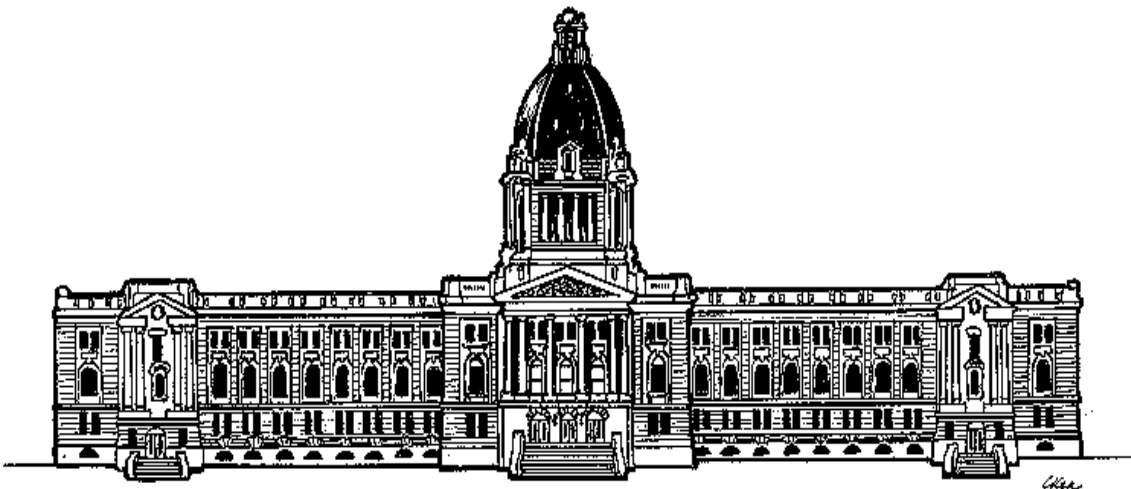




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The committee met at 10:32.

The Chair: — Well good morning to everyone that is a member of the House Services Committee. Welcome to this first meeting. I consider this to be a historic meeting because first of all it is the first ever of this particular committee. And secondly I hope we can make history by making it the briefest meeting that this committee is ever going to have.

Some Members: — Hear! Hear!

The Chair: — The purpose of this meeting is to establish some routine procedures and also to establish the standing committees. The agenda has been distributed previously, and I think you got a new copy. And I wonder if anybody has anything to add to the agenda? I see nothing so I think we'll just carry on.

The first item on the agenda is the election of a Deputy Chair, by rule 101(2) the . . . 109(2), pardon me, 109(2): the Deputy Chair of a standing committee "shall be an opposition member unless otherwise specified in the Rules." So at this time what I would do is ask for nominations to election to the position of Deputy Chair. Mr. McMorris.

Mr. McMorris: — I would nominate Ron Gantefoer.

The Chair: — Rod Gantefoer has been nominated. Are there any further nominations?

There being no further nominations, nominations will be closed. I would therefore have a motion that we should put . . . I would ask maybe Mr. McMorris to follow up with a motion.

The Chair: — It has been moved by member for Indian Head-Milestone:

That Rod Gantefoer be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of Standing Committee on House Services.

Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

Some Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Motion is carried.

The second agenda item is to make a decision with respect to broadcasting and or Web casting the House Services Committee proceedings. By rule 119(2) the committee may authorize the broadcast of its public proceedings under such guidelines as the Assembly provides. Of course every committee meeting is harsanded. But it's a question of whether there's any interest at all to broadcast the meetings of this committee.

I see none, then we'll . . . nothing else needs to be done, no motion necessary. But we have considered it . . .

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — That's not to say that at some point the committee just hasn't . . . (inaudible) . . . that might be of interest to the public where we make the decision we will do so . . .

Mr. Putz: — Just move a motion providing for broadcast . . .

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: — Yes.

