

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES
May 17, 2005

MINUTE NO. 22
3:00 p.m. – Chamber

1. **Present:** Mr. Addley in the Chair and Members D'Autremont, Eagles, Harpauer*, Iwanchuk, McCall and Wartman.

Substituting Members

Ms. Harpauer for Mr. Kerpan

Provincial Auditor's Office

Andrew Martens, Principal

Judy Ferguson, Deputy Principal Auditor

2. The following document was tabled:

CCA 134/25 Saskatchewan Property Management: Responses to questions raised by Mr. Hart during the May 5, 2005 committee meeting.

3. The committee considered Bill No. 96 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2005.

The following Minister and Department of Justice official appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. Mr. Andrew Thomson, Minister

Darcy McGovern, Crown Counsel, Department of Justice

4. The question being put on clauses 1 to 102, they were agreed to.
5. It was moved by Mr. McCall:

That this committee report Bill No. 96 - The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2005 - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

6. The committee considered Bill No. 97 - The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Consequential Amendment Act, 2005 / Projet de loi n^o. 97 - Loi de 2005 sur une modification corrélatrice découlant de la loi intitulée The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2005.

The following Minister and Department of Justice official appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. Mr. Thomson, Minister

Darcy McGovern, Crown Counsel, Department of Justice

7. The question being put on clauses 1 to 3, they were agreed to.
8. It was moved by Mr. McCall:

That this committee report Bill No. 97 - The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Consequential Amendment Act, 2005 / Projet de loi n° 97 - Loi de 2005 sur une modification corrélative découlant de la loi intitulée The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2005 - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

9. The committee considered Bill No. 67 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2004 / Projet de loi n° 67 - Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard.

The following Minister and Liquor and Gaming officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. Mr. Eric Cline, Minister
Jim Engel, Executive Director, Policy and Planning Division
Lynette Skaalrud, Legal Policy and Legislation Analyst
Fionna Crib, Manager, Policy and Legislation Branch

10. The question being put on clauses 1 to 29, they were agreed to.
11. It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

That this committee report Bill No. 67 - The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2004 / Projet de loi n° 67 - Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

12. The committee considered Bill No. 124 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2005.

The following Minister and Saskatchewan Government Insurance officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. Ms. Pat Atkinson, Minister
Jon Schubert, President
Earl Cameron, Vice President, Claims
Jane Wooten, Legislation Advisor
Betty Weigel, Manager, Government and Corporate Affairs

13. The question being put on clauses 1 to 9, they were agreed to.

14. It was moved by Mr. Iwanchuk:

That this committee report Bill No. 124 - The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2005 - without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The committee considered the Estimates for the Public Service Commission.

16. On motion of Mr. McCall:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006, the following sums:

For Public Service Commission\$8,620,000

17. The committee considered the Estimates for Information Technology Office.

18. On motion of the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006, the sum:

For Information Technology Office\$4,587,000

19. The committee considered the Estimates for Property Management and the Supplementary Estimates for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation.

20. On motion of the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

Main Estimates, 2005-2006

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006 the following sum:

For Property Management\$34,469,000

21. On motion of Mr. Iwanchuk:

Supplementary Estimates, 2004-2005

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2005 the following sum:

For Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation\$7,000,000

22. It was moved by Mr. Iwanchuk:

That the draft Third Report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be adopted and presented to the Assembly on May 24, 2005.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

23. The committee resumed consideration of the annual report of Saskatchewan Telecommunications and related documents for the year ending December 31, 2003.

The following Minister and Saskatchewan Telecommunications officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Ms. Pat Atkinson, Minister
John Meldrum, Vice President, Corporate Counsel and Regulatory Affairs
Randy Stephenson, Chief Financial Officer

24. It was moved by Mr. McCall:

That the committee conclude its review of the 2003 annual reports, financial statements, and related documents for Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan, Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan, Investment Saskatchewan, SaskEnergy Incorporated, Saskatchewan Government Insurance, Saskatchewan Power Corporation, and Saskatchewan Telecommunications.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

25. It was moved by Mr. D'Autremont:

That the committee do now meet *in camera*.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

26. The committee met *in camera* at 5:38 p.m. until 5:42 p.m.

27. The Committee considered the draft Fourth Report. It was moved by Mr. D'Autremont:

That the draft Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be adopted and presented to the Assembly on May 24, 2005.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

28. It was moved by Mr. D'Autremont:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

29. The committee adjourned at 5:45 p.m. to the call of the chair.

Iris Lang
Committee Clerk

Graham Addley
Committee Chair