

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

March 20, 2007

MINUTE NO. 45

3:30 p.m. – Chamber

1. **Present:** Ms. Morin in the Chair, Members Addley, D'Autremont, Duncan, Harpauer, Heppner*, McCall and Wartman.

Substituting Members

Ms. Heppner for Mr. Duncan (7:07 p.m. until 9:54 p.m. only)

Other Members

Mr. Morgan

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Provincial Auditor

Judy Ferguson, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Andrew Martens, Principal

Appointed Auditors

Bruce Willis, KPMG

2. The committee considered Bill No. 25 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2006 / Loi de 2006 sur l'Assemblée législative et le Conseil exécutif.

The following Government House Leader and Department of Justice official appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Glenn Hagel, Government House Leader

Darcy McGovern, Crown Counsel, Legislative Services Branch

3. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 98, they were agreed to.
4. On motion of the Hon. Mr. McCall:

Ordered, That this committee report Bill No. 25 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2006 / Loi de 2006 sur l'Assemblée législative et le Conseil exécutif – without amendment.

5. The committee considered Bill No. 26 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Consequential Amendments Act, 2006.

The following Government House Leader and Department of Justice official appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Glenn Hagel, Government House Leader
Darcy McGovern, Crown Counsel, Legislative Services Branch

6. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.
7. On motion of the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

Ordered, That this committee report Bill No. 26 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Consequential Amendments Act, 2006 – without amendment.

8. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates for Information Technology Office.

The following Information Technology Office Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Andrew Thomson, Minister
Don Wincherauk, Deputy Minister
Rory Norton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Information Services
Carla Feld, Director and Chief Financial Officer, Business Development
Fred Antunes, Executive Director, Corporate and Customer Services
Richard Murray, Executive Director, Policy and Planning

9. On motion of the Hon. Mr. McCall:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2007 the following sum:

For Information Technology Office\$1,368,000

10. It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Addley:

That the Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be adopted and presented to the Assembly on March 21, 2007.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

11. The committee recessed from 4:55 p.m. until 7:07 p.m.
12. The committee considered Bill No. 30 – The Land Surveyors and Professional Surveyors Amendment Act, 2006.

The following Information Services Corporation Minister and official appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Eric Cline
Ed Desnoyers, Controller, Surveys

13. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 3, they were agreed to.

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

Ordered, That this committee report Bill No. 30 – The Land Surveyors and Professional Surveyors Amendment Act, 2006 – without amendment.

15. The committee considered Chapter 13 (Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)*. Mr. Wendel and Mr. Martens provided an opening statement.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Eric Cline, Minister

Charlene Callander, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Innovation Place

Ken Loepky, Vice President, Research Park Operations, Innovation Place

16. The committee noted compliance with recommendation 1 made at page 156 of Chapter 13 (Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation) of the *2006 Report of the Provincial Auditor (Volume 1)* that Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation establish written processes to ensure all construction project costs are properly recorded.

17. The committee considered the 2004 and 2005 Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation annual reports and related documents.

18. It was moved by Ms. Harpauer:

That the committee conclude its review of the 2004 and 2005 annual reports, financial statements and related documents for Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

19. The committee recessed from 8:10 p.m. until 8:24 p.m.

20. The committee considered the 2004 and 2005 Investment Saskatchewan annual reports and related documents.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Eric Cline, Minister

Cliff Baylak, Managing Director

Don Black, Board Member

Don Wilson, Corporate Secretary

Ladette Fuchs, Manager, Corporate Services

21. It was moved by Ms. Harpauer:

That the committee conclude its review of the 2004 annual reports, financial statements and related documents for Investment Saskatchewan.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

22. It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Addley:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

23. The committee adjourned at 9:54 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Iris Lang
Committee Clerk

Sandra Morin
Committee Chair