

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

November 23, 2005

MINUTE NO. 26

3:00 p.m. – Chamber

1. **Present:** Members Iwanchuk, D'Autremont, Dearborn, Junor*, Harpauer, Huyghebaert*, McCall, Morin* and Quennell*.

Substituting Members

Mr. Huyghebaert for Mr. D'Autremont (4:15 p.m. - 5:33 p.m. only)

Ms. Junor for Hon. Mr. Wartman (3:00 p.m. – 5:05 p.m. only)

Ms. Morin for Hon. Mr. Addley

Hon. Mr. Quennell for Hon. Mr. Wartman (5:05 p.m. – 5:33 p.m. only)

Other Members present:

Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Hart, Mr. Toth

2. The committee clerk presided over the election of a Chair. Mr. Iwanchuk was nominated for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. McCall:

That Mr. Iwanchuk be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

3. The following documents were tabled:

CCA 150/25 Information Technology Office: Annual Report for year ending March 31, 2005.

CCA 151/25 Public Service Commission: Annual Report for year ending March 31, 2005.

CCA 152/25 Saskatchewan Government Insurance: Injection of capital from SGI Canada and SGI Canada Insurance Service Ltd. and the injection of capital from SCISL into the Coachman Insurance Company (significant transaction).

CCA 153/25 Crown Investments Corporation: CIC \$25 million equity injection into SGI Canada (significant transaction).

4. The Chair advised that the committee had received an Order of the Assembly, dated November 21, 2005 to consider and report back on the Supplementary Estimates for the following departments and agencies:

Vote 77	SaskEnergy Incorporated
Vote 13	Property Management
Vote 33	Public Service Commission

5. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for Public Service Commission.

The following Public Service Commission Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. Pat Atkinson, Minister
Clare Isman, Chair
Rick McKillop, Executive Director, Employee Relations, Policy and Planning
Ron Wight, Executive Director, HR Client Service
Lynn Jacobson, Director, Corporate Services

6. On motion of Mr. D'Autremont:

That this committee adjourn its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for the Public Service Commission.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

7. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for SaskEnergy Incorporated.

The following SaskEnergy Incorporated Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Harry Van Mulligen, Minister
Dean Reeve, Executive Vice President
Greg Mrazek, Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Ron Podbielski, Executive Director, Corporate Affairs

8. On motion of Ms. Harpauer:

That this committee adjourn its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for SaskEnergy Incorporated.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

9. The committee recessed from 4:22 until 4:30 p.m.

10. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for Property Management.

The following Property Management Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Deb Higgins, Minister
Deb McDonald, Deputy Minister
Donald Koop, Assistant Deputy Minister, Commercial Services
Debbie Koshman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Support Services
Garth Rusconi, Assistant Deputy Minister, Accommodation Services

11. The following document was tabled:

CCA 154/25 Property Management: Fax regarding Fort San – Echo Valley site.

12. A point of order was raised by Mr. McCall stating that the line of questioning was beyond the parameters of the Supplementary Estimates. The Chair ruled that the point of order was well taken and directed that all questions must be relevant to the Supplementary Estimates under consideration.

13. On motion of Ms. Harpauer:

That the steering committee for the Crown and Central Agencies Committee review the parameters of what is permissible for questioning under the Supplementary Estimates for Property Management.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

14. On motion of Ms. Harpauer:

That this committee adjourn its consideration of the Supplementary Estimates for Property Management.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. It was moved by Mr. McCall:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was carried.

16. The committee adjourned at 5:33 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Iris Lang
Committee Clerk

Andy Iwanchuk
Committee Chair