

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RULES AND PROCEDURES**

**January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2001**

### **MINUTE NO. 2**

**10:00 a.m. — Room 10**

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Speaker in the Chair and Members D'Autremont, Higgins, Kwiatkowski, Osika and Thomson.
2. The Chair of the Committee and Mr. D'Autremont presented a report of the Sub-Committee on agenda and procedure (Steering Committee), which included recommendations on items of interest that should be considered matters of priority for the Special Committee on Rules and Procedures.
3. The Committee Clerk outlined a survey conducted by the Steering Committee with respect to committee systems in certain Canadian, Australian and New Zealand parliaments.
4. The Clerk Assistant (Committees) outlined committee operations in the Province of Ontario.
5. The Committee deliberated on the report of the Steering Committee, which in summary recommended that the initial priority of business for the Special Committee on Rules and Procedures should be the reform of the legislative committee system in Saskatchewan; and that the Committee should plan to visit those jurisdictions that are able to offer to Saskatchewan a model for committee reform.

In consideration of the report recommendations, Mr. D'Autremont moved the following amendment to the report:

That the first recommendation of the Sub-Committee be amended by inserting the words "and private members business" after the words "committee system"

A debate arising, and the question being put, the motion was adopted. Mr. Kwiatkowski then moved it:

That the report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.

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

6. In consideration of the survey of parliaments conducted by the Steering Committee, the Committee deliberated on models of committee systems that warranted further study. It was moved by Mr. D'Autremont:

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That the Special Committee on Rules and Procedures visit the following jurisdictions: Ontario, British Columbia, New Zealand, the federal parliament of Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia and South Australia.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

7. The Committee deliberated on the number of committee members to take part in the study visit. It was moved by Mr. Thomson:

That the Committee designate two members of the committee from the government caucus, two members of the committee from the opposition caucus, the Speaker and the Committee Clerk as its delegation to visit other jurisdictions, and the Board of Internal Economy be asked to provide funding.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

8. The Committee considered a time frame for the study visit. It was agreed that the study visits would take place no sooner than February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001 and that each caucus provide the name of those committee members who will participate on the study trip to the Speaker by February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

9. It was moved by Mr. Thomson:

That this Committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. The Committee adjourned at 11:35 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Gregory A. Putz  
Committee Clerk

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Honourable Ron Osika  
Speaker