

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

June 6, 1989

MINUTE NO. 17

June 6, 1989 at 8:30 a.m.

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Van Mulligen in the Chair and the following Members: Hopfner, Anguish, Lyons, Martens, Martin, Muirhead, Neudorf, and Wolfe

Officials

Provincial Auditor's Office

W. Lutz, Provincial Auditor
F. Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office

G. Kraus, Provincial Comptroller
T. Paton, Director, Financial Management Branch

2. Mr. Neudorf moved:

Notwithstanding any previous decision of the Committee respecting its agenda of witnesses to be heard in relation to the review of the Provincial Auditor's Report for 1986-87, the Committee agree that hearings be now concluded.

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

3. Mr. Martens proposed that review of the draft Third Report be postponed for a time to allow Members to study its content in order to consider possible changes.

4. Mr. Lyons proposed to move:

That the sittings of the Public Accounts Committee for consideration of the Auditor's Report for the year ending March 31, 1988, be held in the Legislative Chamber, and that the Clerk of this committee make the arrangements necessary with Mr. Speaker, so that such shall be done.

The Chairman ruled it out of order.

5. Mr. Wolfe moved:

That the sittings of the Public Accounts Committee be held in a non-smoking environment henceforth.

And debate arising, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

6. Mr. Lyons moved:

That the Public Accounts Committee recommend to the Legislative Assembly that the sittings of the Public Accounts Committee for the consideration of the Auditor's Report for the year-ending March 31, 1988 be held in the Legislative

Chamber and that the Clerk of this committee make the arrangements necessary with Mr. Speaker.

The Chairman suggested that the final phrase of the motion be deleted. The motion as altered was ruled to be in order. The motion reads:

That the Public Accounts Committee recommend to the Legislative Assembly that the sittings of the Public Accounts Committee for the consideration of the Auditor's Report for the year-ending March 31, 1988 be held in the Legislative Chamber.

During debate, the Chairman ruled certain expressions unparliamentary.

And debate continuing, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived.

Mr. Martens moved:

That in each instance where a private sector auditor has been given the responsibility to provide an audit for the Legislative Assembly under the Auditor's Act, that this auditor be required to attend as a witness for the Public Accounts Committee.

And debate continuing . . .

The Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m. until Thursday, June 8, 1989 at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda:

Continuing debate on motion of Mr. Martens.

HEARINGS CONCLUDED SUBJECT TO RECALL

Department of Parks & Renewable Resources and Department of Culture & Recreation (now Parks, Recreation & Culture)
Department of Supply and Services and the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation
Department of Energy and Mines
Department of Education & Department of Advanced Education
Department of Economic Development and Trade (now Department of Trade and Investment)
Department of Tourism and Small Business (now Department of Economic Development and Tourism)
Provincial Secretary
Department of Justice
Department of Labour (now Human Resources Labour and Employment)
Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Credit Corporation
Agricultural Development Corporation
Department of Social Services
Department of Health

HEARINGS ADJOURNED SUBJECT TO RECALL

Department of Finance (including Department of Revenue and Financial Services and Municipal Employees)
Office of Executive Council