

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

May 28, 1998

MINUTE NO. 34

9:00 a.m. — Room 10

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

Provincial Auditor's Office

Wayne Strelloff, Provincial Auditor
Fred Wendel, Assistant Provincial Auditor
Phil Creaser, Principal
Carey Robertson, Communications Intern

Provincial Comptroller's Office

Terry Paton, Provincial Comptroller
Chris Bayda, Director, Financial Management Branch

Observer

LeRoy Stumpf, State Senator, District 1, State of Minnesota, United States of America

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

PAC 34/23 – Governments of Saskatchewan Response to the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts *(dated August 14th, 1997; received in the Office of the Clerk on April 30th, 1998 and distributed to Committee Members on May 4th, 1998).*

3. The Committee acknowledged an invitation to participate in the 1998 conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees to be held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, from August 16th through August 19th, 1998. Documentation was received from Mr. Roy Erasmus, Chair, Standing Committee on Government Operations and President, Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committee, 1997-98. It was moved by Mr. Gantefoer:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts authorize the attendance of the Chair, the Vice-Chair and a third Member of the Committee, or their respective designates, together with the Committee Clerk, at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees to be held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, August 16th through to August 18th, 1998.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

It was then moved by Mr. Gantefoer:

That this Committee authorize Mr. Osika to attend, as the third member, the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts in Yellowknife, August 16th through August 18th, 1998.

A debate arising and the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

3. The Chair tabled the following document:

PAC 35/23 – Ms. J. Draude, Chair: The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants special bulletin “Guidance for Directors – The Millennium Bug”, dated February, 1998.

A discussion ensued concerning the subject matter of the tabled document and whether the Committee should undertake to investigate to determine how the government plans to respond to the year 2000 problem for its systems. It was agreed the problem is an important issue and at a subsequent meeting the Committee would determine when and how to deal with the issue.

4. The Committee considered a business agenda for future meetings once the present session of the Legislative Assembly is adjourned. It was agreed that the Committee would meet during the week of August 31st through September 4th, 1998. The Provincial Auditor was requested to prepare an agenda briefing note with suggestions on how best to approach a review of his reports presently before the Committee.
5. It was moved by Mr. Tchorzewski:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

6. The Committee adjourned at 9:30 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Gregory A. Putz
Committee Clerk

June Draude
Committee Chair