

11:04 a.m.

Tuesday, December 10, 1991

[Chairman: Mr. Ady]

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'd like to call the meeting to order. I appreciate the attendance of the committee this morning. Prior to getting on with the business of the committee, the Chair would like to express appreciation to committee members for the way that they have handled the process this year.

The hon. Member for Three Hills.

MRS. OSTERMAN: Conclude your remarks, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to make a comment when you were done.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

We have called this special meeting to vote on the recommendations. I appreciate that we've been able to complete our work and get to this point at this time in the calendar year, which will allow us to hopefully get our report prepared so that it can be tabled in accordance with Standing Orders by the first Monday of the next sitting.

On behalf of the committee I'd like to express appreciation to Corinne Dacyshyn, who has worked with us so well this year and has been an assist to us and has kept us moving along in a good fashion.

A couple of housekeeping things that I'd just remind you of. According to House rules, there can be no abstentions, so any of you who would rather not vote should leave the Chamber – that's acceptable – prior to the vote on a particular recommendation. But if you're in the Chamber, House rules indicate that you necessarily must vote. If anyone wants to have a recorded vote on a recommendation, they should so signify to the Chair prior to the vote so that the legislative secretary can be prepared to take the recorded vote.

One other order of business: I should tell you that our committee has done remarkably well on their expenses this year. We'll be turning back to the Treasury this year a significant amount of unexpended funds from our budget. So if anyone indicates that we haven't done our part in the initiative that's been put forward to reduce our expenditures, you can tell them that yes, in fact, we have, that we're well within the guidelines that were set out by the Premier.

The Member for Three Hills.

MRS. OSTERMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the committee as well would express our thanks to the chairman for keeping reasonable order in the committee as we've been going through our deliberations.

I wanted to note that I think one of our member's spirits could lifted if the committee were to note that we extend best wishes for his recovery. I'm not sure everybody is aware that the hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek is going to undergo some surgery. I think it's appropriate: this committee has certainly benefited from his observations and his efforts in the number of motions that he's put forward. I would hope that we could, on behalf of the committee, note that and send him our best wishes.

The other observation I wanted to make, Mr. Chairman, is that today is the United Nations' celebration of human rights. All of us on this committee, I'm sure, recognize one another's rights, but I think it's just of note that we're deliberating on this particular day.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

The Member for Calgary-Mountain View.

MR. HAWKESWORTH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess just to echo some of the comments made that expressed some appreciation to you for your handling of the committee deliberations. I recognize that it's not always an easy task. I think you've done a good job in keeping us on the right track, and I certainly would also echo the sentiments.

I'm saddened to hear that the Member for Calgary-Fish Creek is in the hospital. I'm sure we all join in sending him our best wishes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. The committee will make some tribute to the hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek and extend those wishes to him on behalf of the committee.

The Member for Westlock-Sturgeon.

MR. TAYLOR: You've already touched on one. We wanted to be part of the group that wishes the very best to the Member for Calgary-Fish Creek.

Also, I wanted to pay tribute to your chairmanship. As one that has occasionally stomped on your coattail or tried to yank the miter from your hands from time to time, I think you do a very good job of keeping a sometimes fractious element in line. I wanted to say that. But in no way, shape, or form do I want you to think that I've turned in my spurs. Next year I'll be back.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. The Chair appreciates the comments.

Are there any others who have business to conduct? The Member for Calgary-Mountain View.

MR. HAWKESWORTH: Mr. Chairman, would you just outline what the process is in terms of a recorded vote? Does that mean that each individual member is identified or that there's simply a counting of hands as opposed to the chairman simply declaring whether a motion was won or lost?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Chair proposes the following process: the Chair will read the number of the recommendation, call for those in favour, those opposed, and then declare the outcome. If a member wishes a recorded vote, they should raise their hand, and the Chair will recognize them. They would then signify that they want a recorded vote on the forthcoming motion. The Chair will try to move through the process slowly enough that it will give members an opportunity to let the Chair know if they wish a recorded vote. Is that acceptable?

MR. HAWKESWORTH: What's involved in terms of a recorded vote? Is each individual member asked to put on the record what their vote is?

MR. CHAIRMAN: We would expect, then, that we would have the members hold their hands in the air on each side of the vote until the legislative secretary could record the names for the recorded vote. I believe that's the way it's done when we're in regular session and the names are recorded, and so it should be in the committee. Okay?

Any other business before the committee? If not, we'll proceed with the voting. As stated earlier, the Chair will call the number of the recommendation, ask for those in favour and those opposed, and then declare the outcome.

