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Mr. Kevin Phillips  
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Mr. Doyle Vermette  
Cumberland

[The committee met at 13:13.]

**The Chair:** — Welcome everyone to the first meeting of the Standing Committee on House Services. As you can see the agenda, we have several items of business to attend to this afternoon.

First, I'd like to introduce the members of the Standing Committee on House Services. On the government caucus, we have Kevin Phillips, Ken Cheveldayoff, Paul Merriman. As members of the Standing Committee on House Services, on the opposition as designated, David Forbes, Warren McCall, Doyle Vermette as members of the Standing Committee on House Services.

Our first item of business will be electing of the Deputy Chair. I just want to remind members of the process. I will first ask for nominations. Once there are no further nominations, I will ask a member to move a motion to have the committee member preside as Deputy Chair. I will now call for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair.

**Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:** — Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. I move:

That Warren McCall be nominated as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services.

**The Chair:** — Mr. Cheveldayoff has nominated and moved a motion that Warren McCall would be now in the position of Deputy Chair.

Are there any other further nominations? Seeing none, I would now invite one of the members to move that motion.

**Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:** — I so shall move.

[13:15]

**The Chair:** — It has been moved by Mr. Cheveldayoff:

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

Is the committee ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

**The Chair:** — All in favour of the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — All opposed? I declare the motion carried.

I'll now ask for a nomination for the establishment of a steering committee. I recognize Kevin Phillips.

**Mr. Phillips:** — I'll make a motion:

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

Speaker, Ken Cheveldayoff, and Warren McCall; and further

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

**The Chair:** — Are the members ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

**The Chair:** — All in favour of the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — I declare the motion carried.

Next, pursuant to rule 122(1), the committee will now consider the composition of the standing committee. I recognize Mr. Merriman.

**Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 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:** — Are the members ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

**The Chair:** — All in favour of the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — All those opposed? I declare the motion carried. I recognize Mr. Cheveldayoff.

**Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have a further motion that I would like to put forward:

That notwithstanding rule 122 and 142(1), the composition of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts shall consist of eight members, including two opposition members, for the duration of the twenty-eighth legislature.

**The Chair:** — Are the members ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

**The Chair:** — All in favour of the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — All those opposed? I declare the motion carried.

**Mr. McCall:** — If I could at this time, Mr. Speaker, just to get on the record and to thank our government colleagues in terms of making this accommodation, which has been made in the past but certainly lends to better functioning of the Public Accounts Committee. So I just want to state our gratitude on the record at this time to government colleagues.

**The Chair:** — Next on the agenda is the consideration of the membership of the standing committees. I would like to table two documents. House Services, we've got government caucus standing committee membership and opposition caucus standing committee membership. I'd ask a member to 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.

I recognize Mr. Merriman.

**Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move:

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

I so move.

**The Chair:** — Are the members ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

**The Chair:** — All those in favour of the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — All those opposed? I declare the motion carried.

We now consider the allocation schedule. A members' draft of the allocation schedule has been distributed to you. I would ask a member to move the following motion:

That the allocation schedule be adopted as per rule 139(3) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*.

I recognize Mr. Phillips.

**Mr. Phillips:** — So moved.

**The Chair:** — Are the members ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

**The Chair:** — All those in favour of the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — All those opposed? I declare the motion carried.

Next on the agenda is consideration of the appointment of a subcommittee to make recommendations for the revision of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of*

*Saskatchewan*. Would a member like to move a motion? I recognize Mr. Merriman.

**Mr. Merriman:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the following motion:

That a subcommittee of the Standing Committee of House Services, consisting of the Speaker, Ken Cheveldayoff, and Warren McCall, 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:** — Are the members ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

**The Chair:** — All in favour of the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — All those opposed? I declare the motion carried. We will now have a brief recess for a few minutes.

[The committee recessed for a period of time.]

**The Chair:** — Welcome back. Last but not least, members, we will consider the committee's first report. A draft of the report is before the members. I would ask a member to move the following motion:

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

Mr. Cheveldayoff.

**Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I so shall move.

**The Chair:** — Are the members ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Question.

**The Chair:** — All in favour of the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — All those opposed? I declare the motion carried.

That concludes our business for today. I thank you, committee members, and I will now ask for a member to move a motion for adjournment. Mr. Merriman.

**Mr. Merriman:** — I so move.

**The Chair:** — All those in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — The meeting is adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 13:26.]