The Chair: — Thank you. Then we'll proceed to item 3, establishment of a steering committee. The purpose of the steering committee would be basically to set the agendas and serve as a communications conduit. The proposed motion is this way:

That a steering committee be established to . . .

Pardon me.

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for subsequent meetings and that the membership be comprised of the Chair, Mr. Speaker, (and I'm proposing two other people); and further, that the steering committee shall meet time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the Chair; that the presence of all members of the subcommittee is necessary to constitute a meeting; and that substitutions from the membership of the House Services Committee be permitted on the steering committee.

Are we comfortable with that? Mr. Hagel.

Mr. Hagel: — Are you looking for suggestions to fill in the names?

The Chair: — Yes, that will be the next step.

Mr. Hagel: — Well I think from the government's side I'd nominate the House Leader, Government House Leader.

The Chair: — So we'll put in . . . agreement . . . we'll put in . . .

Mr. Hagel: — Mr. Van Mulligen.

The Chair: — And Rod Gantefoer.

So perhaps I would ask, maybe you'd like to make the motion, Mr. Hagel.

Mr. Hagel: — Sure.

The Chair: — So the motion before the Assembly is the one moved by Mr. Hagel, the member for Moose Jaw North:

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for subsequent meetings; and that the membership be comprised of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Van Mulligen, Mr. Rod Gantefoer; and further, that the steering committee shall meet time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the Chair; that the presence of all members of the subcommittee is necessary to constitute a meeting; and that substitutions from the membership of the House Services Committee be permitted on the steering committee.

Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

Some members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Motion is carried.

Motion agreed to.

The Chair: — Then we'll proceed to the item dealing with the establishment of the committees, of the standing committees. The first portion of it would be to establish the ratio by rule 108(1). The general provision is:

The membership of Standing Committees shall, so far as reasonably practicable, be proportional to party membership in the Assembly.

The recommended motion would be:

That the standing committee's member ratio shall be four government members and three opposition members.

Moved by Mr. Van Mulligen. Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt that motion?

Some Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Motion is carried.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Van Mulligen: — I wonder if we could recess at this point for just a couple minutes, Mr. Speaker; I'm just waiting for a list of names.

The Chair: — The committee will recess for a moment.

The committee recessed for a period of time.

The Chair: — Now the meeting will reconvene.

Now according to mandate of the committee, one of the very important things that we are supposed to do is to name the membership to each of the committees. I've received copies of committee members from the opposition caucus for three people for each of the committees: the Committee on the Economy, the Committee on Human Services, the Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, and Intergovernmental.

And I've also received copies, a copy of names, of a list, a list of names to each of the four committees, four people for each of the committees from the government side and so . . . Now let's just add to that now the Standing Committee on Privileges . . . No, I think we'll just postpone those for now.

I think we'll just deal with these four committees first of all, the policy field committees. And so what . . . Because we've had the membership tabled on both sides, we have a motion I think that will help us out on that. And the proposed motion would be:

That the lists of members to serve on legislative committees as tabled by the government and opposition caucus be adopted and recommended to the Assembly; and further, that the said recommendation be reported to the

Assembly at the earliest opportunity.

And it would be understood that the report would come from a Vice-Chair . . . Deputy Chair. Motion?

A Member: — I'll move that.

The Chair: — It has been moved by Mr. Harry Van Mulligen, member for Regina Douglas Park:

That the list of members to serve in the legislative committees as tabled by the government and opposition caucus be adopted and recommended to the Assembly; and further, that the said recommendation be reported to the Assembly at the earliest opportunity.

Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

Some Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Motion is carried.

Motion agreed to.

The Chair: — Then that brings us to the end of the meeting, and I would advise that the next meeting will be at the call of the Chair. Thank you very much for your . . .

A Member: — Motion to adjourn.

The Chair: — Oh, motion to adjourn. Moved by Mr. Thomson. Those in favour?

Some Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Motion is carried.

The committee adjourned at 10:49.