AN HON. MEMBER: Draft 8?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry; you should be working from draft 8, although I should indicate that there is not a significant change in draft 8 from draft 7. If you have notes on draft 7 that you wish to use, you won't get into any difficulty staying in sync with the Chair. Okay?

1. Mr. Gesell recommended that an independent assessment be undertaken of each of the deemed assets of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund to determine the value and benefits to Albertans resulting from these investments.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

2. Mr. Doyle recommended that the investment committee divest the commercial investment division of its investments in companies that participate in the distillation and brewing of alcoholic beverages and instead direct its investments toward Canadian and Alberta companies that conduct business in an environmentally sound and healthy fashion.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

3. Mr. Moore recommended that consideration be given to developing a plan to return to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund a significant portion of the funds currently invested in Vencap Equities Ltd.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Let the record show the voting was unanimous.

4. Mr. Moore recommended that in future years the fund's interest revenue remain in the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund to sufficiently offset expenditures in the capital projects division.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? The motion carries.

5. Mr. Payne recommended that the underlying principles and structure of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund be comprehensively reviewed by a task force comprising government and opposition MLAs and government officials, assisted by academic and investment community leaders with relevant expertise and experience, and that their review procedures provide for public discussion.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Let the record show the voting was unanimous.

6. Mr. Jonson recommended that consideration be given to periodically scheduling meetings of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act at suitable locations throughout the province.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Let the record show the voting was unanimously in favour.

7. Mr. Jonson recommended that the procedures and materials used in conveying information on the fund to the public be reviewed and that consideration be given to developing an explanatory guidebook and instructive materials in order to better inform the public.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? The recommendation carries.

8. Mr. Cardinal recommended that a continuation be sought to the municipal recreation/tourism areas grant program to extend the funding for two more years beginning April 1992, utilizing the existing guidelines and policies.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

9. Mr. Cardinal recommended that funding be provided from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund to the Department of Forestry, Lands and Wildlife and the Department of Municipal Affairs for the development of a 10-year master plan for detailed land use of all Crown lands bordering our lakes, rivers, and primary and secondary roads in Alberta.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? The recommendation is defeated.

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10. Mr. Cardinal recommended that funding be provided from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund to the Department of Recreation and Parks for the development of a park network for the north in order to further diversify the economy and allow a process of co-ordinated development with other users.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

11. Mr. Cardinal recommended that funding be provided from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund to the northern development branch for a bursary program for northern Albertans with a target of a minimum of 30 percent native content in that program.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

12. Mrs. Black recommended that the supporting schedules of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund annual report be amended by providing a schedule of deemed assets showing a comparison of book value and current market value. In situations where a definitive market value is not apparent, as in the case of a foundation and/or endowment, the current value of the foundation and/or endowment would be reflected in the schedules within the report.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's carried.

13. Mrs. Black recommended
 - (a) that the Provincial Treasurer undertake to provide the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act with the annual report of the trust fund five working days prior to the commencement of the committee hearings, and
 - (b) that the appropriate ministers give consideration to providing all annual reports of companies and entities whose association is directly related to the fund five working days prior to the appearance of the minister responsible for the company or entity. In the situation where the annual report is not yet available, the appro-

priate minister should give consideration to providing the committee with an interim financial report five working days prior to the appearance of the minister responsible for the company or entity.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? Thank you. It was unanimously in favour.

14. Mr. Fischer recommended that consideration be given that the net profits from Syncrude be exempt from section 4(2) of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, which states, "The net income of the Trust Fund shall be transferred from the Trust Fund to the General Revenue Fund." This would allow Syncrude's net profits to be returned to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

15. Mr. Hawkesworth recommended that the segmented information attached as a note to the audited financial statements be expanded to include a breakdown of income earned on each investment of the Alberta investment division of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

16. Mr. Hawkesworth recommended that the Alberta government consider developing a strategy for the early repayment of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund loan to Vencap Equities Alberta Ltd.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It was unanimously in favour.

17. Mr. Payne recommended that the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research be requested to conduct systematic, ongoing research into the Alberta health care system with the objective of enhancing the system's effectiveness and efficiency.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's carried.

As you know, recommendation 18 was withdrawn.

19. Mr. Jonson recommended that a review of the performance and mandate of Vencap Equities Ltd. be undertaken.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All those in favour? Those opposed? It was carried.

