STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS January 9, 1992

MINUTE NO. 7

Morning Sitting

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

Officials

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelioff, 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 was given a presentation by Mr. John Kelly, Director, Public Sector Accounting and Auditing of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.
- 3. At 11:00 a.m. the sitting was suspended.
- 4. At 11:15 a.m. the sitting resumed.
- 5. The Committee resumed consideration of the *Report of the Provincial Auditor* for the year ended March 31, 1990 and the *Public Accounts* of Saskatchewan for the year ended March, 1990.
- 6. 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 Energy and Mines.
- 7. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 15, the Department of Energy and Mines, of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1990.
- 8. It was agreed that the Committee now resume its public sitting.

9. Public Hearing: Department of Energy and Mines

Witnesses:

Pat Youzwa, Deputy Minister Ray Clayton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Administration Division Don Stirling, Director, Mineral Revenue Lynn Jacobson, Director, Personnel and Administration Doug Koepke, Supervisor of Accounts 10. The Chairman advised the witnesses of their rights and obligations.

- 11. The witnesses answered questions.
- 12. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.
- 13. At 11:55 a.m. the Committee adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon Sitting

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

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- 2. The Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1990 and the Public Accounts of Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1990.
- 3. The Committee resumed consideration of Chapter 15, the Department of Energy and Mines Services for the year ended March 31, 1990.
- 4. The witnesses answered questions.
- 5. It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

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

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

- 6. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 34, the Saskatchewan Transportation Company, of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1990.
- 7. 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 Transportation Company.

- 8. It was agreed that the Committee now resume its public sitting.
- 9. At 3:20 p.m. the sitting was suspended.
- 10. At 3:35 p.m. the sitting resumed.

11. Public Hearing: Saskatchewan Transportation Company

Witnesses:

Peter Glendinning, Acting President Ernie Temrick, Controller Les Wills, Director, Transportation Services Darryl Bogdasavich, Q.C., Executive Director, Civil Law, Department of Justice

12. The following document was tabled:

PAC 5.1/92 - Letter to Robert Cosman, Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk from the Department of Justice on Matters before the Courts involving the Saskatchewan Transportation Commission.

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

- 14. The witnesses answered questions.
- 15. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.
- 16. It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

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

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

17. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 20, the Department of Justice, of the Provincial Auditor's Report for the year ended March 31, 1990.

18. Public Hearing: Department of Justice

Witnesses:

Darryl Bogdasavich, Q.C., Executive Director, Civil Law Richard Quinney, Q.C., Acting/Executive Director, Public Prosecutions Keith Laxdal, Associate Deputy Minister, Finance and Administration Division Ron Hewitt, Q.C., Assistant Deputy Minister, Registry Services Division Twyla Meredith, Director, Administrative Services Branch Lynn Tulloch, Assistant Director, Administrative Services Branch

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

20. The witnesses answered questions.

- 21. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.
- 22. It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

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

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

- 23. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of Chapter 32, the Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1990.
- 24. 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 Power Corporation.
- 25. It was agreed that the Committee now resume its public sitting.

26. Public Hearing: Saskatchewan Power Corporation

Witnesses:

Jim Fink, Assistant to the President Larry Ruddell, Vice-President, Finance Larry Kram, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

- 27. The Chairman advised the witnesses of their rights and obligations.
- 28. The witnesses answered questions.
- 29. The Provincial Auditor answered questions.
- 30. It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen:

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

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

31. At 5:44 p.m. the Committee adjourned until Friday, January 10, 1992 at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda:

9:00 a.m. Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation
9:45 a.m. Department of Parks and Renewable Resources Consideration of the Committee Report for the Assembly