

[Chairman: Mr. Kowalski]

[10 a.m.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to another meeting of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act. Yesterday afternoon we spent an exhaustive two and a half hours in discussion and debate on a series of recommendations. As the hour of adjournment approached, it's my understanding that we had concluded the debate on 32 recommendations currently before this committee. It's my further understanding that we agreed that when we reconvened this morning, we would begin the final review.

The procedure I would like to recommend to the committee is that each individual who has a recommendation before the committee read that recommendation into the record, and then I will ask for a vote on it. I will first ask the question: those committee members in favour of the recommendation? The second question would be: those committee members opposed to the recommendation? I will ask you to vote by raising a hand.

It would not be my intent to vote on any of these recommendations unless it were to break a tie. I followed that procedure last year. Today we have eight committee members. I also indicated that if it were a question of having to vote to break a tie, I would vote without comment. I would make no comments at all. I would not explain why I voted a certain way and, if anybody asked me the question, I'd also not explain why I voted in that way. That would ensure the greatest neutrality and nonpartisanship of the chairman, I guess. Would that be an acceptable procedure for all committee members?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Would it also be the wish of committee members that we have the opportunity for any individual to raise a question about any of these recommendations before the final vote? We had that tradition last year. Very few people did it, but nevertheless...

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. From a procedural point of view, I can't think of anything else — have I missed anything? — except of course for the fact that if a committee member is not here, the chairman will read the recommendation into the record and ask for the vote.

So let us go to Recommendation No. 1:

That Highway 22 be paved from the Kananaskis Country boundary to Highway 3.

All those committee members in favour of Recommendation No. 1, kindly signify their support by raising a hand. Those committee members opposed, kindly... Okay.

Recommendation No. 2:

That in any research and development program funded from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, no more than 50 percent of the funds may be used

for pure research.

All committee members in favour, supporting this recommendation, kindly signify that support by raising a hand. All committee members opposed to this recommendation, kindly raise a hand. It is defeated, as was No. 1.

Recommendation No. 3, Mr. Musgreave.

MR. MUSGREAVE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to withdraw this recommendation, because I want to comment on some of the other recommendations farther on.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Recommendation No. 3 has been withdrawn. Recommendation No. 4, Mr. Martin.

MR. MARTIN:

That the committee recommend the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act be amended so as to make clear that the primary purpose of the fund is to strengthen Alberta's long-term economic base and to assist Albertans to be successful in their chosen occupations and enterprises, through the direct provision of adequate capital at reasonable rates of interest.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All committee members in favour of supporting Recommendation No. 4, kindly raise a hand. All committee members opposed to Recommendation No. 4, kindly raise a hand. It's six to three, opposed. Recommendation No. 4 is defeated.

Recommendation No. 5, Mr. Martin.

MR. MARTIN:

That the committee recommend the government propose legislation which would ensure accurate reporting of the assets of the fund. Only assets which are owned by the fund or realizable by the fund should be deemed to be assets on the balance sheet of the fund, as suggested by the Auditor General.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All committee members who wish to support Recommendation No. 5, kindly raise a hand. All committee members who are opposed to Recommendation No. 5, kindly do so by raising a hand. It's defeated.

No. 6, Mr. Martin.

MR. MARTIN:

That the committee urge that all proposals for investment of the fund in developments for the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics be brought before the committee for scrutiny before approval by the investment committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All committee members who wish to support Recommendation No. 6, kindly do so by raising a hand. All committee members who are opposed to Recommendation No. 6, kindly raise a hand. That's defeated.

Recommendation No. 7.

MR. MARTIN:

That the committee recommend that the government should delay no longer but rather that there should be substantial trust fund investment in expansion of Calgary and Edmonton LRT during this time of continuing economic recession, to take advantage of lower costs and to provide much-needed stimulus in those centres.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All committee members who wish to support Recommendation No. 7, kindly indicate that support by raising a hand. All committee members who are opposed to Recommendation No. 7, kindly indicate that opposition by raising a hand. It's defeated.

