

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
May 31, 1990

MINUTE NO. 14
May 31, 1990 at 8:30 a.m.

1. PRESENT: Mr. Van Mulligen in the Chair and the following Members: Anguish, Britton, Hopfner, Muller, Lyons, Rolfes, and Swan

Officials

Provincial Auditor's Office

Fred Wendel, Acting, Deputy Provincial Auditor
Brian Atkinson, Acting Assistant Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office

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

2. The Chairman made the following statement:

This is further to my statement of last Tuesday, May 29, 1990 which clearly established that it has not been the practice and procedure of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly to permit recorded divisions in standing and special committees. However, I do recognize that standing and special committees enjoy some flexibility with respect to their own procedure, to the extent that this is not grossly inconsistent with the practice in other standing and special committees of the Assembly and that it has no direct procedural consequences outside the committee.

If there is a disposition on the part of the committee to experiment with the practice of recorded divisions, I am prepared to accept a motion to that effect.

There would of course be a requirement to establish certain guidelines which should be approved by the committee, before adopting the practice of recorded divisions.

3. The Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1989 and the future business related thereto.
4. It was moved by Mr. Lyons:

That, therefore be it resolved that the Standing Committee on Public Accounts report to the Legislative Assembly the need for an expanded mandate for the Provincial Auditor to enable the Provincial Auditor to conduct a special comprehensive audit of the process of privatization followed by the Provincial Government and of all privatization initiatives undertaken by the Provincial Government.

And debate arising thereon.

5. The Chairman leaves the Chair.
6. Mr. Hopfner assumes the Chair.

7. The Chairman assumes the Chair.
8. And debate continuing.
9. At 9:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.
10. At 9:40 a.m., the sitting was resumed.
11. And debate continuing.
12. The question being put on Mr. Lyon's motion, it was negatived.
13. It was moved by Mr. Lyons:

That the Committee recess for 15 minutes.

The question being put, it was negatived.

14. It was moved by Mr. Anguish:

That the first Chapter of the 1988/89 Provincial Auditor's Report, to be dealt with by the Committee be Chapter 2.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

15. The Committee adjourned at 10:31 until Tuesday, June 5, 1990.

Agenda:

Chapter 2 of the 1988-89 Provincial Auditor's Report.