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[Mr. Sucha in the chair]

**The Chair:** Good afternoon, everyone. I'd like to welcome members, staff, and guests to the meeting of the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future. I'd first like to recognize that this meeting is occurring on traditional land of Treaty 6.

My name is Graham Sucha. I'm the MLA for Calgary-Shaw and the committee chair. I'd ask that members and those joining the committee at the table introduce themselves for the record, starting with Member Carson, and then we will hear from those on the phone.

**Mr. Carson:** Thank you. Good afternoon. Jon Carson, MLA for Edmonton-Meadowlark.

**Mr. Dach:** Good afternoon. Lorne Dach, MLA for Edmonton-McClung.

**Mrs. Littlewood:** Good afternoon. Jessica Littlewood, representing the beautiful rural constituency of Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville.

**Ms McKittrick:** Bonjour. Annie McKittrick, MLA for Sherwood Park, replacing MLA Fitzpatrick from Lethbridge-East.

**Ms Sorensen:** Rhonda Sorensen, manager of corporate communications at the LAO.

**Dr. Amato:** Good afternoon. Sarah Amato, research officer.

**Dr. Massolin:** Hello. Philip Massolin, manager of research and committee services.

**Mr. Koenig:** Good afternoon. I'm Trafton Koenig with the Parliamentary Counsel office.

**Mr. Roth:** Good afternoon. Aaron Roth, committee clerk.

**The Chair:** Excellent. We'll hear from those on the phone, first from Mr. van Dijken.

**Mr. van Dijken:** Glenn van Dijken, MLA, Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock.

**Mr. Coolahan:** Craig Coolahan, MLA for Calgary-Klein.

**Mr. Schneider:** Dave Schneider, MLA, Little Bow.

**Mr. Clark:** Good afternoon. Greg Clark, MLA, Calgary-Elbow.

**Mr. Gotfried:** Richard Gotfried, MLA, Calgary-Fish Creek.

**Dr. Starke:** Good afternoon. Richard Starke, MLA, Vermilion-Lloydminster.

**Connolly:** Michael Connolly, MLA for Calgary-Hawkwood.

**Mr. Piquette:** Colin Piquette, MLA for Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater. Good afternoon.

**The Chair:** Excellent.

And, Mr. Taylor, if you'd like to introduce yourself for the record.

**Mr. Taylor:** Wes Taylor, MLA, Battle River-Wainwright.

**The Chair:** Excellent.

For the record I'd like to note that Ms McKittrick is substituting for Ms Fitzpatrick.

Before we turn to the business at hand, a few operational items. Please note that the microphones are operated by *Hansard*, and the committee proceedings are being live streamed on the Internet and broadcast on Alberta Assembly TV. Please set your cellphones and other devices to silent during the duration of the meeting.

We'll move to the next item. Are there any additions or changes to the agenda that members would like to propose?

**Mrs. Schreiner:** Excuse me, Chair.

**The Chair:** Yes, Mrs. Schreiner.

**Mrs. Schreiner:** I just wanted to introduce myself. This is MLA Kim Schreiner, Red Deer-North.

**The Chair:** My apologies. Sorry, Mrs. Schreiner.

Within the agenda any additions that members would like to make? All right. Seeing and hearing none, would a member move to approve today's meeting agenda? Moved by Mr. Dach that the March 29, 2018, meeting agenda of the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future be adopted as circulated. All those in favour, please say aye. All opposed? That motion is carried.

All right. Approval of the minutes. We have the minutes from our last meeting, September 19, 2017. Are there any errors or omissions to note? If not, would a member move adoption of the minutes, please? Moved by Member Carson that the minutes of the September 19, 2017, meeting of the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future be adopted as circulated. All those in favour, please say aye. All those opposed, please say no. Excellent. That motion is carried.

