



STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS FIRST REPORT

Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Standing Committee on Communication presented the First Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee has considered the recommendations of the Public Documents Committee, under *The Archives Act*, contained in Retention and Disposal Schedules comprising Sessional Paper No. 219 including Schedule No. 341 – Capital Pension Plan; Schedule No. 342 – Saskatchewan Health - Drug Plan and Extended Benefits; Schedule No. 343 – Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food - Lands Branch this First Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature and referred to the Committee by the Assembly on May 9, 2000.

Your Committee recommends to the Assembly that the recommendations of the Public Documents Committee on Schedule Nos. 341, 342, and 343 be accepted.

Your Committee considered the issue of its role in the review and approval of Retention and Disposal Schedules. The Committee makes the following recommendation to the Legislative Assembly:

That *The Archives Act* be amended so that Retention and Disposal Schedule recommendations, made under the authority of section 11 of the said Act, may be approved without reference to the Standing Committee on Communications; and further

That the government take into consideration, when amending *The Archives Act*, that provision be made so that the said Schedules continue to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly and that the Speaker be the final authority on the the approval of Retention and Disposal Schedules.

It is your Committee's intention to revisit the legislative review process of Retention and Disposal Schedules in three years time, if *The Archives Act* is amended to reflect the recommendations of this report.

Your Committee reviewed the Report of the Legislative Library for the period ended March 31, 1998.

The Committee also considered issues related to the broadcast of the legislative proceedings. Your Committee has directed the Director of Broadcast Services to investigate and make proposals with respect to increasing the accessibility of the broadcast of legislative proceedings through the services of the Saskatchewan Communication Network, or by other means.

Hon. Ron Osika
Committee Chair

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