

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

April 24, 2007

MINUTE NO. 10

5:35 p.m. - Room 8

1. **Present:** Mr. Speaker, in the Chair and Members Gantefer, Brkich, Eagles, Hagel, Iwanchuk, McCall and Thomson.

2. On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel, pursuant to Rule 132(2):

Ordered, That the committee authorize the broadcast of its public proceedings.

3. Pursuant to Rule 137(6), the Deputy Chair, Mr. Gantefer presided during the consideration of estimates by the committee.

4. The following documents were tabled:

HOS 20/25 Children's Advocate: Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2005.

HOS 21/25 Provincial Ombudsman Saskatchewan: Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2005.

HOS 22/25 Information and Privacy Commissioner: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2006.

HOS 23/25 Provincial Auditor: Business and Financial Plan pursuant to section 14.1 of *The Provincial Auditor Act* for the year ended March 31, 2008.

HOS 24/25 Chief Electoral Officer: Annual Report pursuant to section 286.1 of *The Election Act, 1996* for the year ended March 31, 2006.

HOS 25/25 Saskatchewan Legislative Library: Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2006.

5. The committee considered the Estimates and Annual Report of the Children's Advocate.

The Speaker and the following Children's Advocate officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker

Marvin Bernstein, Children's Advocate

John Brand, Director, Advocacy Services

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

That the committee conclude its review of the 2005 Annual Report of the Children's Advocate.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

7. On motion of Mr. Brkich:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the sum:

For Children's Advocate..... \$1,290,000

8. The committee considered the Estimates and Annual Report of the Ombudsman.

The Speaker and the following Ombudsman officials appeared before the committee and answered questions.

Witnesses

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker
Kevin Fenwick, Ombudsman

9. It was moved by the Hon. Mr. McCall:

That the committee conclude its review of the 2005 Annual Report of the Ombudsman.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

10. On motion of Ms. Eagles:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sum:

For Ombudsman \$1,775,000

11. The committee considered the Estimates and Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The Speaker and the following Information and Privacy Commissioner officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker
Gary Dickson, Information and Privacy Commissioner
Diane Aldridge, Director of Compliance
Colleen Zimmer, Acting Manager of Administration

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

That the committee conclude its review of the 2005/06 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

The question being put, it was agreed to.

13. On motion of Mr. Brkich:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums:

For Information and Privacy Commissioner \$675,000

14. The committee considered the Estimates of the Provincial Auditor.

The Speaker and the following Provincial Auditor officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker

Fred Wendell, Provincial Auditor

Brian Atkinson, Assistant Provincial Auditor

Angèle Borys, Principal, Support Services

Heather Tomlin, Data Systems Administrator

15. On motion of Mr. Brkich:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums:

For Provincial Auditor \$6,360,000

16. The committee considered the Estimates and Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer.

The Speaker and the following Chief Electoral Office officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker

Jean Ouellet, Chief Electoral Officer

17. It was moved by Mr. Iwanchuk:

That the committee conclude its review of the 2005/06 Annual Report of the Chief Electoral Officer.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

18. On motion of Mr. Brkich:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March, 31, 2008, the following sums:

For Conflict of Interest Commissioner \$138,000

19. The committee considered the Annual Report of the Legislative Library.

The Speaker and the following Legislative Library officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker
Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian
Pat Kolesar, Assistant Legislative Librarian

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

That the committee conclude its review of the Annual Report of the Legislative Library for the period ending March 31, 2006.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

21. The committee considered the Estimates of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker and the following Legislative Assembly officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky, Speaker
Greg Putz, Clerk
Marilyn Borowski, Director, Financial and Administrative Services
Darcy Hislop, Chief Technology Officer
Linda Kaminski, Director, Human Resources and Payroll Services

22. On motion of Ms. Eagles:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums:

For Legislative Assembly \$7,620,000

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

Ordered, That the Tenth Report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly on April 25, 2007.

24. It was moved by Ms. Eagles:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

25. The committee adjourned at 8:40 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Kenneth S. Ring
Committee Clerk

Rod Gantefer
Committee Deputy Chair