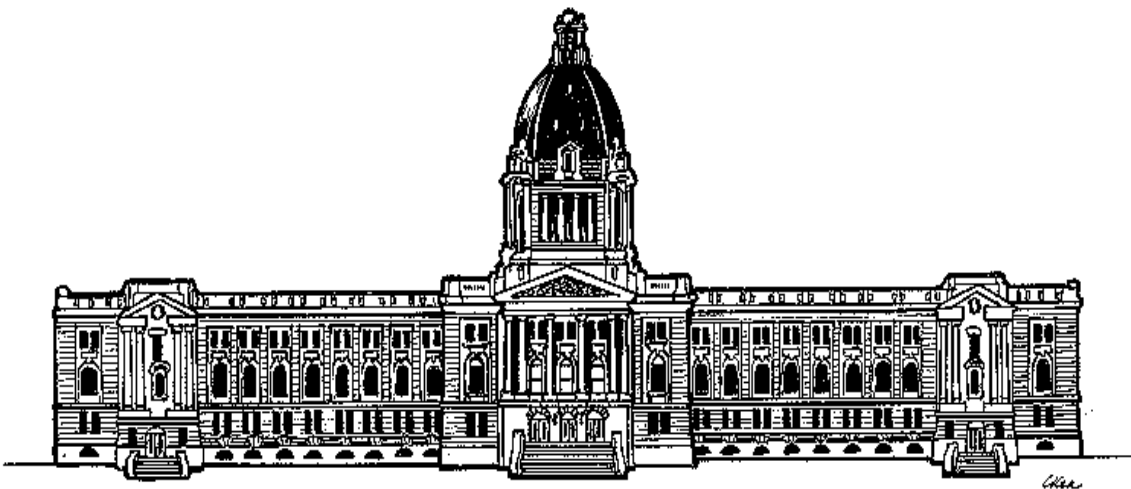




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Mr. Lyle Stewart, Deputy Chair
Thunder Creek

Ms. Jennifer Campeau
Saskatoon Fairview

Mr. Herb Cox
The Battlefords

Mr. Glen Hart
Last Mountain-Touchwood

Mr. Warren Michelson
Moose Jaw North

Mr. Corey Tochor
Saskatoon Eastview

[The committee met at 16:53.]

Ms. Ursulescu: — Good afternoon, members. Since this is the first meeting of your committee, the first item of business is the election of the Chair. It is my duty as Committee Clerk to preside over the election of a Chair. I'd like to remind members of the process. I will first ask for nominations. Once there are no further nominations, I will then ask a member to move a motion to have a committee member preside as Chair.

I will now call for nominations for the position of Chair. Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Stewart: — Mr. Wotherspoon.

Ms. Ursulescu: — Mr. Stewart has nominated Mr. Wotherspoon to the position of Chair. Are there any further nominations? Seeing none, I would now invite one of the members to move that motion.

Mr. Michelson: — I move nominations cease.

Ms. Ursulescu: — Mr. Michelson has moved:

That Mr. Wotherspoon be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

All in favour of the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Ms. Ursulescu: — All those opposed? I declare the motion carried and invite Mr. Wotherspoon to take the Chair.

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Good afternoon, committee members. Our first order of business here today is to elect a Deputy Chair. I just want to remind members of that process. I'll first ask for nominations. Once there are no further nominations, I will then ask a member to move the motion to have a committee member preside as Deputy Chair. I will now call for nominations. Mr. Hart.

Mr. Hart: — I nominate Lyle Stewart.

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Mr. Hart has nominated Mr. Stewart to the position of Deputy Chair. Are there any further nominations? Seeing none, I would now invite one of the members to move that motion. Mr. Hart, moved by Mr. Hart. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Mr. Wotherspoon: — It's agreed:

That Mr. Stewart be elected and preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The motion is carried. I would seek a motion for the establishment of a steering committee. Mr. Hart.

Mr. Hart: — 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 the Chair and Deputy Chair; and further, that a steering committee should meet time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the Chair; that the presence of all members of the steering committee is necessary to constitute a meeting; that substitutions from the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be permitted on the steering committee.

I so move.

Mr. Wotherspoon: — Thank you, Mr. Hart. Moved by Mr. Hart. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Mr. Wotherspoon: — It's agreed. Motion is moved.

At this point in time I'd like to table the following documents: PAC 1/27 Public Service Commission, response to questions raised during June 7th, 2011 meeting, dated June 23, 2011; PAC 2/27 Ministry of Finance, reporting of public losses for the period of April 1st, 2011 to June 30th, 2011, dated June 28th, 2011; PAC 3/27, Ministry of Health, reporting of public losses at regional health authorities and Saskatchewan cancer clinic for the period from April 1st, 2011 to June 30th, 2011, dated July 28th, 2011; PAC 4/27, Office of the Provincial Auditor, annual report on operations for the year ended March 31st, 2011.

I'd also like to advise members that the following reports were deemed referred to the committee: the Office of the Provincial Auditor annual report on operations for the year ended March 31st, 2011, that's on June 28th, 2011; Public Accounts volume 2 on November 14th, 2011; and the 2011 *Report of the Provincial Auditor* volume 2 on December 8th, 2011.

If there is no other business, I would seek a motion of adjournment.

Mr. Stewart: — I so move.

The Chair: — Moved by Mr. Stewart. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — It's agreed. This committee now stands adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 16:57.]