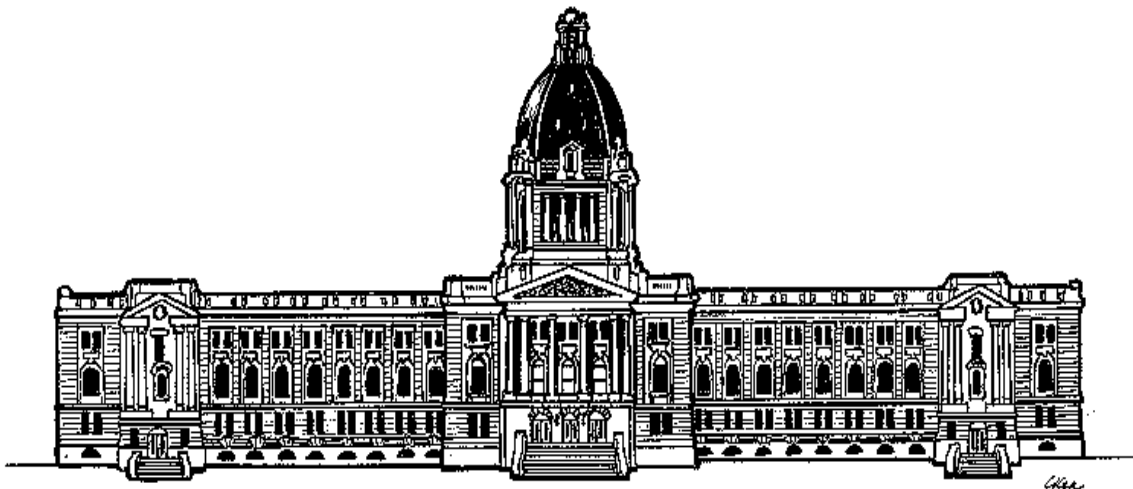




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Mr. Andy Iwanchuk
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Mr. Randy Weekes
Biggar

Mr. Kevin Yates
Regina Dewdney

[The committee met at 08:30.]

The Chair: — Good morning, members, ladies and gentlemen. I'll call this meeting to order. And the first item on the agenda this morning is the election of a Deputy Chair. So I open the floor for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair. I recognize Mr. Yates.

Mr. Yates: — I would move that Mr. Taylor be the Deputy Chair.

The Chair: — Do we have any further nominations? Hearing none, we'll receive the motion.

Mr. Yates: — I would move:

That Mr. Taylor be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services.

The Chair: — It's been moved by the member from Regina Dewdney:

That Mr. Taylor be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services.

Is everyone agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Agreed and carried. Second item of business is the establishment of the steering committee. And I look for a motion from the floor. I recognize Mr. Weekes.

Mr. Weekes: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move:

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, Hon. Mr. Gantfoer, and Mr. Taylor; 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 a majority of the members of the steering is necessary to constitute a meeting; and that the substitutions for the membership of the Standing Committee on the House Services committee be permitted on the steering committee.

I so move.

The Chair: — It's been moved by Mr. Weekes that the steering committee be comprised of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Gantfoer, and Mr. Taylor. Is the committee prepared to accept the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Agreed. Carried. Thank you. Now we have some debate around the revisions of the *Rules and Procedures of the Assembly of Saskatchewan*. And I would like a motion to go in camera.

Hon. Mr. Gantfoer: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Gantfoer has moved that we move into in camera session at this time for the discussion of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly*.

[The committee continued in camera.]

The Chair: — Thank you very much. Back in camera. We have a motion regarding the report of the first committee, the standing committee.

Hon. Mr. Gantfoer: — I'll be happy to move that.

The Chair: — It has been moved by Mr. Gantfoer:

That the first report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Is the committee ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Chair: — The committee agreed with the motion before us:

That the first report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Thank you. Carried. We now need a motion regarding the composition of standing committees pursuant to rule 121. I'll entertain a motion. Mr. Gantfoer.

Hon. Mr. Gantfoer: — Mr. Speaker, I move:

That the standing committees' member ratio shall be five government members and two opposition members except for the Standing Committee on Privileges which shall be four government members and two opposition members.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Gantfoer. It has been moved by Mr. Gantfoer:

That the standing committees' member ratio be five government members and two opposition members except for the Standing Committee on Privileges which shall be four government members and two opposition members.

Is the committee agreed with this motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Hearing no opposing votes, it is carried. Thank you.

We also need a motion regarding the membership of standing committees under rule 137. Can I have a motion to that effect? Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: — Thank you. I would like to move:

That the lists of members to serve on standing committees as tabled by the government and opposition caucuses be adopted and reported to the Assembly.

The Chair: — Mr. Taylor has moved:

That the lists of members to serve on standing committees as tabled by the government and opposition caucuses be adopted and reported to the Assembly.

Is the committee agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. And I have in front of me a list of committee members, both government and opposition, which will be tabled. We also need a motion regarding allocation schedule under rule 137. I'll entertain a motion for the allocation schedule.

Hon. Ms. Harpauer: — I move:

That the allocation schedule be adopted as per rule 30(9) and a guideline in accordance with 137(3) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*.

The Chair: — Moved by Ms. Harpauer:

That the allocation schedule be adopted as per rule 30(9) and a guideline in accordance with 137(3) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*.

Is the committee agreed with the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Agreed. Carried. Thank you. And we need one further motion regarding consideration of the second report. I recognize Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would move:

That the second report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The Chair: — Moved by Mr. Taylor that the second report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the committee. Is the committee agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Thank you. Carried. Thank you. Just before we move adjournment, I'd just like to acknowledge the presence of Kathy Burianyk here. I believe she is here as a committee researcher — just started fairly recently. So welcome, Kathy. As well we have Ken and Viktor with us today, and we want to say thank you for your presence here. Short as it was, I think it's an indication that a number of members had done a good period of work prior to this committee meeting, and we want to thank them for that work, specifically Mr. Yates and Mr. Gantefoer.

We'll now entertain a motion of adjournment. Moved by Mr. Gantefoer that this committee do now adjourn, is the committee agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. And thank you.

[The committee adjourned at 08:47.]