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Mr. Dan D'Autremont
Cannington

Mr. David Forbes
Saskatoon Centre

Hon. Jeremy Harrison
Meadow Lake

Mr. Warren McCall
Regina Elphinstone-Centre

Hon. Paul Merriman
Saskatoon Silverspring-Sutherland

[The board met at 10:43.]

The Deputy Speaker: — Good morning committee members. I'll call the committee to order. I'll start with the introduction of committee members. On my left we have Mr. David Forbes, a member from Saskatoon Centre; Mr. Warren McCall, member from Regina Elphinstone-Centre. On my right we have Mr. Dan D'Autremont, member from Cannington; Mr. Greg Brkich, a member from Arm River; the Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Trade and Export Development, among many other duties, and also member from Meadow Lake.

The first item on our agenda, the first item to deal with is the approval of the agenda. Is there a member . . . Mr. D'Autremont so moves. And Mr. Michelson . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Mr. McCall, sorry, seconds. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. The next item, now that we have our agenda approved, I would ask a member to move the approval of the minutes of the last meeting. Would a member so move? Mr. Brkich. Do we have a seconder? Mr. . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Mr. Forbes, sorry. Is the committee agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — The committee is agreed. Carried. You are who again? Sorry.

Okay, item no. 1 . . . Oh, okay. Well we're just going to try and keep the paperwork, the paper flow here orderly too.

[10:45]

Okay, item no. 1 is tabling of the third quarter financial report for 2017-18 for the Legislative Assembly Service of Saskatchewan. This item is tabled.

Okay, item no. 2, a decision item, the approval of the 2018-19 budget for the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. This budget was reviewed at our last meeting. There was one portion of the budget that was approved, and that was the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund proposal for the sum of \$250,000. That was approved.

The remaining budget is up for approval today. Are there any questions? The LAS [Legislative Assembly Service] staff made a presentation at last meeting and they are here this morning. Do any members have any questions with regard to the LAS budget? If not, I believe we have a number of motions that we need to deal with this morning. And, Mr. Harrison, are you prepared to move those motions?

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Well I'm prepared to move the first one most definitely, Mr. Chair. I would move:

That directive #21, annual indemnity and allowances section (9) be amended as follows:

“(9) Notwithstanding section (8), for fiscal year 2018-19, the annual change in the consumer price index

for Saskatchewan is deemed to be zero and the rates for annual indemnity and allowances as set out within this directive shall remain unchanged.”

The Deputy Speaker: — Mr. Harrison has moved. Do we have a seconder?

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Sorry, Mr. Speaker, in addition to that:

And that this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2018 and shall lapse on March 31, 2019 unless extended by the Board of Internal Economy.

I so move.

The Deputy Speaker: — Seconder? Mr. McCall. Are the members agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — That's carried. Mr. Harrison.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move:

That directive #3.1, MLA travel and living expenses 4(c) be amended by deleting the words “75% of”.

The Deputy Speaker: — Mr. Harrison has moved. Do we have a seconder?

Mr. McCall: — I second.

The Deputy Speaker: — Mr. McCall. Are members agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Mr. Chair, I move further:

That directive #6, constituency assistant expenses section (10) be amended as follows:

“(10) Notwithstanding section (8), the option to provide a lump sum bonus payment to a constituent assistant is suspended until March 31, 2019.”

And this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2018.

I so move.

The Deputy Speaker: — Mr. Harrison has moved. Do we have a seconder? Mr. Forbes. Are members agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. Mr. Harrison.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move:

That directive #4.1, constituency service expenses be amended as follows:

Clause 25 be replaced by the following:

“(25) Clause (4) shall be applied in the fiscal year 2018-19 and the term amount specified shall be decreased to a maximum of \$5,000 for the duration of the twenty-eighth legislature.”

And this amendment shall take effect on April 1, 2018 and shall lapse on March 31, 2019 unless extended by the Board of Internal Economy.

And the following clauses and internal references be re-numbered accordingly.

I so move.

The Deputy Speaker: — Mr. Harrison has moved. Do we have a seconder? Mr. Forbes, do you have a question?

Mr. Forbes: — No.

The Deputy Speaker: — You're seconding? Mr. Forbes seconds. Are the members agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. Mr. Harrison.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move:

That the 2018-19 expenditure estimates for vote 21, Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$27,876,000 as follows: budgetary to be voted, \$9,677,000; statutory, \$18,199,000.

That the 2018-19 revenue estimates for vote 21, Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$10,000 as follows: revenue to be voted \$10,000.

And further, that such estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

I so move.

The Deputy Speaker: — Mr. Harrison has moved. Do we have a seconder? Mr. McCall. Are the members agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — That's carried. Mr. Harrison, have you any more motions? So we have approved vote 21. Are there other comments or other issues that this committee needs to deal with at this time? If not, I'd invite a member to move adjournment. Mr. D'Autremont. Are members agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Speaker: — Carried. Thank you very much.

[The board adjourned at 10:51.]