MR. MARTIN: I'll try one more time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Keeping track of the numbers, Mr. Martin, the vote I had on 4 was three yes, six opposed; 5 was one yes, seven opposed; 6 was one yes, seven opposed; and 7 was three yes, six opposed. So a bit of momentum there.

MR. MARTIN: One more try.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Number 8, Mr. Martin.

MR. MARTIN:

That in the interest of job creation as well as environmental protection, the committee urge the government to establish a program which would be financed by the fund and would have as its mandate the cleanup of the North Saskatchewan and Bow rivers as well as any other polluted or unsafe Alberta river systems.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee members who wish to vote in support of Recommendation No. 8, kindly do so by raising a hand. Members who are opposed, kindly indicate their opposition by raising a hand. Could you just put them back up again? Okay, that was defeated five to four.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Recommendation No. 9, Mr. Hyland.

MR. HYLAND:

That the committee recommend that Farming for the Future place an increased emphasis on its on-farm demonstration program through encouraging direct involvement between the researcher and the interested farmer wherever possible.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee members who wish to support Recommendation No. 9, kindly signify that support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed to Recommendation No. 9, kindly indicate their opposition by raising a hand. That's carried. I'll make a special note here: the first one approved.

Mr. Notley has Recommendation No. 10. I'll read it into the record.

That the committee recommend that the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act be amended to require prior legislative appropriation before any investment decision is implemented by the investment committee, in the same way that such prior legislative appropriation is required for investments of the Heritage Fund of Saskatchewan.

Committee members who wish to support Recommendation 10, kindly indicate their support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed to Recommendation 10, kindly indicate that opposition by raising a hand. That's defeated.

Recommendation 11:

That the committee recommend that the Alberta government should, at the earliest opportunity, strongly urge the new federal government to significantly increase support for Albertans through such agencies as the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Farm Credit Corporation, thus reducing pressure on the trust fund and allowing the Alberta government more flexibility to use the fund to assist Albertans to prosper.

Committee members who wish to support Recommendation 11, kindly indicate that support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed to Recommendation 11? It's carried.

Recommendation 12:

That the committee recommend that debentures currently held by the trust fund in the Alberta Opportunity Company, the Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation, the Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation, the Alberta Home Mortgage Corporation, the Alberta Housing Corporation, and the Alberta Government Telephones Commission be sold when and as conditions in the market are such that the investment from the fund represented by the debentures can be recouped at or above cost.

Committee members who wish to support Recommendation 12, kindly indicate their support...

MRS. CRIPPS: Question, Mr. Chairman. I presume that that couldn't be amended without Mr. Notley being here. If the word "considered" were in there — that consideration be given to selling — I could support that. [interjections]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Cripps, you have the floor. It seems to me you're having a bit of negotiation there with some of your colleagues. What exactly is it you would like to see happen?

MRS. CRIPPS: That the committee recommend that consideration be given to selling the debentures. Then I could support it.

MR. MARTIN: As the Acting Leader of the Opposition, I will accept that if there is a chance of having it approved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: As I understand this, Mrs. Cripps is recommending an amendment to No. 12. No. 12 would then read: "That the committee recommend that consideration be given . . ." Anyway, that would be the intent, and then we would have to work on this amendment. Mr. Martin, as the Acting Leader of the Opposition, you would second that?

MR. MARTIN: Yes, I would second that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. We have Recommendation 12 with an amendment, pursuant to the proper wording. I guess something along the line that "consideration be given" added to it would change the intent slightly.

MR. COOK: To word it properly, if you want that consideration to be given to selling . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's correct.

MR. COOK: . . . the debentures", and then you would just have to remove the two words "be sold" in line six of the resolution.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Committee members who would be in favour of supporting Recommendation 12 as it is amended, kindly signify their support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed to Recommendation 12 as amended? Recommendation 12 is approved as amended.