20. Mr. Doyle recommended that all proposals for development in Kananaskis Country be submitted to environmental impact assessments, including a requirement for public hearings.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

21. Mr. Doyle recommended that the government of Alberta stop using the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund to provide subsidized loans to foreign-owned companies such as the Alberta-Pacific joint venture, thereby seriously harming the fund's future investment income.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

22. Mr. Ewasiuk recommended that the proposed investments of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund individual projects be subject to approval from a full and public environmental impact assessment process.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

23. Mr. Ewasiuk recommended that financial investments of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund be made or retained in those companies which follow or practise sound environmental policies and activities.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

24. Mr. Gesell recommended that the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund capital projects division consider investment of research funds to determine the best possible environmental and technical parameters for individual sanitary sewage disposal systems.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

25. Mr. Gesell recommended that the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund investments for the individual line service be recovered from future sales of fund-held Telus shares.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

26. Mr. Gesell recommended that the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund capital projects division invest in a comprehensive resource recovery project for the Edmonton metropolitan area as part of a co-ordinated and complete waste management strategy.

MR. GESELL: Mr. Chairman, record recommendation 26, please.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. A recorded vote on number 26. Those in favour? Hold your hands up, please.

[For the motion: Mr. Cardinal, Mr. Ewasiuk, Mr. Gesell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Taylor]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed? Keep them up, please.

[Against the motion: Mrs. Black, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Hawkesworth, Mr. Jonson, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Osterman]

MR. CHAIRMAN: It was defeated.

27. Mr. Gesell recommended that the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund capital projects division establish a program to grant assistance for agricultural diversification by supporting the growing equine industry.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

28. Mr. Gesell recommended that a new division be created under the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, the environmental investment division, and that investments from this division be considered for projects that will provide short- and long-term benefits to Albertans through the enhancement of our environment and through reduction of pollution.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's carried.

29. Mr. Mitchell recommended that the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund implement a staged liquidation of its investments and that the proceeds be used to pay down the provincial government's debt.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour?

MR. HAWKESWORTH: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order. May I ask for a recorded vote, please?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay; a recorded vote on 29. Those in favour?

[For the motion: Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Taylor]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?

[Against the motion: Mrs. Black, Mr. Cardinal, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Ewasiuk, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Gesell, Mr. Hawkesworth, Mr. Jonson, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Osterman]

MR. CHAIRMAN: It's defeated.

30. Mr. Taylor recommended that the occupational health and safety heritage grant program co-ordinate with AADAC and the Alberta Family Life and Substance Abuse Foundation research into the use of alcohol and drugs in the workplace.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's carried.

31. Mr. Mitchell recommended that deemed assets as distinguished in the 1990-91 Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund annual report be excluded from the balance sheet in the future and be described only in a note to the balance sheet.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

32. Mr. Mitchell recommended that the mandate of the Auditor General be expanded to include the evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund investments and expenditures.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

33. Mr. Taylor recommended that funds spent on research into improving the yield and variety of dryland crops be increased to the equivalent now spent on irrigation research for yields and varieties.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

34. Mr. Taylor recommended that the Agricultural Development Corporation be liquidated and the government instead supplement private capital loans by way of sliding scale guarantees and interest subsidization, disposing of all commercial assets at competitive pricing as was done by Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed?

MR. TAYLOR: I'm sorry; is it too late to call for a recorded vote on that one?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, we can have a recorded vote on it. The legislative clerk did pick up the names, so they'll be recorded.

[For the motion: Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Taylor]

[Against the motion: Mrs. Black, Mr. Cardinal, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Ewasiuk, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Gesell, Mr. Hawkesworth, Mr. Jonson, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Osterman]

35. Mr. Taylor recommended that one-third of the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund be set aside as achievement awards payable to those students whose parents and/or responsible guardians have family incomes at or below the poverty level, such awards to consist of free tuition at any postsecondary institution in the province for two years after high school graduation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

36. Mr. Mitchell recommended that the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research consider a program of research into sudden infant death syndrome.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? The Chair and the legislative clerk have to call for a revote. It was very close.

Those in favour of recommendation 36? Those opposed?

MR. MITCHELL: It was six and six.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, it was seven. It was defeated on the last vote. Because there has been some confusion over it, if the member who moved the motion would like to have a recorded vote, we could do that.