We'll move on to item 4, review of Bill 201, Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018. Going over the bill review process, hon. members, on March 19, 2018, the Legislative Assembly referred Bill 201, Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018, to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2. Standing Order 74.2 states:

(1) When a Bill is referred to a standing or special committee after first reading, the committee may conduct public hearings on the subject matter of the Bill and report its observations, opinions and recommendations with respect to the Bill to the Assembly.

(2) Upon the concurrence of a committee report that a Bill be proceeded with, the Bill shall be placed on the Order Paper for second reading.

As this is the first meeting of the committee to deal with the referral of Bill 201, the committee should consider today what steps it would like to take in order to fulfill the mandate of Standing Order 74.2.

I would like to invite Mr. Koenig, Parliamentary Counsel, to provide the committee with an overview of the process of reviewing bills under this standing order.

**Mr. Koenig:** All right. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'll be happy to make some brief comments about the process for a bill review. In this case, as has been noted, the Assembly passed a motion prior to second reading of Bill 201 asking for this committee to review the bill. As you've heard, according to that standing order, when a bill is referred after first reading but before second reading has been completed, the committee is authorized to conduct public hearings on the subject matter of the bill and report its observations, opinions, and recommendations to the Assembly. Really, what the committee is being asked to do in this case is to look generally at the scope and purpose of the bill, what would typically be debated

at second reading, the overarching direction of the bill as opposed to, you know, a bill review that would happen after second reading, which would be more focused on the particular provisions of an act or the drafting language.

The last comment I'd offer to the committee is that ultimately the committee will be making recommendations on what should happen to the bill, either that it proceed or not proceed, so to go back to the Assembly to continue on through the process or that it go no further. That is sort of the heart of what the committee is being asked to do.

**The Chair:** Excellent.

I'll open it up to any questions about the process of reviewing Bill 201.

Seeing and hearing none, we'll move on to the next step in the agenda, the invitation to Mr. W. Anderson, MLA, to make a presentation. Hon. members, it's common practice when a bill is referred to committee for review to invite a presentation from the sponsor. This will allow the committee to understand the reason why the member has introduced the bill and provide an opportunity for committee members to ask some in-depth questions.

Is there any discussion on the topic of inviting Mr. W. Anderson to make a presentation? MLA Dach.

**Mr. Dach:** Thank you, Chair. I'd like to first of all thank Mr. Anderson for his work so far on the bill, and I look forward to hearing more about his observations that led him to creating the bill and explaining some of the motivation behind it and the objectives he'd like to achieve as a result of the legislation should it be adopted. I would support a move to invite MLA Anderson to make a presentation to the committee at a later date, and I'd be willing to make a motion to that effect if that's in order.

**The Chair:** If you'd like to.

We can continue discussion if any other members have any comments. Are there any members on the phone who have any comments or questions? Go ahead, Mr. van Dijken.

**Mr. van Dijken:** I would second that motion.

**The Chair:** Okay. Fair enough.

MLA Dach, did you want to move your motion?

**Mr. Dach:** Certainly. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd like to move that the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future invite Mr. W. Anderson, MLA for Highwood, to make a presentation in regard to Bill 201, Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018, at the next meeting of the committee.

**The Chair:** Excellent.

I will open that motion for discussion. Are there any members on the phone who wish to have any questions or comments?

Seeing and hearing none, I will call the question. Mr. Roth, if you'd like to read it into the record.

**Mr. Roth:** Certainly, Mr. Chair. Moved by Mr. Dach that the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future invite Mr. W. Anderson, MLA for Highwood, to make a presentation in regard to Bill 201, Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018, at the next meeting of the committee.

**The Chair:** Okay. All those in favour, please say aye. All those opposed, please say no. Members on the phone? Excellent.

That motion is carried.

**2:40**

We'll move on to the next item on the agenda, invitation for technical briefings. As the committee is aware, committees have sought technical briefings from government departments responsible for administering relevant statutes under review. As Bill 201 seeks to amend the Employment Standards Code, the committee may wish to consider inviting the Ministry of Labour to provide a technical briefing to the committee on the code and the amendments being proposed, too.

