

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**  
**December 6, 1984**

**MINUTE NO. 1**  
December 6, 1984 at 9:30 a.m.

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Shillington in the Chair and Members Engel, Glauser, Katzman, Meagher, Morin, Muller, Sveinson, Weiman, Young

**Guests:**

Mr. Alan Sandall, Senior Clerk, Westminster

**Provincial Auditor's Office:**

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor

F. Wendell, Assistant Provincial Auditor

M. Heffernan, Director of Professional Development

2. The Following documents were tabled in the Committee:

PAC 1/84-85 — Public Accounts Orientation Seminar, September 16-17, 1982

PAC 2/84-85 — Research Support for Committees at Westminster

PAC 3/84-85 — Standing Committee on Public Accounts Research Support

3. The Committee resumed the adjourned debate on the motion by Mr. Shillington:

That this Committee request for fiscal year 1985-86 research staff to be attached to the Legislative Library and define the functions as a part-time position from March 1 through May 1 of each year.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was negatived.

4. The Committee considered its budget for fiscal year 1985-86.

5. It was moved by Mr. Katzman:

That the Committee's budget for fiscal year 1985-86 have items one and two combined into a section entitled "Committee Meetings, Conferences and Travel."

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

6. It was moved by Mr. Weiman:

That there shall be an increase from two to four Members permitted to attend the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees' Annual Meetings on behalf of the Committee and reimbursed for appropriate costs.

A debate arising it was moved by Mr. Katzman in amendment thereto:

That additional Members beyond four, may attend and be reimbursed the per diem costs only.

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

A debate arising on the motion as amended and the question being put, it was agreed to.

7. It was moved by Mr. Katzman:

That item 2.2. of the Committee's budget for fiscal year 1985-86 be deleted and that the Committee Clerk write to the Comprehensive Auditing Foundation to request more mutually acceptable conference dates.

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

8. It was moved by Mr. Engel:

That a Public Accounts Committee research internship program be initiated and that the Committee Clerk prepare a detailed proposal.

The Chairman ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that its substance had been dealt with as a previous agenda item.

9. The Committee requested the Committee Clerk to ask the Legislative Librarian to correspond with each caucus concerning actual available research services they can expect to receive from the Library considering the present state of the Library.

10. The Committee's budget for fiscal year 1985-86 was agreed to as amended and the Committee Clerk was instructed to distribute the revision to Members before its presentation to the Board of Internal Economy.

11. The Committee resumed the adjourned debate on a motion by Mr. Shillington:

That the expenses of the Member for Assiniboia-Gravelbourg be paid for travel costs incidental to the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committee Annual Meeting in Charlottetown, July 8-11, 1984.

The debate continuing and the question being put it was agreed to unanimously.

12. The Committee considered a strategy to deal with forthcoming business.

13. It was moved by Mr. Weiman:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts sit Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. when the Provincial Auditor's Report and the Public Accounts Reports are referred to them.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Young in amendment thereto:

That the motion be amended to allow the Committee to sit from 8:00 -11:00 a.m.

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

A debate arising on the motion as amended and the question being put, it was agreed to.

14. The Committee adjourned at 11:45 a.m. until Wednesday, December 12, 1984 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 10 of the Legislative Building.

**Agenda:**

1. Saskatchewan Teacher's Superannuation Plan
2. Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees Annual Meeting — Reports
3. Any other business.

Craig James  
Committee Clerk

E.B. Shillington  
Chairman