

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

March 30, 1998

MINUTE NO. 33

9:00 a.m. — Room 10

1. **PRESENT:** Ms. Draude in the Chair and Members, Gantefoer, Hillson, Jess, Koenker, Stanger, Tchorzewski, Thomson and Whitmore.

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor

Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor

Ed Montgomery, Executive Director, Provincial Auditor

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller

Chris Bayda, Director, Financial Management Branch

2. The following document received since the last meeting was tabled:

PAC 33/23 – Department of Agriculture: Written response to questions raised at the February 16, 1998 meeting.

3. The Committee considered a business agenda proposed for the examination of the operation and sale of Channel Lake Petroleum Ltd. by Saskatchewan Power Corporation. It was moved by Mr. Gantefoer:

That the Committee recommends and reports to the Legislative Assembly that the order of reference for the investigation be as follows:

That the Public Accounts Committee meet to conduct a special investigation of the purchase, management and sale of Channel Lake; and

That the Committee also consider the events surrounding the termination of Jack Messer by SaskPower and the subsequent decision to provide him with a severance package.

A debate arising, and the question being put the motion was negatived on the following division: Yeas 2; Nays 6.

4. The Committee considered a business agenda and times of meeting for the duration of the Spring sittings of the present session. In reference to a method of dealing with the business before the Committee, it was recommended by Mr. Tchorzewski that the Provincial Auditor's "Proposal to Deal with the 1997 Reports of the Provincial Auditor" originally submitted to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, February 18th, 1998 as PAC 32/23 serve as the basis of conducting future business.

It was then moved by Mr. Tchorzewski:

That the Public Accounts committee meet on Thursday of each week while the Legislature is in session at 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. beginning on April 9, 1998.

That the agenda will be as proposed by the Provincial Auditor when this committee last met, except for the SaskPower Corporation, Chapter 5, 1997 Fall Report – Volume 2, which will be considered by the Crown Corporations Committee.

A debate arising and the question being put, the motion was agreed to on the following division: Yeas 6; Nays 2.

5. It was moved by Mr. Thomson:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. The Committee adjourned at 9:45 a.m. until April 9, 1998 at 9:00 a.m.

Gregory A. Putz
Committee Clerk

June Draude
Committee Chair