Recommendation 13:

Inasmuch as foreign importers of Canadian coal presently import coal from various sources and custom blend that coal, and inasmuch as many Canadian coal users import specific coal types from the U.S. rather than blending from Canadian sources, and inasmuch as present Canadian coal sources including Alberta sources offer a wide variety of coal which could be blended to meet all Canadian requirements, that the committee urge the government to press the new federal government for immediate discussions regarding the possibility of trust fund investment in a joint federal/provincial effort to establish a Canadian coal blending industry.

Committee members who are in favour of Recommendation 13, kindly signify their support by raising a hand.

MR. MUSGREAVE: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order. Are we not allowed to debate these? Are those the rules?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Oh no, we certainly can. Did you wish to have a debate?

MR. MUSGREAVE: Not on this one.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'll ask for the vote again. Committee members who are in favour of supporting Recommendation 13, kindly signify their support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed, kindly signify that opposition by raising a hand. It's defeated.

Recommendation 14:

That the committee urge the government to delay no longer but rather to move immediately to begin completion of a northern rail link to British Columbia using trust fund moneys as necessary. Improved market access and the linkage of northern Alberta by rail with the massive Tumbler Ridge coal development will be especially crucial for northern economic development.

Committee members who are in favour of supporting Recommendation 14, kindly raise a hand. Any committee members who are opposed, kindly signify that opposition by raising a hand. It's defeated.

MR. COOK: Mr. Chairman, could I withdraw resolution 15? Negotiations have gone on with my distinguished colleague from Calgary McCall for an amended resolution 29. So rather than going through the difficulty of reading it into the record and defeating it, can I just withdraw it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Recommendation 15 has been withdrawn.

Recommendation 16, Mr. Gogo.

MR. GOGO: Mr. Chairman, I'm pleased to move That an alcoholism research program be established by the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee members who are in support of Recommendation 16, kindly signify that . . .

MR. MUSGREAVE: Mr. Chairman, could I make a comment?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Musgreave.

MR. MUSGREAVE: This resolution, along with No. 17 and I believe Mr. Alger had one, strikes me as being the same kind of situation wherein we're concerned with social problems in our society. Rather than specify certain problems — I could suggest we have a research program on why women don't have a full role in our society, as they feel they should have.

MR. GOGO: What number is that?

MR. MUSGREAVE: It isn't here. But I'm saying, Mr. Chairman, that I recommend that we amend this to read that we would establish a foundation that would be concerned with the social problems of our society. Otherwise, I can't support it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Just on a point of order. That amendment would entirely change the principle of Recommendation 16.

MR. GOGO: Mr. Chairman, with regard to 16, I think it's long been established that alcoholism is an illness. I think that is distinctly different from social problems. I'm not saying that the illness itself does not cause horrendous social problems, but it's based on the definition that alcoholism is an illness.

MR. ZIP: Mr. Chairman, much as I appreciate the thrust of this recommendation, on further deliberation and consideration I feel that alcoholism is not a unique illness that's not associated with social problems. It's inherent in and a symptom of social problems. I very much urge that it be included in a much broader based study and much broader based research than just narrowing it to a symptom of the ills of our present-day society.

MR. MARTIN: I think that's one of the things we'd be studying: which comes first. Mr. Zip, you're saying that the social problems may cause alcoholism; other people like Mr. Gogo say that maybe it's the disease that's inherent. I would think that one of the things we'd study is which comes first. It may be a variation. For that reason I think it is worth doing. I don't need to go into all the social problems, but I think which comes first is certainly debatable. For that reason I think it's worth being looked at itself. I agree with Mr. Musgreave that we should have, going back to what my colleague was talking about, the human resources council. But we don't have that there. The chicken and egg thing we're talking about — I think a case can be made, especially with alcoholism if we classify it as an illness, that it may come first, as Mr. Gogo said.

MR. ZIP: I don't believe it's a chicken and egg thing. I believe that it's a relationship of disease and symptoms. Alcoholism is a symptom of a greater social disease that permeates our society today. Until we study the disease, we can't deal with the symptoms.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We're having a discussion here. We still have a recommendation before us. Very specifically, it calls for the establishment of an alcoholism research program. Mr. Musgreave has indicated that he had a concern about that, but he has not put an amendment on the table.

