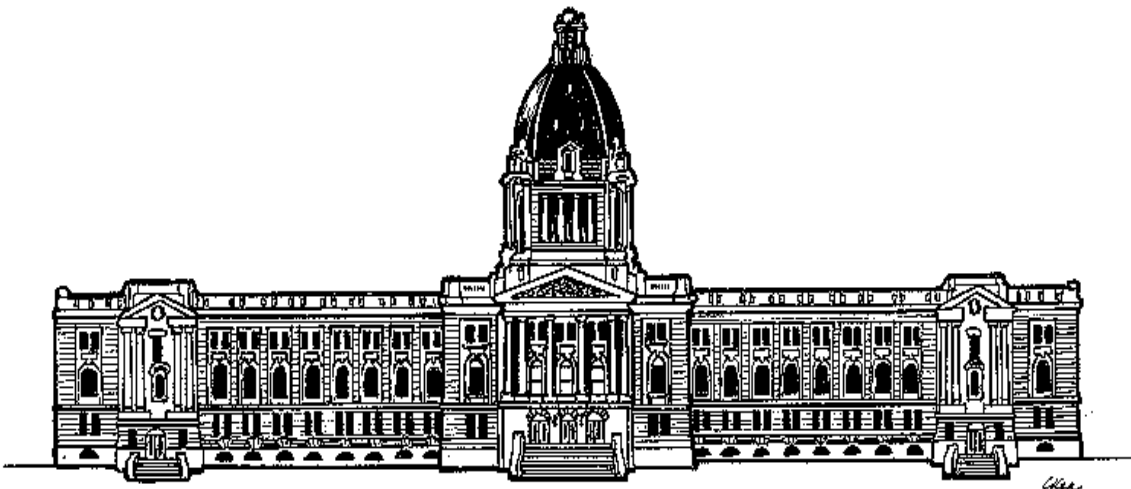




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[The committee met at 15:04.]

The Chair: — Good afternoon committee members. We'll get started here. Before we get on to voting off the estimates, I just have an item that is tabled with the committee. This is an addition to the document 15-26 that has previously been tabled with the committee, so that'll be available to all committee members.

We only have one substitution this afternoon. Mr. Ottenbreit is sitting in for Mr. Reiter. Other than that, all the committee members are the same.

**General Revenue Fund
Finance
Vote 18**

The Chair: — And we will get on with the votes. We'll begin with Finance, vote 18. This is on page 71 of the Estimates book. Central management and services (FI01), the amount to be voted is \$7,091,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Vote (FI04) in the amount of \$2,905,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Provincial Comptroller (FI03) in the amount of \$9,117,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Budget analysis (FI06) in the amount of \$4,956,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Revenue (FI05) in the amount of \$18,961,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Personnel policy secretariat (FI10) in the amount of \$608,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Miscellaneous payments (FI08), this includes statutory amounts to be voted. The amount is \$132,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Pensions and benefits (FI09) and it includes statutory amounts. The amount to be voted is \$136,060,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That is carried. And amortization of capital

assets in the amount of \$993,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. And I would ask that a member move:

That be it resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums for Finance, \$179,830,000.

Mr. McMillan: — I so move.

The Chair: — It's been moved by Mr. McMillan. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That is carried.

[Vote 18 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Finance — Servicing Government Debt
Vote 12**

The Chair: — Next up is on page 77 is Finance — servicing government debt, vote 12. And that is debt servicing (FD01). The amount of the subvote is statutory. It's \$535,000,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried.

[Vote 12 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund
Growth and Financial Security Fund
Vote 82**

The Chair: — On page 159, Growth and Financial Security Fund, vote 82, and the amount of this order is statutory in the amount of \$130,016,000.

[Vote 82 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund
Further Estimates
Growth and Financial Security Fund
Vote 82**

The Chair: — I'm sorry, it's . . . excuse me on this one. It is Growth and Financial Security Fund transfer (GF01), in the amount of \$124,810,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. And that vote 82 is under the further estimates, Growth and Financial Security Fund, vote 82.

[Vote 82 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation
Vote 161**

The Chair: — Page 162 is Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation, vote 161, in the amount of \$1,600,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — It's carried.

[Vote 161 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation
Vote 154**

The Chair: — Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation, vote 154, in the amount of \$26,000,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried.

