

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES
Wednesday, December 6, 2023

MINUTE NO. 1

3:30 p.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Hon. Randy Weekes in the chair and members Hon. Lori Carr, Meara Conway, Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Lisa Lambert, Greg Ottenbreit, and Nicole Sarauer.

2. The Chair presided over the election of a Deputy Chair. It was moved by Hon. Mr. Harrison:

That Nicole Sarauer be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Privileges.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

3. It was moved by Hon. Mr. Harrison:

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for subsequent meetings and that the membership be comprised of the Chair, Deputy Chair and the Government House Leader; and further,

That the steering committee shall meet from time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the Chair, that the presence of all members of the steering committee is necessary to constitute a meeting, and that substitutions from the membership of the Standing Committee on Privileges be permitted on the steering committee.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

4. The committee considered its order of reference as follows:

That the disruption and occupation of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan clearly constitutes a breach of the privileges of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan by preventing all members from exercising their duties and responsibilities as Members of the Legislative Assembly; and further,

That this matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges for a full investigation and a report with a remedy to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

5. The following document was tabled:

Hon. Jeremy Harrison: letter from B'nai Brith Canada

(PRV 1-29)

6. It was moved by Hon. Mr. Harrison:

That this Committee condemns both the organizers and perpetrators' actions on November 20, 2023 which resulted in a breach of privilege of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan; and

This this Committee expresses its gratitude and appreciation for the professional work of the Legislative District Security Unit, Ushers, Commissionaires, Sergeant-at-Arms and all Legislative staff in dealing with the breach of privilege; and further

That this Committee requests that the Legislative District Security Unit, in cooperation with the Legislative staff, review the incidents on November 20, 2023 and develop proposals to prevent future breaches of privilege.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

Yeas — 4

Carr, Harrison, Lambert, Ottenbreit

Nays — 2

Conway, Sarauer

7. The following documents were tabled:

Meara Conway: letter to the Director, Legislative District Security Unit, dated November 29, 2023
(PRV 2-29)

Meara Conway: letter from the Director, Legislative District Security Unit, dated December 4, 2023
(PRV 3-29)

8. The committee considered its first report.

9. It was moved by Hon. Ms. Carr:

That the committee do now meet in camera.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

10. The committee met in camera from 4:07 p.m. until 4:20 p.m.

11. It was moved by Hon. Mr. Harrison:

That the draft first report of the Standing Committee on Privileges be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

Yeas — 4

Carr, Harrison, Lambert, Ottenbreit

Nays — 2

Conway, Sarauer

12. It was moved by Mr. Ottenbreit:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

13. The committee adjourned at 4:21 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Iris Lang
Committee Clerk

Hon. Randy Weekes
Chair