STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS January 21, 1994

MINUTE NO. 22 9 a.m. — Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Martens in the Chair and Members Cline, Crofford, Haverstock, Kujawa, McPherson, Serby, Sonntag and Van Mulligen

Other Member:

Mr. Goohsen

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelioff, Provincial Auditor Brian Atkinson, Executive Director John Hunt, Executive Director

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Gerry Kraus, Provincial Comptroller

Terry Paton, Director, Financial Management Branch

- 2. The Committee resumed consideration of the Annual Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1992 and the Public Accounts, 1991-92.
- 3. The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the following Chapters:
 - Chapter 20 Department of Social Services
 - Chapter 23 Legislation (The Board of Internal Economy)
 - Chapter 24 Saskatchewan Auto Fund
 - Chapter 25 Saskatchewan Forest Products Corporation
- 4. It was agreed, That Saskatchewan Auto Fund be invited to appear before the Committee to further consider Recommendation .13.
- 5. The Committee reverted to the consideration of Recommendation .18 in Chapter 3 The Financial Management Review Commission.
- 6. It was moved by Mr. McPherson:

That this Public Accounts Committee accept the recommendations of the Provincial Auditor, the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Financial Management Review Commission that the Provincial Government of Saskatchewan record the liability for pension obligations and that this reporting be consistent across all Government Departments, Agencies and Crowns.

It was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen in amendment thereto that the following words be added:

, but that the Government do so at an appropriate time.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to on the following recorded division: Y:5 N:2

And the question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to on the following recorded division: Y:5 N:0

- 7. The Committee reverted to the consideration of Recommendation .76 in Chapter 27 Saskatchewan Power Corporation.
- 8. It was moved by Ms. Crofford:

That the Committee invite the Northern Enterprise Fund Inc. (NEFI) to come before the Committee and that the designate officials who are able to answer any questions by the Committee be put forward.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following recorded division: Y:5 N:0

- 9. The Committee reverted to the consideration of Recommendation Nos. 3 and 4 of the Special Report of the Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan dated April 14, 1993.
- 10. The Provincial Auditor made a statement on these issues.
- 11. The Committee agreed that the Provincial Auditor report to the Committee on these issues at a time to be determined in consultation with the Committee.
- 12. At 11:17 the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.