[Vote 154 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
Saskatchewan Power Corporation
Vote 152**

The Chair: — Saskatchewan Power Corporation, vote 152, in the amount of \$243,000,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried.

[Vote 152 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation
Vote 153**

The Chair: — Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation, vote 153, in the amount of \$158,100,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[Vote 153 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
Saskatchewan Water Corporation
Vote 140**

The Chair: — Saskatchewan Water Corporation, vote 140, in the amount of \$12,600,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[Vote 140 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund
Lending and Investing Activities
SaskEnergy Incorporated
Vote 150**

The Chair: — SaskEnergy Incorporated, vote 150, in the amount of \$53,100,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[Vote 150 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund
Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments
Debt Redemption
Vote 175**

The Chair: — On page 164 of the Estimates, debt redemption, vote 175, in the amount of \$732,851,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[Vote 175 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund
Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments
Sinking Fund Payments — Government Share
Vote 176**

The Chair: — Sinking fund payments — government share, vote 176, in the amount of \$72,424,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[Vote 176 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund
Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments
Interest on Gross Debt — Crown Enterprise Share
Vote 177**

The Chair: — Interest on gross debt — Crown enterprise share, vote 177, okay, and there's nothing to be voted on that one.

[Vote 177 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund
Government Services
Vote 13**

The Chair: — On page 83, Government Services, vote 13. The first vote is central management and services (GS01) in the amount of \$43,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Accommodation services (GS02) in the amount of 9,772,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Project management (GS03) in the amount of 1,340,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Purchasing (GS04) in the amount of 1,895,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Transportation services (GS05) and there's no amount to be voted on that. And government support services (GS06) in the amount of 400,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. And major capital asset acquisitions (GS07) in the amount of 26,813,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. And amortization of capital assets and that is for information purposes only. There is no amount to be voted. So I would ask that a member move:

That resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for 12 months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums for Government Services, \$40,220,000.

Mr. Weekes: — I so move.

The Chair: — Moved by Mr. Weekes. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That is carried.

[Vote 13 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Information Technology Office
Vote 74**

The Chair: — Okay we'll move on to Information Technology Office, vote 74. This can be found on page 103 of the Estimates book. Central management and services (IT01) in the amount of \$1,958,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. IT coordination and transformation initiatives (IT03) in the amount of \$3,367,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Major capital asset acquisitions (IT07) in the amount of \$250,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Interministerial services (IT04) and there's no vote on that. And amortization of capital assets, and it's \$76,000 but that is for information purposes only and there's no vote on that. I would ask that a member move:

That resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums for Information Technology Office, \$5,575,000.

Moved by Mr. Ottenbreit. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried.

[Vote 74 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Office of the Provincial Secretary
Vote 80**

The Chair: — Office of the Provincial Secretary, vote 80, this is found on page 119 of the Estimates book. Central management and services (OP01) in the amount of \$1,146,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Provincial Secretary (OP02) in the amount of \$3,007,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried and I'd ask that a member move:

That resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums for the Office of the Provincial Secretary, \$4,153,000.

It's been moved by Mr. McMillan. Is that agreed?

The Chair: — That's carried.

[Vote 80 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Public Service Commission
Vote 33**

The Chair: — Public Service Commission, vote 33, page 121

of the Estimates book, central management and services (PS01) in the amount of \$4,499,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Human resource information services (PS06) in the amount of \$12,107,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Employee relations, policy and planning (PS04) in the amount of \$3,088,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That is carried. Human resource client service (PS03) in the amount of \$17,998,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Aboriginal career connections program (PS07), there's no amount to vote on that. And amortization of capital assets in the amount of \$1,250,000, that is only for information purposes. There is no vote on that. And I would ask a member to move:

That resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2009, the following sum for Public Service Commission, \$37,692,000.

Moved by Mr. Weekes. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That is carried.

[Vote 33 agreed to.]

The Chair: — And at this time I'd ask that a member move that, I'd ask that a member move:

That we adopt the third report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Mr. Weekes.

Mr. Weekes: — I move:

The third report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The Chair: — It's been moved by Mr. Weekes:

That the third report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — And that's carried. And I would ask that a

member move that this committee do now adjourn. It's been moved by Mr. Ottenbreit that this committee adjourn. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — And that is carried. Thank you, committee members. This committee stands adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 15:19.]