

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES



**FIRST REPORT
OF THE
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

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To the Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly:

I have the pleasure to present the first report of the Standing Committee on House Services. The committee is authorized by the Assembly to examine such matters as it deems advisable with respect to the rules, procedures, practices, and powers of the Legislative Assembly, its operation and organization, and the facilities and service provided to the Assembly, its committees, and members.

This report outlines the composition of the standing committees of the Assembly and the allocation of government ministries, agencies, and Crown corporations to the various committees.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

Honourable Corey Tochor, Chair
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Election of Deputy Chair

The committee elected Mr. Warren McCall as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services.

Ratio of Members on Standing Committees

In regard to the ratio of members on standing committees, the committee made the following recommendations.

Recommendation 1:

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

Recommendation 2:

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.

Membership of Standing Committees

The committee recommends the composition of the standing committees of the Assembly under rule 139(2) as follows:

Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies

Beck	Brkich	Kaeding	Young
Bradshaw	Dennis	Phillips	

Standing Committee on the Economy

Belanger	Doke	Kirsch	Steele
Buckingham	Eyre	Makowsky	

Standing Committee on House Services

Speaker	Forbes	McCall	Phillips
Cheveldayoff	Harrison	Merriman	Vermette

Standing Committee on Human Services

Beaudry-Mellor	Fiaz	Parent	Wilson
D'Autremont	Lawrence	Rancourt	

Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Carr	Marit	Ross	Vermette
Lambert	Michelson	Steinley	

Standing Committee on Private Bills

Belanger	Hart	Parent	Weekes
D'Autremont	Olauson	Steinley	

Standing Committee on Privileges

Speaker	Cheveldayoff	Kirsch	Weekes
Brkich	Forbes	Merriman	

Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Beaudry-Mellor	Chartier	Hargrave	Michelson
Bonk	Doke	Hart	Sarauer

Allocation of Business to Policy Field Committees

The committee has adopted a schedule as per rule 139(3) that allocates government ministries, agencies and Crown corporations to the various committees.

Rule 31(9) provides the authority for budgetary estimates to be referred to a committee. There are three types of committees with specific rules for the referral of estimates: policy field committees, Committee of Finance, and the Standing Committee on House Services. Rule 142 outlines the subject areas of the policy field committees. Estimates relating to Executive Council are referred to the Committee of Finance pursuant to rule 118(2). Pursuant to rule 139(5), all estimates for the legislative branch of government are referred to the Standing Committee on House Services.

The schedule further provides a guideline for the referral of legislation to standing committees. The schedule is attached as an appendix to this report.

Recommendation 3:

That the allocation schedule for committees as specified in the appendix to this report be adopted pursuant to *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*.

Revisions to the Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

The committee established a subcommittee to study and make recommendations on revisions to *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*.

Recommendation 4:

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 the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff; 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 a majority of the members of the steering committee is necessary to constitute a meeting, and that substitutions from the membership of the Standing Committee on House Services be permitted on the steering committee.