

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES
May 15, 2006

MINUTE NO. 7
7:00 p.m. - Room 8

1. **Present:** Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Members Brkich, Gantefer, Hagel, and Yates.

Committee Officials

Gwenn Ronyk, Clerk

Greg Putz, Deputy Clerk

2. The following documents were tabled:

HOS 15/25 Legislative Library: Annual report for the period ending March 31, 2005.

HOS 16/25 Provincial Auditor: Business and Financial Plan for the year ended March 31, 2007.

HOS 17/25 Children's Advocate: Annual report "The Right Balance Theory and Practice" for the year 2005.

3. The Deputy Chair advised that the committee had received an Order of the Assembly, dated April 13, 2006 to consider and report back the Estimates for the following:

Vote 34	Chief Electoral Officer
Vote 76	Children's Advocate
Vote 57	Conflict of Interest Commissioner
Vote 55	Information and Privacy Commissioner
Vote 21	Legislative Assembly
Vote 56	Ombudsman
Vote 28	Provincial Auditor

4. The committee considered the Estimates for the Chief Electoral Officer.
5. The committee concluded its review of the Estimates for the Chief Electoral Officer.
6. The committee considered the Estimates for the Children's Advocate.
7. On motion of the Hon. Mr. Yates:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March, 31, 2007, the following sums:

For Children's Advocate.....\$1,141,000

8. The committee considered the Estimates for the Conflict of Interest Commissioner.
9. On motion of the Hon. Mr. Yates:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March, 31, 2007, the following sums:

For Conflict of Interest Commissioner\$138,000

10. The committee considered the Estimates for the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

11. On motion of Mr. Brkich:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March, 31, 2007, the following sums:

For Information and Privacy Commissioner..... \$599,000

12. The committee considered the Estimates for the Legislative Assembly.

13. On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March, 31, 2007, the following sums:

For Legislative Assembly \$7,146,000

14. On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Supplementary Estimates, 2005-2006

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006 the following sum:

For Legislative Assembly \$70,000

15. The committee considered the Estimates for Ombudsman.

16. On motion of the Hon. Mr. Yates:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March, 31, 2007, the following sums:

For Ombudsman \$1,662,000

17. The committee considered the Estimates for the Provincial Auditor.

18. On motion of Mr. Brkich:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March, 31, 2007, the following sums:

For Provincial Auditor \$5,904,000

19. It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Yates:

That the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly on May 16, 2006.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

20. It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Yates:

That the name of Glenn Hagel be substituted for the name of Len Taylor on the House Services steering committee.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

21. It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

That a sub-committee of the Standing Committee on House Services, consisting of the Speaker, Mr. Gantefer and Mr. Hagel, be appointed to study and make recommendations on the adoption of a legislative calendar and revisions to the sessional sitting times as currently specified by Rule 3 of *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, and further;

That the sub-committee be authorized to visit the legislative assemblies of Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba to examine the operation of legislative calendars and the sessional sitting periods in those jurisdictions.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

22. It was moved by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

That the committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

23. The committee adjourned at 7:17 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Iris Lang
Committee Clerk

Rod Gantefer
Committee Deputy Chair