

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

November 26, 1990

MINUTE NO. 20

November 26, 1990 at 1:05 p.m.

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

Officials

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor
Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
B. Atkinson, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office

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

2. The following document was tabled:

PAC 11/90 — Status of Financial Statements, Public Employees Annuity Fund and Public Employees Superannuation Fund

PAC 12/90 — Report by the A/Provincial Auditor to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts — Value-for-money Audits

PAC 13/90 — Report by the A/Provincial Auditor to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts dated June 13, 1990 in response to questions asked by the Public Accounts Committee on June 12, 1990

PAC 14/90 — Economic Diversification and Trade: Response to questions asked of the Department by the Public Accounts Committee at its meeting on June 19, 1990

PAC 15/90 — Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: Response to questions asked of the Corporation by the Public Accounts Committee at its meeting on May 3, 1990

PAC 16/90 — Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan (ACS): Response to questions asked of the Corporation at the Public Accounts Committee meeting on June 14, 1990

PAC 17/90 — Social Services: Responses to question asked of the Department at the Public Accounts Committee meeting on April 24, 1990

PAC 18/90 — Department of Agriculture and Food: Responses to questions asked of the Department at the Public Accounts Committee meeting on June 19, 1990

PAC 19/90 — Report by the Provincial Auditor to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts on the 1989 Annual Report (Update on matters resolved)

3. The Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1989.

4. The Chairman introduced, welcomed and congratulated Mr. Wayne Strelieff, Provincial Auditor, appointed November 1, 1990.
5. Mr. Baker moved that:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts meet according to the following schedule:

Monday, November 26

1:00-5:00 p.m. — Department of Finance

Tuesday, November 27

9:00-12:00 Noon — Crown Investment Corporation

2:00-3:30 p.m. — Department of Health

3:30-5:00 p.m. — Saskatchewan Housing Corporation

Wednesday, November 28

9:00-12:00 Noon — Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation

2:00-5:00 p.m. — Saskatchewan Transportation Company

Thursday, November 29

9:00-10:30 a.m. — Department of Education

10:30-12:00 Noon — Department of Justice

2:00-3:00 p.m. — Provincial Secretary

3:00-4:00 p.m. — Department of Economic Development and Tourism *continuing*

4:00-5:00 p.m. — Department of Highways and Transportation

Friday, November 30

9:00-12:00 Noon — Outstanding matters and consideration of the Report

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

6. Mr. Anguish moved, that:

This Committee no longer use Styrofoam cups.

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

7. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 13, Department of Finance of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1989.
8. **Public Hearing: Department of Finance (Provincial Auditors Report 1988-89)**

Witnesses:

John Wright, Deputy Minister

Bill Jones, Associate Deputy Minister, Treasury and Debt Management

Gerry Kraus, Provincial Comptroller

Bill Van Sickle, Executive Director, Administration

Len Rog, Assistant Deputy Minister, Revenue Division

Brian Smith, Executive Director, Public Employees Benefits Agency

Doug Matthies, Director, Accounting and Administration, Saskatchewan Pension Plan

9. The Chairman advised the witnesses of their rights and obligations.

10. The witnesses answered questions.
11. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.
12. At 2:55 p.m. the sitting was suspended.
13. At 3:15 p.m. the sitting resumed.
14. Questioning of the witnesses and of the Provincial Auditor was resumed.
15. It was moved by Mr. Britton:

That the hearing of the Department of Finance be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

16. At 5:00 p.m. the Committee adjourned until November 27, 1990 at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda:

9:00-12:00 Noon — Crown Investment Corporation
2:00-3:30 p.m. — Department of Health
3:30-5:00 p.m. — Saskatchewan Housing Corporation