

[Chairman: Mr. Kowalski]

[10 a.m.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to another scheduled meeting of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act.

Members will recall that when we last met, on Thursday, August 8, the necessity for one minister to reschedule his appearance from Monday, August 12, to another date was a matter we had to consider and bring into the schedule. When the first cut of a schedule for this committee came out, we had a time slot scheduled for this morning. No minister filled that time slot, so I filled in the subject matter Discussion of Recommendations. Since last Thursday a number of members of the committee have indicated to me, "Was there really a reason to have a meeting this morning?" I indicated that it was the first opportunity for discussion of recommendations, and the counterargument was made that perhaps it was a bit premature.

So at this point in time our sole subject matter for this morning's meeting is discussion of recommendations. The will is with the committee members as to whether or not there should be an actual meeting.

MR. R. MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I think it's a little premature to talk recommendations right now. We've only opened up, and we're already talking recommendations. I think we should forgo recommendations. Let's get a few more ministers before us and give it a little more thought. I think we're a little premature.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any other comments?

MR. MUSGREAVE: I think we should be concerned as we go along, because from the two we've had already -- I found it startling that the medical foundation wanted another \$150 million within four or five years. We should be cognizant of some of these ... I hear some noise to my right. I guess another member wants to speak, so I'll let him speak.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The next person on the list is Mr. Hyland.

MR. HYLAND: I think it's premature for

recommendations. If the schedule is right, I note that we have Mr. Diachuk this afternoon, so we're still making use of the day.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So what's the will of the committee?

MR. R. MOORE: I make a motion that we adjourn.

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock with Mr. Diachuk.

[The committee adjourned at 10:03 a.m.]

