

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES



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To the Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly:

HONOURABLE MEMBERS:

I have the pleasure to present herewith the First Report of the Standing Committee on House Services. The Committee is authorized by the Assembly to examine such matters as it deems advisable with respect to the rules, procedures, practices, and powers of the Legislative Assembly, its operations, organization, and the facilities and service provided to the Assembly, its committees, and Members.

This report outlines the composition of the standing committees of the Assembly and the allocation of government ministries, agencies and Crown Corporations to the various committees.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

Honourable Dan D'Autremont, Chair
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

1. Election of Deputy Chair

Your committee elected Mr. Warren McCall as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services.

2. Standing Committee Ratio of Members

Your committee recommends that the standing committees' member ratio be six government members and one opposition member, except for the Standing Committee on Privileges which should be five government members and one opposition member.

3. Membership of Standing Committees

Your committee recommends the composition of the standing committees of the Assembly under Rule 138(2) as follows:

Crown and Central Agencies

Brkich	Makowsky	McCall	Moe
Parent	Weekes	Wilson	

The Economy

Bradshaw	Chartier	Doherty	Doke
Heppner	Jurgens	Toth	

House Services

Speaker	Forbes	Harrison	McCall
Ottenbreit	Vermette	Weekes	Wyant

Human Services

Broten	Docherty	Eagles	Kirsch
Lawrence	Marchuk	Merriman	

Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice

Elhard	Michelson	Phillips	Sproule
Steinley	Stewart	Tell	

Private Bills

Belanger	Brkich	Campeau	Elhard
Hart	Tochor	Wilson	

Privileges

Speaker	Brkich	Eagles	Forbes
Kirsch	Ottenbreit	Toth	

Public Accounts

Campeau	Cox	Hart	Michelson
Stewart	Tochor	Wotherspoon	

4. Allocation of Business to Policy Field Committees

Your Committee has adopted a schedule as per Rule 138(3) that allocates government ministries, agencies and Crown corporations to the various committees. Rule 30(9) provides the authority for budgetary estimates to be referred to a committee. There are three types of committees with specific rules for the referral of estimates, policy field committees, Committee of Finance and the Standing Committee on House Services. Rule 142 provides the subject area for policy field committees. Estimates relating to Executive Council are referred to the Committee of Finance as per Rule 117(2). Pursuant to Rule 138(5), all Estimates for the legislative branch of government are referred to the Standing Committee on House Services. The schedule further provides a guideline for the referral of legislation to standing committees. The schedule is attached as an appendix to this report.

Recommendation

That the allocation schedule for committees, as specified in the Appendix to this Report be adopted pursuant to *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*.

5. Revisions to *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*

Your Committee has set up a sub-committee to study and make recommendations on revisions to *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*.