I would like to invite any questions or comments from members on the possibility of inviting a technical briefing as part of our review. MLA Dach.

**Mr. Dach:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Once again, I'd like to thank research services for the work they do to support this committee and other committees of the Legislature. I certainly would like to obviously invite them to make a presentation to this committee with respect to this bill. There are a lot of complexities to it and potential repercussions, so technical briefings are quite appropriate. If it's in order and the will of the committee, I'd be prepared to move to request technical briefings from the Ministry of Labour.

**The Chair:** Did you want to open discussion, or did you want to move a motion?

**Mr. Dach:** Discussion is appropriate, I think.

**The Chair:** MLA Littlewood.

**Mrs. Littlewood:** Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to support that. I know that there can be different applications of the employment standards when it comes to full-time, part-time, casual, volunteer, so it makes sense to have the experts at the table to be able to tell us exactly how it currently is applying, now, so that we can understand what changes it would create.

Thank you.

**The Chair:** Excellent.

**Mr. Dach:** I'm just wondering if it's appropriate to have research services give us a brief overview of the types of technical briefings that are customarily requested for this type of review.

**The Chair:** Mr. Koenig or Dr. Massolin, do you wish to comment?

**Mr. Koenig:** It may be Dr. Massolin, I think, who better . . .

**Dr. Massolin:** I think, Mr. Chair, through you to Mr. Dach, that we'll deal with that item a little bit later on in the agenda. Under (e), additional research, I'll certainly go over that, but I think that at this point the committee is contemplating inviting technical presentations from the Ministry of Labour.

Thank you.

**Mr. Dach:** Very well. Thank you.

In that vein, therefore, I'd then like to simply make a motion if I may.

**The Chair:** Absolutely.

**Mr. Dach:** I move that the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future invite representatives from the Ministry of Labour to provide a technical briefing on the Employment Standards Code as it pertains to Bill 201 to a future committee meeting.

**The Chair:** Excellent. Did you want “future,” or would you ideally want the next one?

**Mr. Dach:** I would hope that it could be the next one. If that's indeed a possibility, why not?

**The Chair:** Are you just wordsmithing your motion? Just to make sure that that's within order, to make the word “future” be “next.”

**Mr. Dach:** Correct. Replace “a future” with “the next.”

**The Chair:** Excellent.

I will open that up for discussion. Any members on the phone? Seeing and hearing none, I will call the question on the motion. Mr. Roth, if you'd like to read it into the record.

**Mr. Roth:** Certainly, Mr. Chair. Moved by Mr. Dach that the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future invite representatives from the Ministry of Labour to provide a technical briefing on the Employment Standards Code as it pertains to matters dealt with in Bill 201, Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018, at the next committee meeting.

**The Chair:** Having heard the motion, all those in favour, please say aye. All those opposed, please say no. Those members on the phone? Excellent.

That motion is carried.

We'll move on to the next item on the agenda, discussion on consultation, the first section, stakeholders. Hon. members, during our other bill reviews committees have sought the input of stakeholders who would be impacted if it were passed into law. At this time I open up the floor for discussion on inviting stakeholders to provide feedback in relation to Bill 201. MLA Littlewood.

**Mrs. Littlewood:** Thank you, Chair. I mean, obviously, it's important to hear from different partners in the firefighting industry, whether it's full-time, part-time, casual, volunteer, to see how the legislation currently impacts them and see if they do in fact see a need for changes in regard to this amendment that has been referred to our committee. As well as those that interact with them, I think we should discuss, you know, inviting industry that utilizes those services. Chambers of commerce, I know, are partners in rural communities because they ensure that those businesses that depend on the service actually are encouraged to be members themselves or have their employees be members. Those are some of the people that I would suggest as well as, obviously, the Fire Chiefs Association, who, as I understand it from the Beaver Emergency Services Commission, are actually working on how they better incent volunteer firefighters to join the service.

If we could ask research services to prepare a draft stakeholder list based on some of that discussion for the next meeting and then go forward from there.

