

[Ms Graham in the chair]

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, colleagues, I think we'll get under way. It won't take too long, judging by my assessment of the material circulated. I hope you all had a good break over Easter.

The first thing we need to do is approve the agenda if someone would be prepared to do that. Mr. Langevin, you so move. All in favour, please say aye.

HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: All against, please say no. That motion is carried.

The next order of business is to approve the minutes of our last meeting, April 18, 2000.

MR. STRANG: So moved, Madam Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Mr. Strang so moves. All in favour, please say aye.

HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any against, please say no. That motion is carried.

As you will recall, the order of business for today is to consider again Bill Pr. 3, Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act, the purpose of which is to repeal the act that created the Westcastle Development Authority to own and operate the Westcastle ski hill. It's no longer necessary as there is a private corporation that has bought the assets of the authority and is now operating the ski hill.

The authority has no assets, and during our deliberations at the last meeting a question was raised as to the status of any possible outstanding liabilities the authority might have. Since that time, Parliamentary Counsel has been in touch with the petitioner, and you will see that you've been provided with the statutory declaration of

Norris Graham, the former president of the authority, stating that to the best of his knowledge there are no outstanding claims against the authority, and a similar statutory declaration from the petitioner's counsel, Douglas J. Evans, to the same effect. He was present during the initial hearing on behalf of the petitioner.

With that additional information, are there any questions or any points members would like to raise at this time? All right. Mr. Coutts.

MR. COUTTS: Madam Chairman, given the information that has been referred to here this morning about the statutory declarations being made available to the committee, I now request that Bill Pr. 3, Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act, proceed as presented.

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favour of that motion by Mr. Coutts, please say aye.

HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed, please say no. That motion is carried.

Is there any other business that we need to address?

MR. THURBER: I move that we adjourn.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Mr. Thurber moves we adjourn. All in favour, please say aye.

HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed, please say no. The motion is carried.

Thank you very much for your attendance this morning and throughout this session. Thanks.

[The committee adjourned at 9:34 a.m.]

