

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

April 3, 1997

MINUTE NO. 16

9:00 a.m. - Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Ms. Lorje in the Chair and Members Bjornerud, Bradley, D'Autremont, Hamilton, Johnson, Kasperski, Langford, Osika, Trew, Wall and Ward.

Mr. Osika substituting for Mr. McLane

Mr. Wall substituting for Ms. Hamilton

(for consideration of Saskatchewan Crop Insurance)

Mr. Wall substituting for Mr. Kasperski

(for consideration of SaskTel)

Mr. Ward substituting for Mr. Trew

(for consideration of Saskatchewan Crop Insurance)

Provincial Auditor's Office

Brian Atkinson, Executive Director

2. The following documents were tabled:

CCC 37/23 - Workers' Compensation Board: Responses to questions raised at the January 30, 1997 meeting regarding subrogation awards from SGI during 1996; 1995 Operating costs of the Office of the Workers' Advocate; and 1997 assessment premiums for an employer in the D5 rate code.

3. The Committee resumed its consideration of the annual report of SaskTel (Saskatchewan Telecommunications) for the year ending December 31, 1995, with the Minister and the corporate officials responding to questions put by Members.

Hon. Carol Teichrob, Minister Responsible

Don Ching, President and Chief Executive Officer

Randy Stephanson, Chief Financial Officer

John Meldrum, Vice-President Corporate Counsel and Regulatory Affairs

Diana Milenkovic, Vice-President SaskTel Mobility

Sean Caragata, General Manager Corporate Affairs

Basil Pogue, Senior Planner

John K. Aitken, Deloitte & Touche, Auditor

4. It was moved by Mr. Langford:

That the Crown Corporations Committee conclude its review of the 1995 annual report of SaskTel.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

5. The Chair advised the Committee that a special reception would be held following the regular committee meeting on April 17, 1997 to mark the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the first meetings of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.
6. The Committee resumed its consideration of the annual report of Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) for the year ending March 31, 1995, with the Minister and the corporate officials responding to questions put by Members.

Eric Upshall, Minister Responsible
Murray McLaughlin, Deputy Minister, Agriculture and Food
Doug Matthies, General Manager, SCIC
Carol Eaton, Executive Manager, Finance, SCIC

7. It was moved by Mr. Langford:

That the Crown Corporations Committee conclude its review of the 1994-95 annual report of Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. It was moved by Ms. Bradley:

That the Crown Corporations Committee conclude its review of the annual reports of the Workers' Compensation Board for the years ending December 31, 1994 and December 31, 1995.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. The Committee considered its draft Second Report to the Assembly. It was moved by Mr. Johnson:

That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be adopted and presented to the Legislative Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. It was agreed that a subcommittee consisting of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, Mr. Bjornerud and Mr. D'Autremont would meet in the two weeks to developed a definition for the term "significant transactions".

11. It was moved by Ms. Bradley:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. The Committee adjourned at 10:43 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 17, 1997.

Margaret A. Woods
Committee Clerk

Pat Lorje
Committee Chair

