

18. The committee recessed from 9:00 p.m. until 9:12 p.m.

19. The committee considered Estimates for the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport.

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

Witnesses

S.P. (Van) Isman, Deputy Minister

Scott Langen, Assistant Deputy Minister

Susan Hetu, Executive Director, Culture and Heritage

Ken Dueck, Executive Director, Tourism Initiatives

Michael Roth, Assistant Manager, Corporate Services

Twyla MacDougall, President and Chief Executive Officer, Saskatchewan Communication Network

Lenora Toth, Acting Provincial Archivist, Saskatchewan Archives Board

20. The committee adjourned consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport.

21. It was moved by Mr. Brkich:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

22. The committee adjourned at 10:23 p.m. to the call of the chair.

Iris Lang
Committee Clerk

Deb Higgins
Committee Deputy Chair