

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES**  
**May 12, 1998**

**MINUTE NO. 5**  
**9:00 a.m. in Room 255**

1. **PRESENT:** Members Sonntag, Stanger, Toth, Van Mulligen and Whitmore

2. The following document was tabled:

**EST 1/23 – Office of the Provincial Auditor:** Report by the Provincial Auditor to the Standing Committee on Estimates regarding a request for information that our revenue raising and spending practices comply with the law. Distributed to Members on July 29, 1997.

3. The Clerk to the Committee presided over the election of a Chair. Ms. Stanger nominated Mr. Whitmore for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Toth:

That nominations for the position of Chair close.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

4. It was moved by Mr. Sonntag:

That Mr. Whitmore be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Estimates.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to and Mr. Whitmore took the Chair.

5. The Chair of the Committee presided over the election of a Vice-Chair. Ms. Stanger nominated Mr. Toth for the position. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That nominations for the position of Vice-Chair close.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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6. It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That Mr. Toth be elected to preside as Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Estimates.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. The Committee considered Estimates for the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Speaker responded to questions put by Members.

**Officials Present:**

Honourable Glenn Hagel, Speaker

Gwenn Ronyk, Clerk

Marilyn Borowski, Director, Financial Services

Linda Kaminski, Director, Personnel and Administrative Services

Marian Powell, Legislative Librarian

Robert Cosman, Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk

Deborah Saum, Administrative Assistant, Speaker's Office

8. The Committee adopted the following resolutions:

**Main Estimates, 1998-99:**

- i) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 1999, the following sums:

For Legislation ..... \$5,126,000.  
(Ms. Stanger)

- ii) Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, the sum of three million, eight hundred and forty-five thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund. (Mr. Toth)

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**Supplementary Estimates, 1997-98:**

- i) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 1998 the following sum:

For Legislation ..... \$310,000.  
(Ms. Stanger)

- ii). Resolved, that towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998, the sum of three hundred ten thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund. (Ms. Stanger)

9. The Committee recessed at 10:30 a.m. until 10:40 a.m.

10. Your Committee considered the Estimates of the Ombudsman being part of subvote LG07. The Ombudsman responded to questions.

**Officials Present:**

Barbara Tomkins, Ombudsman  
Murray Knoll, Assistant Ombudsman

11. The Committee concluded consideration of the estimates of the Office of the Ombudsman. Consideration of the remaining estimates under subvote LG07 was adjourned.

12. It was moved by Mr. Toth:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

13. The Committee adjourned at 11:19 a.m. to Thursday, May 14, 1998 at 9:00 a.m.

Gregory A. Putz  
Committee Clerk

Grant Whitmore  
Committee Chair