MR. MITCHELL: Mr. Chairman, in a sense it doesn't solve my problem because I know one member who voted for it the first time voted against it the second time. If the Chair had been able to count it properly the first time, it would have been a different outcome. Why I find that to be a problem is that they get a second chance to assess how they want the outcome to be, and that just doesn't seem to me to be fair. It was a saw-off, six and six, the first time, and that meant that you were in a position to have to vote, and I'd love to see you vote on it. I mean, I know it was a fact that one member who voted for it the first time voted against it the second time. I don't need to mention names.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: Can I just confer with the clerk for a moment?

Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, we couldn't have had six and six, because we've got 13 members.

The hon. Member for Ponoka-Rimbey.

MR. JONSON: Mr. Chairman, I guess occasionally there are situations such as this. I would just suggest that we take the vote again, and that's it. We're not going to resolve it back and forth this way.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No.

MR. MITCHELL: Mr. Chairman, do you mind if I ask a question? Could I ask the question of the member how he voted the first time and how he voted the second time?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I don't think you can do that under House rules without a recorded vote.

MR. MITCHELL: We could have that first vote recorded.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, but we didn't.

MR. MITCHELL: But then what we're driving to do, Mr. Chairman, is to have every single vote recorded. That's what will happen. I'm not going to allow him to change his vote next time when I get a positive vote. I mean, they have a second chance to reassess and decide what they want to do if they made a mistake the first time. That's not right. So we'll just bog this committee down. Let's have every vote recorded; then he won't be able to do it. I mean, ask that member how he voted the first time versus how he voted the second time.

MRS. BLACK: Can we just call the vote again, Mr. Chairman? It's out of order to ask a member how he voted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. The Chair wouldn't have a problem with that, but I do believe it contravenes House rules, hon. member.

The hon. Member for West Yellowhead.

MR. DOYLE: Mr. Chairman, we've taken the vote. The vote was counted. It's either carried or defeated.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Which vote are you talking about?

MR. DOYLE: The same one you are.

MR. MITCHELL: Let's vote a third time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. The hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, who is the sponsor of the motion, is prepared to call a vote a third time, which will be the vote that is accepted. Would you like it recorded?

MR. MITCHELL: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. This vote will be recorded. All those in favour?

[For the motion: Mrs. Black, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Ewasiuk, Mr. Gesell, Mr. Hawkesworth, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Taylor]

MR. CHAIRMAN: All those opposed?

[Against the motion: Mr. Cardinal, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Jonson, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Osterman]

MR. CHAIRMAN: The motion carries.

37. Mr. Mitchell recommended that all recommendations proposed by standing committee members whether passed or not be published in the annual report of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

38. Mr. Taylor recommended that moneys be made available from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund to pay every farmer in Alberta wishing to utilize it \$20 per acre for up to 10 percent of each quarter section that the farmer returns to its natural native state.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All those in favour? All those opposed? It's defeated.

39. Mr. Taylor recommended that the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research set aside funds to pay tuition and a portion of living allowance to those students in the medical faculty who would be willing to serve in remote, rural, and native settings for five years after graduation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

40. Mr. Taylor recommended that the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund appropriate funds for the telecommunications department to file a report with the standing committee showing unused capacities in the telecommunications system throughout Alberta.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

41. Mr. Mitchell recommended that the Provincial Treasurer release to members of the standing committee the following information about the subordinated debentures of up to \$275 million that the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund has issued to Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd., MC Forest Investment Inc., and Kanzaki Paper Canada Inc., the joint venturers of the Alberta-Pacific pulp mill project:

- (a) the order of creditors to which the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund claim against this debenture is subordinated,
- (b) a delineation of the conditions referred to in the clause "subject to certain conditions" appearing in note (j) on page 52 of the 1990-91 annual report of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, and
- (c) the manner in which the "extent of the available cash flow" referred to in note (j) on page 52 of the 1990-91 annual report of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund will be defined and determined.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour?

MR. TAYLOR: Can we record it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You're a little late, but we'll accept it. A recorded vote.

[For the motion: Mr. Doyle, Mr. Ewasiuk, Mr. Hawkesworth, Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Osterman, Mr. Taylor]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
Those opposed?

[Against the motion: Mrs. Black, Mr. Cardinal, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Gesell, Mr. Jonson, Mr. Moore]

MR. CHAIRMAN: It's defeated.

