

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

**May 10, 1994**

**MINUTE NO. 27**

**8:37 a.m. — Room 10**

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Martens in the Chair and Members Boyd, Cline, Crofford, Haverstock, Koenker, and Sonntag

**Provincial Auditor's Office**

Wayne Strelieff, Provincial Auditor

Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

**Provincial Comptroller's Office**

Gerry Kraus, Provincial Comptroller

Jane Borland, Analyst

2. The following document was tabled:

**PAC 94/22 - SaskPower — Northern Enterprise Fund Inc.:** Response to questions raised at the March 17, 1994 Public Accounts Committee meeting.

3. The Chairman announced that the Committee would not meet Tuesday, May 17.
4. The Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 1 of the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1993.
5. Among the issues raised for discussion was the Provincial Auditor's proposal to prepare two reports each year; the annual report released in the spring, and a report on the Government's Summary Financial Statements set for publication in the fall.

During consideration on this issue, the Committee reviewed suggestions to have these reports automatically referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

6. It was moved by Mr. Cline:

That the Chairman write to the Minister to whom responsibility for the Tabling of Documents Act is assigned to ask, on behalf of the Committee, that amendments in accordance with the previous recommendation of the Committee, namely recommendation 38 of the Sixth Report, be brought forward as soon as is practicable.

During debate, the motion was, by unanimous consent, withdrawn.

7. It was moved by Mr. Cline:

That the Committee asked the Chair to consult with the Vice-Chair and Ms. Haverstock and make appropriate representations to the appropriate Members and members of Executive Council along with the Vice-Chair to effect any changes required to allow reports of the Provincial Auditor to be released when the Legislature is not in Session.

Subsequently the motion was, by unanimous consent, withdrawn.

8. It was moved by Mr. Cline:

That the Committee asked the Chair to consult with the Vice-Chair and Ms. Haverstock and make appropriate representations to the appropriate Members and members of Executive Council along with the Vice-Chair to effect any changes required to allow reports of the Provincial Auditor to be released and referred to the Public Accounts Committee when the Legislature is not in session.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Further, the Chairman indicated that he would seek the advice of the Law Clerk as well.

9. The Committee adjourned at 9:55 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Charles Robert  
Acting Clerk of the Committee

Harold Martens, MLA  
Chair