

[Chairman: Mr. Oldring]

[10 a.m.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Good morning, everyone. We will call the meeting to order.

I want to begin this morning by welcoming everyone back from a healthy break from meetings. I heard the last meeting was January 26, so I trust that you're all in good humour and refreshed and anxious to get on now with dealing with the recommendations. We had some good debate and discussion in reference to all the recommendations, so I'm not anticipating a lengthy meeting this morning. We'll use the same format followed last year and agreed to for this year and begin by calling the vote on Recommendation 1.

All those in favour of Recommendation 1 raise your hands, please. Opposed? Recommendation 1 is defeated.

We move on then to Recommendation 2. All those in favour of Recommendation 2 raise your hands, please. Opposed? Carried.

Recommendation 3. All those in favour of Recommendation 3? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 4. If I'm moving too fast or if you feel you need more time just to reread the recommendations, just let me know and perhaps I can slow it down a little bit. Or would it help if I read the recommendations?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Recommendation 4 then. All those in favour? Opposed? Somebody didn't vote. Again, please. Recommendation 4. If you can clearly show your hands, all those in favour? Four. Thank you. All those opposed? Six. Thank you. Defeated.

Recommendation 5. Take a moment to read it. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Recommendation 6. A moment to read it. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? Carried.

Recommendation 7. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Recommendation 8. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Recommendation 9. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Recommendation 10. A moment to read that one. All those in favour of Recommendation 10? Opposed? Carried.

Recommendation 11. All those in favour of Recommendation 11? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 12.

MR. GOGO: Mr. Chairman, could I raise a point of order, or just for explanation? I recognize that it can't be amended. I want to raise, with the permission of the committee, both number 12 and another by Mr. Chumir, number 31, where they're pretty convoluted. I happen to be of the view that I agree with part of a motion. I'll ask the guidance of the Chair. Where I agree with part of a motion, is there any provision at all in the rules for dealing with that? I recognize that this is in the hands of the committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

Member for Edmonton-Kingsway.

MR. McEACHERN: I think, John . . . You know, with all due respect, you had your chance when we were debating these to

try to talk the movers of these resolutions into making those adjustments or changes or splitting it up in some way, and obviously they didn't feel the need to do that. So I think at this stage we're kind of stuck. With some regret, I suggest we just proceed the way we are, either for or against at this stage in terms of the overall . . .

MR. HERON: Mr. Chairman, for the first time on record, I agree with the Member for Edmonton-Kingsway.

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, I would agree with the suggestion that was made that, you know, once we've moved a resolution, we've debated it, and then that's the form it stays in. So I think that's a good consistent format we should follow. Now, if I recall correctly -- I'm speaking to number 12, on a point of order -- I introduced 12. Then, and I just don't remember what the occasion was, remember that I gave notice to the chairman that I couldn't be to subsequent meetings for some very good reasons, that I'd committed myself long before we had established a date upon which this could be discussed. So I was not able to be present at the meetings when discussion occurred on resolution 12, and I think that would be the only grounds for exception to the rule at this point, if the hon. Member for Lethbridge-West felt need for exception.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Maybe it would help if the chairman commented on precedents. I think it was clearly agreed that any amendments to resolutions would occur at the time they were being discussed, as has been pointed out by numerous members already. But there have been some precedents set, at least in last year's meeting where we did take one of the recommendations and severed it into two parts. We didn't amend the recommendation, but we did deal with it in two different parts. That was recommendation 65 last year, which changed to 65(1) and 65(2). So there have been precedents set for separating recommendations at this time but not amending them.

MR. McEACHERN: Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Member for Edmonton-Kingsway.

MR. McEACHERN: I'd certainly agree to that in number 12, if the mover agrees, because there was some discussion on that before. But I don't think, in the absence of Mr. Chumir on the other one, that one could start breaking that one up. I mean, he sees that as a package, I'm sure.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, I think again it'll be up to the committee. If the committee feels that it's appropriate to separate it, then I think we would have to oblige or agree with the committee.

Okay. We're dealing with recommendation 12. Is there a suggestion, then, from the Member for Lethbridge-West that we deal with it in two parts, 12(a) and 12(b)?

MR. GOGO: Mr. Chairman, I guess what I'm saying is that I feel very strongly about supporting the Member for Little Bow on this. I don't know what other members are doing, and I'm trying to do what I can do to convince them to support it. If it only means splitting it up to support it, then I would urge that.

MR. R. SPEAKER: And I'd agree to it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. We'll deal with recommendation 12 in two parts, beginning with recommendation 12(a) then. All those in favour of 12(a), raise your hands, please. All those opposed to 12(a)? Recommendation 12(a) is defeated. Thank you.

Recommendation 12(b). All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 13. All those in favour of 13? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 14. All those in favour of 14? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 15. All those in favour? Opposed? Three opposed. Carried.

Recommendation 16. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MR. HERON: Mr. Chairman, with due respect for the Chair, I'd like to call for a recount on number 16.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Seven-six. Is that what you had?

Recommendation 16. All those in favour? Seven. Opposed? Seven-six. Carried.

MR. HERON: Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

Recommendation 17. All those in favour of recommendation 17? Opposed? Carried.

