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**Standing Committee**

**on**

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Acting Chairman: Mr. Horsman

10:00 a.m.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll call the meeting to order, gentlemen.

We have a quorum and in the absence of the chairman, for good reason, I have been asked to chair the meeting today. I assume that that will be satisfactory to the members of the committee.

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: First of all there are three different types of recommendations which have been received. Before we get to that, however, there is some additional information which I'd like distributed to each member of the committee. This comes from Tom Chambers as Minister of Housing and Public Works, and is supplementary material with respect to program subsidies under the Alberta Home Mortgage Corporation. So I'd like to ask that these be distributed to each member of the committee.

Before we go any further I suppose we should discuss the minutes of the last committee meetings. You've all received copies on your desks. Are there any errors or omissions?

MR. PLANCHE: Mr. Chairman, I'm listed as absent, and I'd like to have a little higher profile on that.

SECRETARY: Mr. Planche, I have you present at the afternoon session but not the morning session.

MR. PLANCHE: I was at the morning session also. I don't want my pay docked.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That oversight is corrected. Are there any further errors or omissions?

Could I have a motion to adopt the minutes of meetings September 25 and 26?

DR. BACKUS: I so move.

MR. NOTLEY: I second the motion.

Motion carried

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then the next thing I wanted to bring up while we're waiting for some more material to come in is the committee trip to Airdrie tomorrow. You have all received the memorandum which outlines the arrangements for the trip. The committee will depart from the Government Services hangar at the Edmonton Municipal Airport at approximately 8:30 a.m. on a government DC3. We'll be transported, I take it, from . . .

MR. PEACOCK: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. Isn't that the one that cracked up?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You must have more recent information than I have.

MR. NOTLEY: It's just the one with motor troubles.

MR. HORSMAN: What we need to know from the members of the committee is those who wish to take advantage of that arrangement that's been made. Would you please indicate now.

MR. NOTLEY: Well I'll go down on it. I have to come back a little earlier, unfortunately. I've got to catch a flight up to Peace River at 4:15. This gets in just a few minutes late.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So Dr. Backus and Mr. Notley are the only members who will require that arrangement?

MR. KROEGER: Well, I'll take a chance on it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay, Mr. Kroeger.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nobody else? I take it everybody else is getting there by other means.

MR. TAYLOR: Oh, I thought you meant the other way. No, I'm going. At 8:30 at the airport.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Eighty-thirty at the airport, Mr. Taylor. Everyone else is getting there on their own?

MR. NOTLEY: You would hardly need a DC3 for the four of us.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I wouldn't think so.

MR. CLARK: Why not take one of the airbuses down in the morning?

MR. NOTLEY: Yes, sure.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It may be preferable to do.

MR. TAYLOR: Take the Chrysler 98.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Everybody has their air passes, rather than to incur that additional expense. We'll take that up, then, I think. If that's agreeable to members perhaps we should so advise Government Services.

MR. TAYLOR: There's also staff going, though, isn't there?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, what about Hansard? You were planning on going on the DC3?

HANSARD: We'll be two, plus equipment.

SECRETARY: I think six staff are going.

MR. CLARK: You say we're taking six staff down tomorrow?

SECRETARY: Well, there are two *Hansard* and Jan and myself, and Mr. Chambers. And one of the press had requested to come.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Were there any other press members who wanted to take advantage of that DC3 ride?

PRESS: Yes, I suggested to Dr. McCrimmon that maybe I could go down.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Any other member of the press who wishes to undertake this perilous voyage?

Well, in view of that fact, perhaps we had better keep the arrangement.

MR. NOTLEY: Sure.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And proceed in that manner.

We have everybody's names, then, of those who wish to undertake that method of getting to Airdrie. The memo sets out as well the arrival time and the arrangements that have been made. Are there any questions or comments anyone wishes to make?

MR. MUSGREAVE: Mr. Chairman, I assume I can meet in Airdrie. I have a meeting tonight I have to go back to, so I trust I can pick up the tour in Airdrie?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, no problem. Ten o'clock is the arrival time at Airdrie.

MR. CLARK: Where in Airdrie? The town office?

SECRETARY: The airstrip.

MR. TAYLOR: At 10 a.m. we should be at the airport.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Apparently arrangements have been made at the Town and Country Centre where apparently an adequate room has been arranged for representatives and for members of the public to attend. Is everyone familiar with the location? If there are no further questions I would take it then that proposed arrangements for the committee trip to Airdrie tomorrow are satisfactory with members of the committee?

NON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We have three sets of recommendations. We're just getting the third one in here now. They are basically divided up this way. The first set are recommendations of specific investments or projects, and I'd ask that this set be distributed to members of the committee.

The second set of documents that you will receive are entitled Procedural Recommendations, and these are more than just procedural for the committee's procedure and so on are concerned, because they deal with the question, I think you will see, of the very nature of the fund itself.

The third set of recommendations which you will receive is entitled Similar Recommendations, and these are recommendations that have been submitted by different members of the committee but which are similar in nature, which we may or may not feel are in fact similar in nature, and which you may wish to

discuss separately. But they are at least put out as being similar at this stage for our discussions.

Are there extra copies? If you would pass them back here and then the news media can get copies as well.

There's one other item for distribution this morning, too. There is a memorandum from the Hon. Dave Russell, Minister of the Environment, in reference to a clarification of a question posed by Mr. Taylor during the committee meeting on September 6. Mr. Russell wishes to have this distributed for each member of the committee for their records.

Do we have extra copies of Mr. Chambers's comments floating around somewhere, his memorandum to us? I'm sorry, I've got them here.

MR. PEACOCK: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that in view of the material that's been presented here this morning on recommendations -- I just haven't got time to digest it or inform myself. It would seem to me in making this motion that we should maybe defer for an hour and allow us to look over these recommendations, come back, or have a caucus at that time and determine whether or not we need extra time . . .

MR. NOTLEY: Not a caucus, Fred; a meeting.

MR. PEACOCK: A meeting -- at least an assembly in an hour's time or so and determine whether we have had sufficient time to review it and speak upon these subjects with some consideration. Maybe we could defer it and not have the meeting until the afternoon.

MR. CLARK: Start at 1:30?

MR. R. SPEAKER: Let's start earlier this afternoon.

MR. PEACOCK: Allow me to make this motion then, Mr. Chairman. I suggest that we repair to our particular offices until 1 o'clock and adjourn the meeting until that time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: A motion to adjourn until 1 o'clock this afternoon. A seconder for the motion.

MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I'm tied in, regrettably, to a function that's awfully hard for me to get away from, at least until a quarter after one. Can you make it 1:15 at the latest, then?

MR. NOTLEY: One thirty.

MR. CLARK: One thirty would be far, far better, if you can.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is that satisfactory to amend the motion?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

*Motion carried*

MR. CHAIRMAN: The meeting is adjourned until 1:30.