42. Mr. Doyle recommended that in future annual reports the government state not only the original cost of Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund investments but also their current market value. In the case of non publicly traded investments, including debentures, the market value will be determined by the province's Auditor General.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

43. Mr. Hawkesworth recommended that the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund be restructured as follows:

- (1) the current divisions of the fund be consolidated into two divisions, being
 - (a) the securities and investment division, which would hold the assets currently held in the commercial investment division, the Canada investment division, and cash and marketable securities, and would earn market rates of return for the purpose of revenue transfers to the General Revenue Fund, and
 - (b) the Alberta research and development division, which would hold the assets currently held in the Alberta investment division and in the various research funds of the capital projects division and would be directed to long-term research and development programs in human and natural resources as an investment to benefit future generations of Albertans;
- (2) annually the Provincial Treasurer present to the Legislative Assembly for its approval the policy directions and objectives and the budget for the fund's two divisions;
- (3) a legislative office be created called the trustee general, whose office would have trust and fiduciary responsibilities for the management of all financial assets of the fund to ensure all investments were managed in accordance with the policies provided by the Legislature, and this office would be responsible to the Legislature through the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act and would be responsible to table an annual report with the Legislature;
- (4) the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act would hold annual hearings with the Provincial Treasurer, the trustee general, and the Auditor General to ensure the fund was benefiting the people of the province of Alberta, and the committee would be empowered to call all such witnesses as it wished to appear at these hearings;

- (5) a broad series of meetings and public hearings be held to receive further input on this proposal to increase the effectiveness and accountability of the fund.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour?

MR. HAWKESWORTH: Could we have a recorded vote on that, Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN: On 43, yes.

[For the motion: Mr. Doyle, Mr. Ewasiuk, Mr. Hawkesworth]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?

[Against the motion: Mrs. Black, Mr. Cardinal, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Gesell, Mr. Jonson, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Osterman, Mr. Taylor]

MR. CHAIRMAN: It's defeated.

44. Mr. Ewasiuk recommended that the overall investment strategy of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund be socially and environmentally responsible and meet ethical standards similar to those of ethical growth funds.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

45. Mr. Ewasiuk recommended that no further expenditures be made through the capital projects division, that that division be phased out, no longer reported as deemed assets of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, and that outstanding commitments for future budget years be made through the General Revenue Fund and the Capital Fund.

MR. HAWKESWORTH: A recorded vote, please, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: A recorded vote on recommendation 45. Those in favour?

[For the motion: Mr. Doyle, Mr. Ewasiuk, Mr. Hawkesworth, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Taylor]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?

[Against the motion: Mrs. Black, Mr. Cardinal, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Gesell, Mr. Jonson, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Osterman]

MR. CHAIRMAN: It's defeated.

46. Mr. Doyle recommended that the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act urge the government to fund the following project via the Alberta occupational health and safety heritage grant program: development of a comprehensive yet cost-effective method of ensuring that fuel sold in Alberta for use in motor vehicles is free of toxic contaminants in order to prevent the recurrence of public safety hazards such as the Hinton tainted diesel fuel incident and to enable the source of any such contamination to be quickly and easily determined.

MR. DOYLE: A recorded vote, Mr. Chairman, please.

MR. CHAIRMAN: For a recorded vote, those in favour?

[For the motion: Mr. Doyle, Mr. Ewasiuk, Mr. Hawkesworth, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Taylor]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?

[Against the motion: Mrs. Black, Mr. Cardinal, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Gesell, Mr. Jonson, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Osterman]

MR. CHAIRMAN: It's defeated.

47. Mr. Taylor recommended that the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund scholarship committee, in reviewing its mandate for the future, study the possibility of and give an estimate for the cost of awarding every student from a family whose income is beneath the poverty line free tuition in post-secondary institutions for which they have qualified, the purpose being that it is as big an achievement to graduate from secondary schools if one comes from poverty as it is to achieve high scholastic marks if one comes from a family above the poverty line.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

48. Mr. Taylor recommended that all research being presently done by the department of Occupational Health and Safety with heritage trust funds be transferred to AADAC and that the minister request Executive Council to also transfer drug and substance abuse research to AADAC council.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Those in favour? Those opposed? It's defeated.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. That completes the voting.

Yes, Member for Calgary-Mountain View?

MR. HAWKESWORTH: Mr. Chairman, could I just ask if you would highlight from your records which motions were in fact approved? Is that possible?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll ask the legislative clerk to do that. I don't have an accurate record. Hon. member, are you just asking for a cumulative number of those passed?

MR. HAWKESWORTH: That would be fine.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Just a moment while she does that.

Unofficially – and let me be clear on that – 13 passed. Okay. Thank you.

MR. CHERRY: I move we adjourn.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Member for Lloydminster moves that we adjourn. All those in favour? The meeting stands adjourned until next year. Thank you.

[The committee adjourned at 11:31 a.m.]