MR. MUSGREAVE: I would be prepared to suggest that a research foundation be established to study the effects of alcoholism, the aging of our population, the concerns of the problems of terminal illness, and the establishment of palliative care facilities in our province. So I am addressing three concerns in one: alcoholism, aging of our population, and palliative care facilities.

MR. COOK: Mr. Chairman, is it still in order to introduce a resolution today? The reason I ask is that in resolutions 16 and 17, we're starting to really wander from the intent of the resolution. It would be simpler to defeat the resolutions and insert a brand-new one, which was the original thrust of Mr. Musgreave's earlier point. Is it still possible to introduce a resolution today?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Within the tradition we've followed in this committee, that possibility remains until the time at which we conclude the discussion on it. Mr. Musgreave does have an amendment. What you're suggesting is that . . .

MR. COOK: Rather than entertain a messy amendment, we could go for a resolution 33. [interjections]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please.

MR. MARTIN: [Inaudible] vote if somebody is going to bring in a resolution. I tend to agree with Mr. Cook, because there are other problems. If we're looking at a broad category similar to what used to be the human resources council or something like that, that would take in much more than the specific ones Mr. Musgreave mentioned. I guess I'm in a quandary as to how to vote on this, because we're going to come to something later on, and then I would look at that. But just for those three, I think it changes the amendment from alcoholism. I think there are other areas too.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Musgreave, we have your amendment before the committee now. Perhaps you might read this amendment back for the benefit of all the members.

MR. MUSGREAVE:

That a research foundation be established to study in particular the effects of alcoholism, the aging of our population, the establishment of palliative care facilities, or other major social concerns of our society.

MR. CHAIRMAN: In terms of the specifics of 16, I think that amendment is way beyond. I don't know how we can have an amendment . . . You know, amendments basically deal with a specific point with respect to a recommendation. You're completely changing the principle of 16. I think the committee would be hard pressed to vote on that amendment, because it changes the principle of Recommendation 16 so dramatically.

MR. MUSGREAVE: Mr. Chairman, I could just say "create a social concern foundation", period. But what I'm spelling out is that I think the results of the debate of this committee have indicated that some members are concerned about alcoholism, which I think is a major concern of our society. Mr. Alger brought out the gerontology foundation. Mr. Gogo brought out the terminal illness program. In effect what I am saying is that rather than isolate certain things, there are many major concerns. I'm trying to structure a resolution that will pull this all together.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I appreciate that. I think, though, the difficulty the committee would have at this point in time in dealing with your recommendation is not knowing what the views of the committee would be in terms of their specific votes on 16 and 17 and I guess 31 and 32. The committee may in fact vote all four of them down.

MR. MARTIN: Could I make a suggestion? If we could deal with the all-encompassing resolution, which I understand Mr. Cook is working on, we could go to each one of these after. One of the things we could say is that an alcoholism research program, for instance, be part of this program. We could deal with pain; we could deal with all of them as recommendations to go to this overall foundation. So if we could deal with that first, then we'd know how best to amend the other ones.

MR. COOK: Mr. Chairman, could I serve notice that when we come to point 33, I would like to introduce a new resolution:

That the committee recommend the establishment of a social sciences research foundation modelled on the very successful Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Would you be kind enough to give us back those words of that recommendation?

MR. COOK: I have them here; I'll give them to you.

MR. GOGO: Mr. Chairman, I again come back to the point that I recognize palliative care; I recognize the tremendous preponderance of health care spent in the final months of people's lives. I am concerned that research into alcoholism, which is an illness, is not being done in this province. Before we get overly concerned about the effects which we know — i.e., people on assistance, people in treatment, people in jail — I think the intent of the motion was that we should study alcoholism.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think it's probably time for a ruling from the Chair. We have an amendment put forward by Mr. Musgreave which goes way beyond the principle of Recommendation 16. We have a notice of intent, supplied to us by Mr. Cook, that at some point later today he may be advancing another recommendation. I suggest that the methodology we should be using in terms of decision-making this morning is to basically have the chairman ask Mr. Musgreave to either remove his amendment, or I'll rule it out of order because it goes beyond.

