

[Chairman: Mr. Bogle]

[9:02 a.m.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will officially declare the meeting open and called to order. First is the approval of the agenda. The agenda is very short today, as you are well aware. This is a special meeting called to deal primarily with an additional request by the Ombudsman for a transfer of funds, but we'll also deal with the minutes of our March 7 meeting.

MRS. GAGNON: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favour. Thank you.

MR. ADY: Was she moving approval of the agenda or the minutes?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The agenda. We're now going to the minutes of our March 7 meeting. Page 1? Page 2? Page 3? Yes, Tom.

MR. SIGURDSON: There is one problem with the timing where we have . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are you on page 2 or 3?

MR. SIGURDSON: Page 3. I'm sorry. Where it says "The Committee recessed from 11:25 to 11:54." We actually recessed from 11:25 to 11:43, and that would bring the following timing into line.

MR. FOX: And then later on we recessed in the twinkle of an eye, from 11:43 to 11:43.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's right. All right. We'll have to double check that with *Hansard*. You've got it?

MR. SIGURDSON: I've got the transcript from the March 7 meeting. I checked it out.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right, and what should it be, Tom?

MR. SIGURDSON: In the first instance, from 11:25 to 11:43.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 11:43, yes.

MR. SIGURDSON: And in the second, 11:43 to 11:54.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Good. Glad you caught that. Anything else on page 3? Page 4? Could we have a motion to approve the minutes as corrected?

MR. FOX: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Derek. All in favour? Carried. Thank you. All right.

Moving on, then, to item 4, Transfer of Funds – Office of the Ombudsman. Members will recall that we did deal with a transfer of funds from group 1 to groups 2 and 3, and the Ombudsman is back today with a request as they've identified some additional funds. If the committee approves, they would be able, with these additional funds, to complete the local area network system implementation during the fiscal year.

Harley, I'll turn it over to you.

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, first I'd like to introduce Brian Carver officially to this committee. Brian has just been selected the senior investigator for the Edmonton office and will take over from Ed Chetner on Ed's move to the Calgary office. I'm very pleased to bring Brian forward to this committee.

Secondly, the issue that we're meeting – and I thank you very much for meeting on this short notice. We were able to locate in excess of the funds that are required to complete the local area network. As you recall, at the last meeting we discussed a reduced introduction of the local area network to the Edmonton office only, and then the implementation of that LAN, the local area network, into the Calgary office as time and money permitted. We were able to find the money, and I'm coming back to this committee with a request to increase or to have another \$16,000 moved from group 1, Manpower, in the '89-90 budget to group 2 and group 3, being Materials and Supplies and Fixed Assets.

What I've done in terms of page 2 of the request is use the motion that was supplied by Mr. Ady last time and just included it in this particular request. There is one addition that Treasury Board has requested, and that is that after the words "that the Ombudsman be authorized," include the words "to process an application" to transfer \$16,000. So it's an addition of four small words. Other than that, Treasury Board accepted the motion completely.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are we ready for a motion? Don, would you like to read the motion into the record, please?

MR. TANNAS:

That the Ombudsman be authorized to process an application to transfer \$16,000 from group 1, the Manpower element, of his 1989-90 estimates to groups 2 and 3, being Materials and Supplies and Fixed Assets elements respectively.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Questions on the motion? Are you ready for the question? All in favour? Opposed, if any? Carried. Thank you.

Now, the last item is the date for the next meeting. That's still subject to the House rising, and unless there's an emergency, we won't be meeting again until that time.

MRS. GAGNON: Can't give us any clues, can you?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's in your hands and Derek's.

MR. FOX: June 18.

MR. CHAIRMAN: June 18? Is that it? That's the magic date? That's good, because we have our first electoral boundaries hearing on the 18th. So your timing is excellent.

MR. FOX: Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Thanks, Harley. Brian, welcome abroad.

MR. JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

[The committee adjourned at 9:08 a.m.]