**The Chair:** Would you like to move a motion?

**Mrs. Littlewood:** Sure. I mean, I'm assuming that there's something that probably our clerk would be able to suggest just based on that.

**The Chair:** Yeah. We do have a motion. If this meets your intent, just let me know. Moved by MLA Littlewood that the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future direct research services to prepare a draft stakeholder list in regard to the committee's review of Bill 201, Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018, for the next meeting of the committee.

**Mrs. Littlewood:** Sure. Does that allow the ability to send suggestions that could be made in addition to that either through the clerk or through you, Chair?

**The Chair:** Absolutely. It would be very similar to other review processes that we've done in the past.

**Mrs. Littlewood:** Okay. Thank you. I'll make that motion, then.

**The Chair:** Excellent.

We have the motion on the floor. I'll open it up for discussion. I'll give opportunity for those on the phone to have the opportunity to speak.

Seeing and hearing none, are there any other members wishing to speak to the motion?

Seeing and hearing none, I will call the question. Mr. Roth, if you can read it in for the record.

**Mr. Roth:** Certainly, Mr. Chair. Moved by Mrs. Littlewood that the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future direct research services to prepare a draft stakeholder list in regard to the committee's review of Bill 201, Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018, for the next meeting of the committee.

**The Chair:** Excellent.

All those in favour, please say aye. All those opposed, please say no. On the phones?

That motion is carried.

As a note, if any members have any feedback or suggestions they'd wish to direct to research services, if you can send an e-mail through the committee clerk, then they can be sure to include those in the draft stakeholder list as well.

We'll move on to subsection (ii), public consultations. As members know, during some reviews of bills, committees have sought public input where there is a broad public interest involved. In other reviews, however, the committees have elected to hear first-hand from stakeholders and then make a determination on whether or not to invite further public input.

At this time I would open the floor to discussion on whether the committee wishes to invite public input on Bill 201 at this time. MLA Dach.

**Mr. Dach:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think that hearing from impacted stakeholders is a priority. What form that it takes: I think we'll be receiving direction from the committee on that. We definitely do want to make sure that the input is received by this committee before decisions are made. I'd like to hear from other committee members as to what type of public consultation they might contemplate so that we can move in a timely manner to address this legislation and make a decision.

**The Chair:** Excellent. Any other members wishing to speak? Members on the phones? Go ahead, Mr. Gottfried.

**Mr. Gottfried:** Thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you to the members. You know, I think that there's an opportunity here for us in consultation with the bill proponent to ensure that we address the stakeholders: obviously, the rural fire chiefs but also some of the administrations of the MDs and other areas that are responsible for some of the funding of this. I think it's fairly straightforward. I would hope that research services will take a look at sort of the ecosystem around this but also consulting. Obviously, the ministry will have some perspectives on the funding and financing and implications of that, but I think in balance we need to ensure that the communities that are affected and the individuals that are

affected by this are very much included in this and also that there's reasonably broad geographic representation of that. That would be my fairly broad direction and hope, that we would be able to achieve that.

Thank you.

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**The Chair:** Excellent. Thank you, Mr. Gotfried.  
MLA Dach.

**Mr. Dach:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. In that vein and following Mr. Gotfried's wise counsel, I'm wondering if it would be instructive to have this committee direct communications to prepare a draft communications plan for the next meeting. In fact, it wouldn't, I don't think, be out of order to make a motion to that effect.

**The Chair:** Yeah. You can go ahead.

**Mr. Dach:** Thank you, sir. I'd like to move that the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future direct Legislative Assembly Office communications to prepare a draft communications plan in support of the committee's review of Bill 201, Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018, for the next meeting of the committee.

**The Chair:** All right. I will open that up for discussion. Members on the phone?

Seeing and hearing none, I will call the question on the motion. Mr. Roth, if you can read it in for the record.

**Mr. Roth:** Certainly, Mr. Chair. Moved by Mr. Dach that the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future direct Legislative Assembly Office communications to prepare a draft communications plan in support of the committee's review of Bill 201, Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018, for the next meeting of the committee.