MR. MUSGREAVE: I'll withdraw it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You'll withdraw it; that's fine. We'll now go back to the specific voting on Recommendation 16. Recommendation 16 has already been read.

MR. MARTIN: I want to make one suggestion to people before they vote. If we vote on Mr. Cook's at the end, we can vote specifically for these resolutions, because they would then fall under an umbrella.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We have Recommendation 16 before us. All committee members in favour of supporting Recommendation 16, kindly signify their support by raising a hand. All committee members opposed to Recommendation 16, kindly signify their opposition by raising a hand. It is defeated.
Recommendation 17.

MR. GOGO:

That the committee recommend the establishment of a research/study program on pain control, primarily for the benefit of those with terminal illness.

As I mentioned the other day, Mr. Chairman, the thrust of the motion is not for those with acute pain but for those with chronic pain, who forfeit so much of their productive lives as a result of chronic pain associated with a variety of illnesses.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee members who are in support in Recommendation 17, kindly signify that support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed to Recommendation 17, kindly signify their opposition by raising a hand. It's defeated five to four.

Recommendation 18, Mr. Moore.

MR. R. MOORE:

That each department using trust fund money for research projects provide the committee with a report indicating where the private sector benefitted by or utilized the findings.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee members who are in support of Recommendation 18, kindly signify that support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed to Recommendation 18, kindly signify their opposition by raising a hand. It's carried.

Recommendation 19, Mr. Moore.

MR. R. MOORE:

That the occupational health and safety research selection committee include members representative of industry and labour.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee members who are in support of Recommendation 19, kindly signify their support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed, kindly signify that opposition by raising a hand. It is approved.

Recommendation 20 has already been deleted.

Recommendation 21, Mr. Zip.

MR. ZIP:

That the committee recommend that the involvement of the trust fund be broadened to include major improvement to road infrastructures, more particularly to include the improvement of the connection between Calgary and Interstate No. 15 to the standards of Highway No. 2 between Edmonton and Calgary.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee members who wish to support Recommendation 21, kindly signify that support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed, kindly signify your opposition by raising a hand. It is defeated.

Recommendation 22, Mr. Zip. That was amended yesterday.

MR. ZIP: That the committee recommend that the scope of AOC be expanded to the point where it would be a business facilitator rather than a "lender of last resort" and that the limit of funds available to AOC be increased to \$600 million.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Zip, that's not the wording you gave us yesterday. The wording you gave us was:

That the committee encourage the government to give consideration to expanding the scope of AOC to the point where it would be a business facilitator rather than a lender of last resort, and that the limit of funds available to AOC

be increased to \$600 million.

MR. ZIP: So moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All committee members in support of Recommendation 22 as read by the chairman, kindly signify their support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed, kindly signify their opposition. That is carried.

Recommendation 23:

That the committee endorse the use of moneys from the trust fund for the creation of an urban parks program for the towns and villages of Alberta.

Committee members who are in support of Recommendation 23, kindly signify their support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed, kindly signify their opposition by raising a hand. That is carried.

Recommendation 24, Mrs. Cripps.

MRS. CRIPPS: I'd like to make an amendment, Mr. Chairman.

That the committee recommend that Farming for the Future consider the establishment of an agricultural invention and development project which would act as a clearinghouse, advisory committee, and development information agency, co-ordinating and publicizing ingenious and innovative agricultural inventions and/or basic mechanization improvements, and that the project also provide efficiency awards for innovative developments.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's our first notice of that, Mrs. Cripps. In fairness to all committee members, you might want to do that again a little more slowly, so we can make the changes.

MRS. CRIPPS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The change is that . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Where would the operative words be? You said: "That the committee recommend . . ."

