

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

January 8, 1992

MINUTE NO. 6

Morning Sitting

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Swenson in the Chair and Members Anguish, Harper, Haverstock, Johnson, Muirhead, Murray, Serby, Sonntag, Van Mulligen

Officials

Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor
Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
John Hunt, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office

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

2. The Committee resumed consideration of the *Report of the Provincial Auditor* for the year ended March 31, 1990.
3. On the motion of Mr. Van Mulligen, it was agreed that the Committee sit *in-camera* to discuss with the Provincial Auditor issues respecting the Saskatchewan Liquor Board.
4. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 31, the Saskatchewan Liquor Board, of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1990.
5. It was agreed that the Committee now resume its public sitting.

6. Public Hearing: Saskatchewan Liquor Board

Witnesses:

Paul Weber, Chairman
Ray Ritsco, Vice-President, Finance & Information Systems
Holly Alexander, Planning Analyst

7. The Chairman advised the witnesses of their rights and obligations.
8. The witnesses answered questions.
9. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.
10. The Comptroller answered questions.
11. It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That the hearing of the Saskatchewan Liquor Board be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

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

12. At 10:30 a.m. the sitting was suspended.

13. At 10:55 a.m. the sitting resumed.

14. The Committee resumed consideration of the *Report of the Provincial Auditor* for the year ended March 31, 1990.

15. On the motion of Mr. Van Mulligen, it was agreed that the Committee sit *in-camera* to discuss with the Provincial Auditor issues respecting the Department of Social Services.

16. The Committee proceeded to hear the Department of Social Services in its consideration of the Public Accounts of Saskatchewan for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1990.

17. It was agreed that the Committee now resume its public sitting.

18. Public Hearing: Department of Social Services

Witnesses:

Con Hnatiuk, Deputy Minister
Robert Blackwell, Assistant Deputy Minister
Elizabeth Smith, Executive Director, Support Services Division

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

20. The witnesses answered questions.

21. It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

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

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

22. At 12:16 p.m. the Committee adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon Sitting

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Swenson in the Chair and Members Anguish, Harper, Haverstock, Johnson, Murray, Serby, Sonntag, Van Mulligen

Officials

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor
Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
John Hunt, Deputy Provincial Auditor

Comptroller's Office

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

2. The Committee resumed consideration of the *Report of the Provincial Auditor* for the year ended March 31, 1990.
3. On the motion of Mr. Van Mulligen, it was agreed that the Committee sit *in-camera* to discuss with the Provincial Auditor issues respecting the Department of Economic Diversification and Trade.
4. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 13, the Department of Economic Diversification and Trade of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1990.
5. It was agreed that the Committee now resume its public sitting.

6. Public Hearing: Department of Economic Diversification and Trade

Witnesses:

Robert A. Volk, Chairman, Project Co-ordination Unit
Sharon Roulston, Executive Director, Internal Operations
Jim Zatulsky, Director, Investment Programs
Bruce Walker, Manager, Northern Revolving Fund
Bryce Baron, Director, Industrial Opportunities
Darryl McCallum, Director, Tourism Development
Bob Perrin, Executive Director, International Division
Gerry Adamson, Director, Trade Promotion
Matt Troniak, Project Consultant, Community Bonds
Graham Parsons, Chief Economist and Co-ordinator, Community Bond Office

7. The Chairman advised the witnesses of their rights and obligations.
8. The witnesses answered questions.
9. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.
10. The Comptroller answered questions.
11. It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That the hearing of the Department of Economic Diversification and Trade be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

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

12. At 4:08 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

13. At 4:25 p.m. the sitting resumed.

14. The Committee resumed consideration of the *Report of the Provincial Auditor* for the year ended March 31, 1990.

15. The Committee proceeded to hear the officials from the Agricultural Development Fund in its consideration of the *Public Accounts* of Saskatchewan for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1990.

16. Public Hearing: Agricultural Development Fund

Witnesses:

Stuart Kramer, Chairman, Agricultural Development Fund (ADF) and Deputy Minister, Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture and Food (SDAF)
Henry Zilm, Assistant Deputy Minister, SDAF
Harvey Murchison, Director, Administrative Services Branch, SDAF
Ken Petruic, Manager, Financial Services, Administrative Services Branch, SDAF
Dr. John Taylor, Executive Manager, ADF
Connie Lambert, Manager, Finance and Administration Section, ADF

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

18. The witnesses answered questions.

19. It was moved by Mr. Johnson:

That the hearing of the Department of Agriculture and Food and the Agricultural Development Fund be concluded subject to recall, if necessary, for further questions.

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

20. At 5:08 p.m. the Committee adjourned until Thursday, January 9, 1992 at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda:

9:00 - 11:00	Presentation by Mr. John Kelly, CICA
11:00 - 12:00	Department of Energy and Mines
1:30 - 3:30	Saskatchewan Transportation and the Department of Justice
3:30 - 5:30	Saskatchewan Power Corporation

COMMITTEE CLERK
Robert Vaive

CHAIRMAN
R. Swenson