**The Chair:** Thank you.

Having heard the motion, all those in favour, please say aye. All those opposed, please say no. And on the phone. Excellent.

That motion is carried.

We'll now move on to section (e), additional research. Hon. members, as you know, the Legislative Assembly Office research services provides research supports and documentation to committees engaging in the types of reviews we have before us. At this time I would ask Dr. Massolin to provide the committee with some information on the types of support research services can provide us as we commence our review of Bill 201. Dr. Massolin.

**Dr. Massolin:** Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. My remarks will be brief because the committee has gone through this process whereby a bill has been referred to it in the past, most recently in Bill 203.

I'll reiterate that research services from the Legislative Assembly Office is available to this committee to provide research through the duration of the bill review of Bill 201. We've already been directed by the committee to prepare a draft stakeholders list. We can also of course assist the committee in preparing a draft final report to the Assembly. Another thing we can do – and perhaps this is relevant for discussion and perhaps decision today – is a crossjurisdictional comparison of Bill 201 with other either proposed legislation or legislation in other jurisdictions. We also provide other research support as the committee may desire.

Thank you.

**The Chair:** Excellent. We'll open that for questions. Ms McKittrick.

**Ms McKittrick:** Thank you, Chair. I appreciate the crossjurisdictional research, but I'm the MLA for an area where there are a lot of joint firefighting forces and where industry actually provides a great deal of firefighting support because, as you can well imagine, when you're an industry like a refinery or a tank, there's a huge, heavy amount of people who have jobs as firefighters but also have another job within the refinery. Those firefighting forces are being shared with municipalities in other areas. I would really be interested in also knowing how those things are shared and the implication of the bill for a place like the Industrial Heartland, where they are actually sharing their firefighters and probably the same thing around Wood Buffalo and so on. I think that might really impact some of the aspects of the bill.

**The Chair:** Excellent.

Do you wish to comment, Dr. Massolin?

**Dr. Massolin:** Yes. We can undertake to do something like that so long as it's, of course, a volunteer firefighter situation.

**Ms McKittrick:** It's just like they work for one, but because they are firefighters, they may end up working somewhere else as a volunteer or other arrangements which we're not aware of. I think it might really be helpful for us as we prepare to work on this bill to really understand some of those dynamics between how industries share with local communities.

**Dr. Massolin:** Right. Mr. Chair, through you to Ms McKittrick: just some of the employment implications of this and just the work arrangements and so forth?

**Ms McKittrick:** Yeah. I can speak to the area that myself and MLA Littlewood are in and some of the arrangements, but I think it's pretty common for huge industries to have those kinds of arrangements.

**Dr. Massolin:** Okay. Thank you.

**The Chair:** Excellent. Thank you.

Any other questions?

**Mrs. Schreiner:** Mr. Chair.

**The Chair:** Mrs. Schreiner, go ahead.

**Mrs. Schreiner:** Yes. I just wanted to say that I think it would be very helpful to have a crossjurisdictional comparison. I'd like to maybe move a motion in support of a crossjurisdictional comparison and how leave from work for volunteer firefighters and other volunteer first responders is handled in other provinces.

**The Chair:** MLA Schreiner, I have a draft motion. I can read it out to you, and if it meets your intent, let me know. It would be: moved by Mrs. Schreiner that the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future direct research services to prepare a crossjurisdictional comparison for its review of Bill 201, Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018, for the next meeting of the committee.

Does that meet your intent?

**Mrs. Schreiner:** Yes, it does. Thank you.

**The Chair:** Excellent.

So we have a motion on the floor. I'll open it up for discussion. Any members on the phone wish to comment?

**Mrs. Schreiner:** Mr. Chair, I just want to make sure. Sorry. Are we including the federal level for the crossjurisdictional? Maybe we should.

**The Chair:** Dr. Massolin.

**Dr. Massolin:** Thank you very much. We'll be looking to see if there are any implications in terms of federal legislation for sure, and we'll report back if we find anything.