MRS. CRIPPS: That the committee recommend that Farming for the Future consider the establishment of an agricultural invention and development "project", rather than "centre".

MR. CHAIRMAN: And the rest would all be the same?

MRS. CRIPPS: Except that in the second last line, you'd have "project" where "centre" is, too.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So Recommendation 24, with the amendment by the mover is:

That the committee recommend that Farming for the Future consider the establishment of an agricultural invention and development project which would act as a clearinghouse, advisory committee, and development information agency, co-ordinating and publicizing the ingenious and innovative agricultural inventions and/or basic mechanization

improvements, and that the project also provide efficiency awards for innovative developments.

Committee members who would be in favour of supporting Recommendation 24, kindly signify that support by raising a hand. Those opposed, kindly signify by raising a hand. It is approved.

Recommendation 25, Mrs. Cripps.

MRS. CRIPPS: Mr. Chairman, after discussion with some of my colleagues, I understand that the federal development bank provides this kind of service, so I would like to withdraw Recommendation 25. But I'd like the committee to look, in the long term, at some way of highlighting our concerns which have been raised in this committee and have been either withdrawn or defeated. We're not saying we're not really essentially interested in it but that we really don't feel it's a project which should be presented by the Heritage Savings Trust Fund committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN: So 25 has been withdrawn, and there's also been a request by Mrs. Cripps that the text of the report somehow include her concern in this regard.

Recommendation 26, Mr. Nelson.

MR. NELSON: Mr. Chairman, I recommend That the government provide funding to develop the Powderface roadway, of approximately \$10 million, and to provide additional accommodation by expanding William Watson Lodge.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee members who are in favour of supporting Recommendation 26, kindly signify that support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed to Recommendation 26, kindly signify by raising a hand. It's defeated.

Recommendation 27, Mr. Nelson.

MR. NELSON: I recommend That the government keep all abandoned properties owned by the Alberta Housing Corporation or Alberta Housing maintained and secured, to ensure the taxpayers' investment is protected and the integrity of the many communities is continued.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee members who are in favour of supporting Recommendation 27, kindly signify that support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed, kindly signify your opposition by raising a hand. It's carried.

Recommendation 28, Mr. Nelson.

MR. NELSON: I recommend That the government examine the long-term future of the \$300 million endowment fund for medical research. The purpose is to consider raising the capital, based on future expenditures of the investment revenue, to ensure no reduction of the initial capital of the endowment fund.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee members who are in favour of supporting Recommendation 28, kindly

signify their . . . Yes, Mr. Musgreave?

MR. MUSGREAVE: Mr. Chairman, I think there are other involvements that I'm sure the Provincial Treasurer would be concerned about with regard to ongoing funding of various projects, foundations, institutes, or whatever, that arise from the fund. Rather than make this a recommendation, I think we should just point out in our report that we have some concerns about the long-term viability of the fund and that we hope the government will address them in future reports to us.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee members who are in favour of supporting Recommendation 28, kindly signify that support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed, kindly signify their opposition by raising a hand. It's approved, five to four.

Recommendation 29, Mr. Nelson.

MR. NELSON: I recommend
That the government make available as soon as possible an endowment fund for research in the areas of science and engineering.

Mr. Chairman, that is an amendment to the motion that was presented yesterday.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You're making an amendment?

MR. NELSON: If you'd like, Mr. Chairman, I'll read it again.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you wish.

MR. NELSON: I have amended the motion presented yesterday to read:

That the government make available as soon as possible an endowment fund for research in the areas of science and engineering.

Mr. Chairman, this would encompass the concerns raised by both Mr. Musgreave and Mr. Cook in their two motions.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Recommendation 29 has been amended. All committee members in favour of supporting Recommendation 29, kindly signify their support by raising a hand. Members opposed, kindly signify their opposition by raising a hand. It is carried.

Recommendation 30, Mr. Nelson.

