

[Chairman: Mr. Martin]

[10 a.m.]

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If we could bring the meeting to order; the sooner we start, the sooner we'll get out. We have advanced an agenda for today. I was more or less looking at an organizational meeting to look at what we're going to do for the rest of the session.

Before I do that, I believe we have to approve the minutes of the last meeting we had, November 7, 1984.

MR. NELSON: I so move.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Any errors or omissions? All those in favour?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Moving right along, we have the Auditor General here. I think everybody has been involved and there aren't any changes, but I'll just introduce the Auditor General, Mr. Rogers. I wonder if you have any initial comments you want to make to people in Public Accounts.

MR. ROGERS: Not at this time, Mr. Chairman. I look forward to going through the report with the committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. I understand Mr. Moore has been advanced from the government caucus as vice-chairman. I suppose we have to approve that.

MR. NELSON: I so move.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All those in favour of Mr. Moore being the vice-chairman?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The next item is discussion of a schedule for meetings. Traditionally we've met on Wednesdays from 10 o'clock to 11:30.

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Everybody agrees; we're moving right along. If I could come back to the next meeting, it will be on April 17. We'll start regularly.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The first couple of sessions, or however long it takes, we traditionally go into the report of the Auditor General, for the year ended March 31, 1984. I take it that we will continue with that. Okay. Mr. Rogers, we'll start on the 17th.

The other thing I ask people to do -- last year it was all government witnesses, because the opposition didn't put any in. Mr. Moore, could you take responsibility for seeing which ministers you would like to come before Public Accounts, and perhaps bring it to the next meeting? I will do the same for the opposition.

MR. R. MOORE: I could have them on record right now, and when you're arranging the meetings...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Fair enough.

MR. R. MOORE: Your side would have one week and the government side the next. I could have their names registered, and you could let them know as far as possible in advance.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Do you have some people?

MR. R. MOORE: Not necessarily in this order; as you're able to get them here, Mr. Chairman. The hon. Mr. Diachuck, Workers' Health, Safety and Compensation; the Hon. Peter Trynchy, Recreation and Parks; the Hon. Ernie Isley, Manpower; and the Hon. Julian Koziak, Municipal Affairs.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll take it upon myself to meet as quickly as I can with representatives of the opposition and get some suggestions from them. Then I'll go ahead and contact these people with tentative dates, if that's okay.

Moving along from there to Outstanding Business. The committee discussed the response of the Provincial Treasurer, but that's now part of the Auditor General's report so that will be covered with the Auditor General. I believe we've discussed the only other item. I sent out some recommendations, as you recall, concerning the role of the Public Accounts Committee. I believe everybody got a copy, and we were going to discuss it. I leave to the

will of the members whether they think that's important and I should put it into the schedule along with the ministers. Is there any recommendation on that, Mr. Moore?

[The committee adjourned at 10:07 a.m.]

MR. R. MOORE: Not unless any other members . . . Did you have your hand up?

MR. NELSON: I suggest we get on with discussion with the various ministers rather than get in there. We could waste a day with that. I think it's more fruitful to discuss the Auditor General's report.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Nelson's suggestion is that we forget about looking at the role of Public Accounts and move right into the ministers. Is it your suggestion that we table that indefinitely or, if there's time, do it in the spring session?

MR. NELSON: If there's time we can do it, but I suggest leaving it aside at this time and going on with the other business, which I think is probably more fruitful for the committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. That's Mr. Nelson's suggestion. Are there any comments?

MR. GOGO: Was that a move to table?

MR. CHAIRMAN: As I interpret it, it's a move to table.

MR. NELSON: I move we table it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It's a motion by Mr. Nelson to table. Any discussion? All those in favour?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? Okay.

No other business? We've all agreed that the date of the next meeting will be April 17. All we need now is a motion to adjourn.

MR. NELSON: I move we adjourn.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All in favour?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We'll see you on the 17th.