**The Chair:** Any follow-up, Mrs. Schreiner?

**Mrs. Schreiner:** So the crossjurisdictional will include provincial and federal levels?

**The Chair:** Yeah. From what I'm gathering from research services, it will look into how this proposed legislation will apply to existing laws.

**Mrs. Schreiner:** Okay. And it will look at all emergency services as well, for example, like volunteer search and rescue and EMS?

**The Chair:** From what the wording of the proposed motion has, it would look at just the volunteer firefighting services at this moment.

**Mrs. Schreiner:** Would we be able to add other services?

**The Chair:** Mr. Koenig.

**Mr. Koenig:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. If it's helpful for the committee, I'll maybe just go back to the scope of the review. The review is with respect to Bill 201. In a general nature the committee's investigation needs to be within the sort of four corners of that bill. Of course, you've had a chance to see the bill. It is quite brief and deals with a really discrete area, and that is volunteer firefighters, so there is some capacity to make observations and to make inquiries by the committee into things that might be related to volunteer firefighting, but that would be generally sort of the scope or subject matter for the committee's review.

**3:00**

**Mr. Dach:** Just a quick thought I had in mind. I wanted to clarify and make sure we do have research look into it so that the committee is fully informed, depending upon where the scope of the bill actually ends up being defined, perhaps after listening to Mr. Anderson describe his motivation and intentions. I've been looking at the bill and its definitions under part-time firefighters. Under item 2(b) it says, "'Part-time firefighter' means a casual, volunteer or part-time member of a fire protection service of a municipality or Métis settlement." From my reading of it that may actually include somebody who is employed, not just volunteers, so I think we should have you take a look at implications there, where it may be asking for leave to be granted to part-time paid employees or casual paid employees as well as volunteers, as I read the bill.

Thank you.

**The Chair:** Thank you, Mr. Dach.

Any other members wishing to comment or have any additional questions?

Seeing and hearing none, I will call the question. Mr. Roth, if you can read the motion for the record.

**Mr. Roth:** Certainly, Mr. Chair. Moved by Mrs. Schreiner that the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future direct research services to prepare a crossjurisdictional comparison for its review of Bill 201, Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018, for the next meeting of the committee.

**Dr. Massolin:** Just as a clarification, by "the next meeting" I think the interpretation of that, of course, is not the next meeting of this committee for the purposes of considering the estimates, right? It's for the purposes of this review.

**The Chair:** Yeah.

**Dr. Massolin:** Thank you.

**The Chair:** Absolutely. I think that was the intent that all committee members had for the motion.

All those in favour, please say aye. All those opposed, please say no. And on the phones? Excellent.

That motion is carried.

Hon. members, we'll move on to other business. Before we begin, I would like to note for the record that the committee has received a request from the Alberta tourism industry coalition to make a presentation to the committee on April 10, 2018. This request was posted on the committee's internal website. As the committee will be engaged in main estimates considerations during the request time, the standing orders preclude it from meeting for any other reason during this time. The coalition has contacted me again asking about the possibility of making a presentation on May 30 and May 31. Standing Order 52.01 gives priority to the committee review of Bill 201 over any other hearings or inquiries. Although Motion 501 proposed to amend this standing order, the matter is still before the Assembly, and no decision has been made on this request. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank the Alberta tourism coalition for their interest, and I would note that we did encourage them to reach out to individual caucuses to meet with them as well.

Do any other committee members have any other business they'd like to raise during this time?

Seeing and hearing none, we will poll members. Well, the committee will be meeting for consideration of main estimates at its next meetings, starting April 5. With that being said, during the consideration of estimates we'll poll for the next meeting following the consideration of main estimates.

Would a member like to move to adjourn? Moved by Member Dach that the meeting of the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future be adjourned. All those in favour, please say aye. All those opposed, please say no. And on the phones?

Happy Easter, everyone. The meeting stands adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 3:04 p.m.]