MR. NELSON: Mr. Chairman, I recommend
That the government, in discussing its white paper, give consideration to the use of the Heritage Savings Trust Fund to assist small businesses to develop in the province of Alberta. This assistance could be in the form of tax incentives, tax holidays, or in the form of low interest rate assistance using a formula based on the small-business development bonds formerly used by the federal government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee members who are in favour of supporting Recommendation 30, kindly

signify their support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed to Recommendation 30, kindly signify their opposition by raising a hand. It's carried, five to three; several members didn't vote.

Recommendation 31:

Through the Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation, continued emphasis should be placed on the construction of senior citizens' lodges in communities throughout the province.

Committee members who are in favour of supporting Recommendation 31, kindly signify their support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed to Recommendation 31, kindly signify that opposition by raising a hand. It's defeated.

Recommendation 32,

Major research projects devoted to the field of gerontology should be developed, promoted, and financed.

Committee members who are in favour of supporting Recommendation 32, kindly signify their support by raising a hand. Committee members who are opposed to Recommendation 32, kindly signify that opposition by raising a hand. It's defeated.

MR. COOK: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Cook?

MR. COOK: Could I ask you to read into the record the wording I provided for resolution 33?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Cook has provided a recommendation, which we'll number Recommendation 33, and these are the words:

That the committee recommend the consideration of the establishment of a social sciences research foundation modelled on the Alberta Heritage Medical Research Foundation.

MR. COOK: Mr. Chairman, could I speak on the motion, for the record? The resolution is supported by the two universities that provided the initial recommendation for the sciences and engineering research foundation, the resolution moved by Mr. Nelson. There were two proposals; this is the parallel side of it. It would provide for a research program into issues advanced by Mr. Gogo, Mr. Alger, or others, basically the problems of man in society and, in particular, in Alberta. I think it would be favourably considered by the academic and social services communities.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Would there be additional committee members who wish to participate in this discussion? I'll read the motion one more time, just to make sure everybody has it.

MRS. CRIPPS: Mr. Chairman, I understood the original intent was to include motions 16, 17, and 32, or at least their intention. If that's definitely in there, then I can support it. But I can't support it the way it is, because I think it's far too encompassing.

MR. NOTLEY: Could we have it read again?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The recommendation is
That the committee recommend that

consideration be given to the establishment of a social sciences foundation modelled on the Alberta Heritage Medical Research Foundation.

MR. COOK: Mr. Chairman, just to answer the concern expressed by Mrs. Cripps, I think it would accomplish the objectives expressed by Mr. Alger, Mr. Gogo, and others. It would look at the problems of Alberta in social terms. I think Mr. Gogo quite rightly states — for example, I've heard him say in the Legislature before that alcohol consumption here in Alberta is one of the highest levels in Canada. It's a problem. I think the social sciences research foundation would take that into consideration in addressing its research priorities.

It is broad in the sense that my biotechnology resolution was narrow and specific and was accommodated within the larger framework of the sciences and engineering research foundation. I hope to get a little out of it for biotechnology, but there's not necessarily a guarantee.

MR. ZIP: Mr. Chairman, I understood that the resolution was going to read "social sciences research foundation". When you read it back, the word "research" was not included.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You're correct. It should be in there. It was "social sciences research foundation".

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Chairman, I will certainly vote in favour of it, but I gather there was some debate while I was away. I am wondering why that particular title, social sciences research foundation, was chosen. I gather the mandate is going to be fairly broad here. According to Mr. Cook, we're going to be looking at everything from alcoholism to social service problems. I wonder why we wouldn't use the term applied by the former government, human resources. It seems to me we're dealing with the whole area of people problems rather than social sciences. This strikes me as the use of a university term, if I can say that, to really cover a rather broader mandate, at least if what Mr. Cook has said . . . I might direct that as a question, and he might respond.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Cook, do you want to respond now or wait until you get other input?