Recommendation 18. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 19. All those in favour? Opposed? Does anybody want a recount? Defeated. Well, now we can at least tell the Member for Calgary-McCall that he was missed.

Recommendation 20. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

MR. GOGO: The numbers [inaudible] Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I counted seven to six. I can recount if you want.

Recommendation 20. All those in favour? Seven. Opposed? Four, and some nonvoters.

Recommendation 20. Just to make sure it's clear. There was an ask for a recount on 20. I counted seven to six the first time.

Member for Calgary-Mountain View.

MR. HAWKESWORTH: Just as a point on this. In that you've asked for a recount, perhaps you could ask each member to identify themselves "yea" or "nay" and in this way have a recorded vote on this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Would you like a standing vote?

MR. HAWKESWORTH: No, just a voice vote. I think one at time might facilitate it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think it would be quicker just to have a standing vote, wouldn't it?

All those in favour of Recommendation 20, please stand up. Nine members in favour. All those opposed? Four opposed. Recommendation 20 is carried. Thank you. All members have now had their exercise, so we can continue right on through to the next 34 recommendations.

Recommendation 21. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 22. A moment to read it. All those in favour of 22? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 23. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

If I'm going too fast, again, members, please just draw it to my attention that you'd like another moment to read it and we'll delay the vote. Otherwise, I'll keep proceeding at the pace we're on.

Recommendation 24. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 25. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Recommendation 26. All those in favour?

MR. McEACHERN: Where's Nelson?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed? Defeated.

I'll be happy to pass on the comments from the Member for Edmonton-Kingsway and advise how much he missed the Member for Calgary-McCall.

Recommendation 27. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 28. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 29. All those in favour? Opposed? Six-six. Somebody didn't want to vote. Recommendation 29. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 30. All those in favour? Politics is lonely at times, Sheldon. [laughter] All those opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 31.

MR. GOGO: Mr. Chairman, if I could raise the matter I raised earlier, I find myself in support of one part of this, and that is (5) of Recommendation 31. Could I suggest or move that we vote on individual items in accordance with the sponsor who's now here, if the sponsor would agree?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, we have a motion, then, by Mr. Gogo to sever Recommendation 31 into five parts. All those in favour of that motion, raise your hands? Opposed? Defeated.

Dealing then with Recommendation 31 in its entirety, all those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 32. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 33. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Recommendation 34. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MR. BRADLEY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Member for Pincher Creek-Crowsnest.

MR. BRADLEY: I'd like to withdraw motion 35, since we passed a previous motion relating to this matter.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Agreed?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Recommendation 35 is withdrawn.

Recommendation 36. A moment to read it. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Recommendation 37. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 38. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 39.

MR. GOGO: Mr. Chairman, could I ask a question prior to the vote? I'd like to ask the Member for Stony Plain, who was on that committee, if that's now the policy of ADC.

MR. HERON: No. Well, that's irrelevant, Mr. Chairman, in the fact that it falls under the bailiwick of a corporation that's clearly set out in the legislation and under the control of a board. So I don't feel that it falls within the bailiwick of the Heritage Savings Trust Fund. For that reason, I can't support it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm not willing to get into debate on the recommendations. I think we've had that already.

Recommendation 39. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 40. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 41. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 42. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 43. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 44. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Recommendation 45. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 46. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 47. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 48. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 49. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 50. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 51. All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

Recommendation 52. All those in favour? Opposed? There were about two or three that didn't vote. Six-five, defeated, but I'll ask the question again. All those in favour? Six. Opposed? Seven. Defeated.

Recommendation 53. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

Recommendation 54. All those in favour? Opposed? Defeated.

That concludes the recommendations portion of our meeting this morning. Before we adjourn, it would be helpful if we could set a date to deal with the final report. I would hope to have a draft report finalized for the secretary of the committee for Monday morning, and we can get it typed and sent out, hopefully some time on Monday or Tuesday. If it's agreeable, perhaps we could set a time on Wednesday just to have a very quick meeting to deal with the actual report.

MR. BRADLEY: I move that we meet at 4 o'clock on Wednesday, March 16.

MR. CHAIRMAN: A motion for 4 p.m. Wednesday. Four o'clock, Wednesday the 16th, is agreeable?

MR. R. SPEAKER: I'm going to drive from Lethbridge that day, and I think I'm leaving somewhere in the 12 o'clock range. What is the latest we could have this meeting?

MR. CHAIRMAN: How about 5 p.m.?

MR. R. SPEAKER: Is 5 making it inconvenient for everybody?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I don't think it'll be a lengthy meeting.

MR. CHUMIR: Is there any way to have it on the Thursday sometime or ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's opening day, and I think it would be ...

MR. HERON: Mr. Chairman, we have a caucus function at 5:45, so I would be entirely agreeable, if we could agree ahead of time that it be a fairly brief meeting, to moving it to 5 o'clock.

MR. PIQUETTE: How about 4:30?

MR. GOGO: If an amendment's in order, I'd amend that to 5 o'clock.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, 5 p.m. Everyone in agreeance? Agreed? Thank you then. If there's no further ...

MR. R. MOORE: I move that we adjourn.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Any further discussion before we adjourn? If not, then I declare that we stand adjourned until Wednesday, March 16, at 5 p.m.

Thanks very much.

[The committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m.]

