



# **STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES**

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## **STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES**

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Hon. Jeremy Harrison  
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Mr. Greg Ottenbreit  
Yorkton

Mr. Doyle Vermette  
Cumberland

Mr. Randy Weekes  
Biggar

Mr. Gordon Wyant  
Saskatoon Northwest

[The committee met at 09:04.]

**The Chair:** — Good morning everyone. I'd like to call the first meeting of the House Services Committee together for the twenty-seventh legislature. Our first order of business is the agenda that has been placed before you. Is the membership ready to accept the agenda as presented?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried.

The first item on the agenda is the election of the Deputy Chair pursuant to rule 122(1). So I'd like to call for nominations now.

**Mr. Forbes:** — I nominate Warren McCall.

**The Chair:** — Okay. Thank you, Mr. Forbes. Any further nominations?

I guess one of the things I should do at the present time while we're getting this signed is to introduce all of the membership. We have Minister Harrison. We have Mr. Weekes, Mr. Wyant, Mr. Ottenbreit, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Forbes. And joining us as well is Mr. Doyle Vermette.

I recognize Mr. Forbes.

**Mr. Forbes:** — Thank you very much. I move:

That Mr. Warren McCall be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services.

**The Chair:** — Motion by Mr. Forbes:

That Mr. Warren McCall be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services.

All in agreement?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Well congratulations, Mr. McCall. Okay we'll move on to the second order of business, the establishment of a steering committee. The steering committee in the past has normally been made up of the Speaker, the Deputy Chair, and a member of the governing caucus. So if someone would like to move a motion to that effect and that the steering committee shall meet from time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the Chair to discuss issues of the committee.

**Mr. McCall:** — So moved.

**The Chair:** — I guess we would need a nomination from the government side as to who would be that member, that third member. I recognize Mr. Weekes.

**Mr. Weekes:** — I move Minister Harrison.

**The Chair:** — Okay. I recognize Mr. Weekes.

**Mr. Weekes:** — I move:

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for subsequent meetings, and the membership be comprised of Mr. Speaker, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Harrison.

And further, that the steering committee shall meet time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the Chair; that the presence of a majority of the members of the steering is necessary to constitute a meeting; and that substitutions from the membership of the Standing Committee on House Services Committee be permitted on the steering committee.

So move.

**The Chair:** — Okay. A motion by Mr. Weekes:

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for subsequent meetings, and that the membership be comprised of Mr. Speaker, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Harrison.

And further, that the steering committee shall meet time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the Chair; and that the presence of a majority of the members of the steering committee is necessary to constitute a meeting; and that substitutions for the membership of the Standing Committee on House Services Committee be permitted on the steering committee.

Any debate, discussion? All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Agreed. Carried.

We have a number of other issues that we need to discuss and should probably do that in camera. If I could have a motion from committee to move in camera at this time.

**Hon. Mr. Harrison:** — So moved.

**The Chair:** — Mr. Harrison has moved that the committee move in camera. All agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Agreed. Thank you.

[The committee continued in camera from 09:09 until 09:26.]

**The Chair:** — Okay, thank you. I'll now call the meeting back to order. Our first order of business will be a motion:

That the standing committees member ratio shall be six government members and one opposition member except for the Standing Committee on Privileges which shall be five government members and one opposition member.

Will somebody move that? Mr. Ottenbreit.

**Mr. Ottenbreit:** — Mr. Chair, I move:

That the standing committees member ratio shall be six government members and one opposition member except for the Standing Committee on Privileges which shall be five government members and one opposition member.

I so move.

**The Chair:** — Thank you. Will the members take the motion as read? Any discussion? All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Okay I would now like to table the list of membership for the standing committees. I have both the government caucus list and the opposition caucus list. I would so table. If a member would move the following motion:

That the list of members to serve on standing committees as tabled by the government and opposition caucuses be adopted and reported to the Assembly.

Is there a mover for this motion?

**Mr. Wyant:** — So moved.

**The Chair:** — Mr. Wyant.

**Mr. Wyant:** — I move:

That the list of members to serve on standing committees as tabled by the government and opposition caucuses be adopted and reported to the Assembly.

**The Chair:** — Will the members accept the motion as read?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Any discussion? All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Is there a member who is prepared to move the motion:

That the allocation schedule be adopted as per rule 138(3) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*?

**Mr. McCall:** — So moved.

**The Chair:** — Mr. McCall.

[09:30]

**Mr. McCall:** — I move:

That the allocation schedule be adopted as per rule 138(3) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*.

**The Chair:** — Will the members take the motion as read?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Call for a member to move a motion:

That a subcommittee of the Standing Committee on House Services consisting of the Speaker, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Harrison be appointed to study and make recommendations on revisions to the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*.

**Mr. Weekes:** — I so move.

**The Chair:** — Mr. Weekes.

**Mr. Weekes:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move:

That a subcommittee of the Standing Committee on House Services consisting of the Speaker, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Harrison be appointed to study and make recommendations on revisions to the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*.

I so move.

**The Chair:** — Will the members accept the motion as read?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Call on a member to move a motion:

That the draft first report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Mr. Harrison.

**Hon. Mr. Harrison:** — Mr. Speaker, I move:

That the draft first report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

**The Chair:** — Mr. Harrison has moved:

That the draft first report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Discussion? All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried.

And gentlemen, that concludes the agenda. If a member would

care to move adjournment. Mr. Ottenbreit. All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Carried. Thank you very much.

[The committee adjourned at 09:33.]