

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**  
**May 31, 1984**

**MINUTE NO. 12**

May 31, 1984 at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

1. PRESENT: At 1:30 p.m. Mr. Shillington in the Chair and members Engel, Glauser, Katzman, Meagher and Morin.

At 6:30 p.m. Mr. Shillington in the Chair and members Engel, Glauser, Katzman, Meagher and Morin.

2. The following document was tabled in committee:

PAC35/84 Draft of the Sixth Report from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

3. Public Hearing: Consideration of the Sixth Report from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

4. Section one of the draft report agreed to.

5. It was moved by Mr. Engel:

That the third paragraph in section two read as follows:

The committee urges the Department of Finance to seek an appropriate way of reporting such transfers to the Legislative Assembly and report back to the committee before any action is taken.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

6. It was moved by Mr. Katzman:

That section three of the draft report read as follows:

The committee discussed the merits of Comprehensive Auditing. It was the view of the committee they would not recommend implementation of Comprehensive Auditing at this time. It was, however, the view of the committee that there may be merit in the introduction of Comprehensive Auditing at some future time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

7. It was moved by Mr. Morin:

That section four of the draft report read as follows:

The committee noted the Provincial Auditor's comments in his annual report that grants made by the Arts Board are being made without statutory authority. In the view of this committee there is substance to this statement. Appropriate legislation should be amended to properly reflect the policy of the board and government.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

8. It was moved by Mr. Katzman:

That the words, "if the public's affairs are to be administered properly" be deleted from paragraph two of section five of the draft report.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

9. It was moved by Mr. Katzman:

That in paragraph three of section six, the word “therefore” be inserted between “committee” and “recommends” in the first line; and that word “ability” read “inability” in the third line; the words “need to” be deleted in the last one and the word “now” be substituted.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

10. It was moved by Mr. Engel:

That in paragraph one of section seven the word “documents” be substituted for the word “statements” in the second line; that the word “of” be deleted from line five and a comma substituted; and that the last paragraph read: The committee agreed that this would be useful information to members of the Legislative Assembly.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

11. It was moved by Mr. Shillington:

That section 11 be added which should read as follows:

Your committee extends its appreciation to the Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Assembly and his staff; the Provincial Auditor and his staff; the Comptroller and his staff; and to the officials who represented their departments during our investigations.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

12. It was moved by Mr. Katzman:

That the sixth report of the Public Accounts committee be presented to the Legislature, as amended.

13. The committee adjourned at 2 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. this day.

14. The committee resumed its deliberations *in camera* regarding attendance at the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees annual meeting in Charlottetown this year.

15. It was moved by Mr. Meagher:

That the members from Prince Albert and Regina Centre be permitted to attend, on behalf of this committee, the annual meeting of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees, be held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, July 9-11, 1984; and that if either member cannot attend this meeting, there will be no substitution.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to on division.

16. It was moved by Mr. Morin:

That with the exception of any motion, there be no recorded verbatim of this evening’s meeting.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to on division.

17. The committee adjourned, *sine die* at 7 p.m.

Craig James  
Committee Clerk

E.B. Shillington  
Chairman