

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
May 8, 1985

MINUTE NO. 8
May 8, 1985 at 8:45 a.m.

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

Provincial Auditor's Office

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor
F. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
B. Atkinson, Deputy Provincial Auditor
J. Hunt, Deputy Provincial Auditor
R. Goscoyne, Computer Auditing
A. Martens, Audit Manager

Comptroller's Office

G. Kraus, Comptroller
P. Witteman, Analyst

2. An *in camera* briefing session was held regarding the agenda items.

3. The following document was tabled in the Committee:

PAC 22/84-85 — Public Accounts Committee review of crown corporations

4. The debate continued on the motion by the Member for Saskatoon Eastview:

That this Committee of Public Accounts continue with the long-standing tradition of leaving the review of commercial crown corporations to the Crown Corporation Committee and reviewing only Treasury Crowns in this Committee.

The Deputy Chairman ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that it substantially altered the Committee's terms of reference which were established by the Legislature.

5. **Public Hearing: Saskatchewan Computer Utility Corporation**

Witnesses

A. L. M. Nelson, President
M. K. Fitch, Controller

6. The Committee requested the President of the Saskatchewan Computer Utility Corporation to write the Clerk regarding the Corporation's fire and police protection and all corporation facilities.
7. Saskatchewan Computer Utility Corporation: Hearing completed.

8. **Public Hearing: Teacher's Superannuation Commission**

Witnesses

Lois Herback, Executive Secretary
Arleen Copeman, Administrative Officer

9. During consideration of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission, a point of order was raised by the Member for Assiniboia-Gravelbourg to the effect that questions of an agency are in order respecting the most recent reporting period which is not the year under review. The Deputy Chairman ruled that the point of order was not well taken and referred all honourable Members to the established committee practice of restricting questions to the year under review and that it is the prerogative of witnesses and officials to decline to answer under these circumstances.
10. Saskatchewan Teacher's Superannuation Commission: Hearing completed.
11. The Committee adjourned at 10:35 a.m. until Thursday, May 9, 1985 at 8:45 a.m. in Room 10.

Agenda

1. Department of Finance re pension funds.

Craig James
Committee Clerk

C.H. Glauser
Chairman

PROGRESS

The following departments, boards, commissions, agencies, or crown corporations have been selected for committee scrutiny, pursuant to issues raised in the 1984 Provincial Auditor's Report, the Public Accounts of the Province of Saskatchewan and the respective agency's annual reports for the year under review. The anticipated hearing section is subject to change.

HEARINGS CONCLUDED

Western Development Museum
Department of Culture and Recreation
Department of Parks and Renewable Resources
Kelsey Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences
Department of Advanced Education and Manpower
Saskatchewan Computer Utility Corporation
Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission

ANTICIPATED HEARINGS

Department of Finance
Department of Revenue and Financial Services
Department of Rural Development
Saskatchewan Government Insurance
Saskatchewan Pork Producers Marketing Board
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation
Saskatchewan Sheep and Wool Marketing Commission
Saskatchewan Telecommunications
Saskatchewan Transportation Company
Department of Highways and Transportation
Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute
Saskatchewan Forest Products Corporation
Department of Agriculture
Department of Social Services
Saskatchewan Power Corporation