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Hon. Jeremy Harrison
Meadow Lake

Mr. Len Taylor
The Battlefords

Mr. Randy Weekes
Biggar

[The committee met at 19:00.]

The Deputy Chair: — Being 7 p.m., I now call the meeting to order.

We have as business tonight the referral of estimates to the committee pursuant to rule 138(5). The following estimates for the legislative branch of government were deemed referred to committee on April 1st, 2010: vote 34, the Chief Electoral Officer; vote 76, the Children's Advocate; vote 57, the Conflict of Interest Commissioner; vote 55, the Information and Privacy Commissioner; vote 21, the Legislative Assembly; vote 56, the Ombudsman; and vote 28, the Provincial Auditor.

**General Revenue Fund
Chief Electoral Officer
Vote 34**

The Deputy Chair: — With that in mind, I would move to the subvote of Chief Electoral Officer, and I'd move that the Chief Electoral Officer subvote (CE01) in the amount of \$1,694,000. There is no vote on this issue because it's statutory. Are there any questions?

[Vote 34 — Statutory.]

**General Revenue Fund
Children's Advocate
Vote 76**

The Deputy Chair: — Seeing no questions, the next item before us is vote 76, the Children's Advocate in the amount of \$1,420,000. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — That's carried. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Be it resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31st, 2011, the following sums for the Children's Advocate in the amount of \$1,420,000.

Do I have a mover?

Mr. Weekes: — So moved.

The Deputy Chair: — Mr. Weekes. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — That's carried.

[Vote 76 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Conflict of Interest Commissioner
Vote 57**

The Deputy Chair: — All right. The next item of business before the committee is the vote 57, the Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

The Conflict of Interest Commissioner subvote (CC01) in the amount of \$156,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — All right. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Be it resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2011, the following sums for the Conflict of Interest Commissioner in the amount of \$156,000.

Mr. Allchurch. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — That's carried. Very co-operative committee this evening.

[Vote 57 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Information and Privacy Commissioner
Vote 55**

The Deputy Chair: — The Information and Privacy Commissioner, subvote (IP01) in the amount of \$927,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Be it resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2011, the following sums for the Information and Privacy Commissioner in the amount of \$927,000.

Do I have a mover?

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — So moved.

The Deputy Chair: — Jeremy. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — That's carried.

[Vote 55 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Legislative Assembly
Vote 21**

The Deputy Chair: — All right. The next item before the committee is vote 21, the Legislative Assembly. We'll have to vote this in several subvotes. It's a much larger budget.

For central management and services, subvote (LG01) in the amount of \$3,063,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. Office of the Speaker and Board of Internal Economy, subvote (LG07) in the amount of \$368,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Legislative Assembly, subvote (LG03) in the amount of \$4,459,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Payments and allowances to individual members, subvote (LG05) in the amount of \$13,685,000. I want to remind members there is no vote on this — it's statutory.

Then committees of the legislature, subvote (LG04) in the amount of \$391,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — That's carried. Caucus operations, subvote (LG06) in the amount of \$1,859,000. There is again no need to vote. This is statutory.

Then I would move on amortization of capital assets, assets in the amount of \$75,000. Again there is no vote for this purpose. It is for information purposes only.

And then finally, Legislative Assembly, vote 21 in the amount \$8,281,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Be it resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2011, the following sums for the Legislative Assembly in the amount of \$8,281,000.

Do I have a mover?

Mr. D'Autremont: — I'll move it.

The Deputy Chair: — Mr. D'Autremont. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried.

[Vote 21 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Ombudsman
Vote 56**

The Deputy Chair: — Okay. The next item of business before the committee is the vote 56 for the Ombudsman.

Ombudsman (OM01) in the amount of \$2,020,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — That's carried. I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

Be it resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2011, the following sums for Ombudsman in the amount of \$2,020,000.

Do I have a mover?

Mr. Weekes: — I so move.

The Deputy Chair: — Mr. Weekes. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — That's carried.

[Vote 56 agreed to.]

**General Revenue Fund
Provincial Auditor
Vote 28**

The Deputy Chair: — And finally vote 28, Provincial Auditor. Provincial Auditor, subvote (PA01) in the amount of \$7,310,000, is that agreed?

An Hon. Member: — Read it again. Read the number again.

The Deputy Chair: — 7,310,000.

An Hon. Member: — It's less than the subvote.

The Chair: — It's statutory . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . It's a typo. The correct number is 7,310,000.

Unforeseen expenses, subvote (PA02) in the amount of 503,000, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Amortization of capital assets in the amount of \$40,000. There's no vote in this amount. It's for . . . [inaudible] . . . purposes only. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — I will now ask a member to move the following resolution:

That there be granted to Her Majesty for the 12 months ending March 31, 2011, the following sums for Provincial Auditor in the amount of 7,813,000.

Do I have a mover?

Mr. Allchurch: — I so move.

The Deputy Chair: — Mr. Allchurch. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — All right. Now we have, of course, one item of business remaining. Committee members, you have before you a draft of the ninth report of the Standing Committee on House Services. We require a member to move the following motion:

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

Do I have a mover?

Mr. Taylor: — I so move.

The Deputy Chair: — Mr. Taylor. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Well members, with the conclusion of the next report I'd like to thank the Speaker for his very hard and diligent work on behalf of all the legislative officers, and ask for a member to move adjournment.

An Hon. Member: — I so move.

The Deputy Chair: — So moved. Are we all agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Deputy Chair: — Carried. This committee now stands adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 19:10.]