## STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

## June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001

## MINUTE NO. 2 10:37 a.m. – Room 10

- 1. PRESENT: Ms. Junor in the Chair and Members Bakken, Boyd, Gantefoer, McCall, Melenchuk and Thomson.
- 2. The Committee received the report of the Steering Committee which reads as follows:

Your Steering Committee met on Wednesday, June 6, 2001, to consider the method of proceeding with its Order of Reference dated May 25, 2001 instructing the Committee to receive and report on representations from interested parties and individuals with respect to the Final Report of the Commission on Medicare, dated April 11, 2001, and recommends the following:

- 1. That the Clerk be authorized to offer Leslie Anderson the contract position of researcher to the Standing Committee on Health Care. Her appointment would be subject to approval of the Committee.
- 2. That on the assumption that the House will rise June 29, 2001, the Committee meet on according to the following schedule:

June 18, 19, 20 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon June 25, 26, 27 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

and for the period July 3 until July 26 the Committee will meet:

Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.mWednesdays from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Evening sessions in July may be scheduled as necessary to accommodate all those wishing to speak.

- 3. That the Clerk be authorized to establish a place for the committee on the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan website.
- 4. That commencing June 16, 2001, an advertisement giving notice of the Committee's proceedings be placed in the Saturday editions of each Saskatchewan daily newspaper and also be placed in each Saskatchewan weekly newspaper. The number of times the advertisements are run will be dependent on the advertising deadlines of each newspaper, with the last

advertisement being run in the daily newspapers no later than June 30, 2001 and in the weeklies no later than July 6, 2001. The advertisement will also be placed on the Saskatchewan Parliamentary Channel and on the Internet.

- 5. That the Clerk send notice of the hearings to key stakeholder groups as identified by the Steering Committee.
- 6. That the deadline for witnesses to request an appearance before the Committee is Friday, July 6, 2001. Those calling to appear after that date may not be guaranteed a time slot.
- 7. That the deadline for written submissions via the post, fax, or email be Friday, July 27, 2001.
- 8. That each group or individual be given 30 minutes in which to make their presentation, including time for questioning by the committee. Groups or individuals specifically identified by the Steering Committee may be given an additional 30 minutes before the Committee.
- 9. That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, be given the authority to schedule witnesses. The Clerk will provide the Steering Committee with lists of groups and individuals requesting standing.
- 10. That witness expenses only be paid in the event that the committee decides that it wishes to call upon a specific expert witness who requests such reimbursement.
- 11. That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, is authorized to make any other decisions that relate to the logistics of the Committee's hearings as may be necessary.
- 12. That the Clerk has the authority to begin implementing the decisions made by the Steering Committee immediately.
- 3. The Committee then proceeded to discuss each item of the report.
- 4. It was agreed, that item 2 of the report be amended so that the start time of the June sessions be 10:30 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m. and it was further amended that in July, the Committee would sit on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and not sit on Thursdays.
- 5. It was agreed, that item 4 of the report be amended to read July 10, 2001 instead of July 6, 2001.
- 6. It was moved by Mr. Thomson:

That witnesses be asked to provide the committee with a short synopsis of their presentation at the time of their request to appear.

After debate, the question being put, the motion was defeated.

7. It was moved by Mr. Melenchuk:

That the report of the Steering Committee, as amended, be adopted.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

- 8. It was agreed, That this Committee do now adjourn.
- 9. The Committee adjourned at 11:35 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Viktor Kaczkowski Committee Clerk Judy Junor Committee Chair