MR. COOK: Mr. Chairman, I think the hon. member answered his own question in part, by saying it was the title used by the previous administration. But more sincerely, it was the title advanced by the two universities in proposing two research foundations, one modelled on the pure and applied sciences in engineering — and we've adopted that wording in Mr. Nelson's resolution. The parallel institution the two major universities and the University of Lethbridge were advancing was the social sciences research foundation. So we've adopted their terminology.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Cook having answered the question, my next comment is that I think the proposal is worth supporting, notwithstanding the fact that we might have to borrow from the past; but from time to time it's good to borrow from the past. We'd have a more accurate description of what we're

aiming at and, as politicians, might be able to develop a better name to describe it than university professors, for a change. It seems to me that would be helpful. Setting that aside, I think the proposal is worth supporting.

MR. MARTIN: Just a point to Mrs. Cripps' concern that she wanted specific things. I was trying to say that if we voted that we wanted this type of research, then we were giving some direction that those three things would be part of this. But I guess all we can do at this point is say that those three areas fall into that broad category, and hopefully they will look at them.

The only other thing I would say — and, again, I will vote for it — is that I'm not sure we should be telling them how to set up a council. You say, based on the medical research model. Maybe there's a different model that might be more applicable in dealing with human resources. Rather than narrowing it to follow a particular model, I think it would have been better if we had just left it that we're looking at a particular foundation, and then had some people spend some time looking at what might be a proper way to run it. I'm not going to vote against it for that reason, because I think the concept is important. But if we had just left it broader and then let them decide what model they want to follow, I think it would have made more sense.

MR. NELSON: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to delay my comments. Mr. Musgreave is going to make some.

MR. MUSGREAVE: I get the feeling that some of our committee members are not going to support this, so I suggest an amendment to the present motion. The foundation would be established and everything and have particular emphasis on the effects of alcoholism, the aging of our population, the establishment of palliative care facilities, and the role of women in Alberta's society. Now that last one may raise some people's concern, and we can strike that if they desire.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We now have an amendment to this motion, and I don't have the benefit of seeing the exact words Mr. Musgreave spoke. I have to surmise that the wording of the recommendation would be amended to read:

That the committee recommend that consideration be given to the establishment of a social sciences research foundation with specific concerns in the areas of alcoholism, aging, palliative care, and the role of women in our society, and that the foundation should be modelled on the Alberta Heritage Medical Research Foundation.

MRS. CRIPPS: You left out pain control.

MR. ZIP: What about suicide?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Look, we have an amendment. If you want to propose another amendment, do so, Mr. Zip. We'll take questions. We now have an amended resolution.

MR. COOK: If the amendment is approved.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That's correct. So we'll vote on the amendment. Then we'll vote on the resolution as amended. They're one and the same, so we could skip all of that by simply going to a vote on the recommendation as amended.

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is the recommendation as amended:

That the committee recommend that consideration be given to the establishment of a social sciences research foundation with specific concerns for alcoholism, aging, palliative care, and the role of women in our society, and that the foundation should be modelled on the Alberta Heritage Medical Research Foundation.

MRS. CRIPPS: You still left out 17, and I think that's vitally important. I'd like to amend it to add "pain control and terminal illness".

MR. CHAIRMAN: Palliative care is included in the recommendation. We now have an amendment to the amendment. Mrs. Cripps is recommending that the words "pain control" be added. In terms of a process, then, if the phraseology were:

with special concerns to alcoholism, aging, pain control, palliative care, and the role of women in our society . . .

Would that accomplish the concern you have, Mrs. Cripps?

MRS. CRIPPS: Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We now have before the committee a recommendation, which I'll read one more time:

That the committee recommend that consideration be given to the establishment of a social sciences research foundation with specific concerns for alcoholism, aging, pain control, palliative care, and the role of women in our society, and that the foundation should be modelled on the Alberta Heritage Medical Research Foundation.

All committee members who are in favour of supporting Recommendation No. 33, kindly signify their support by raising a hand. All members who are opposed, kindly signify their opposition by raising a hand. It's carried, five to four.

If you have all your documents with you, we'll just quickly give you the update so that you all have it and everybody walks out of here with exactly the same story to tell. Recommendation 1 was defeated, Recommendation 2 was defeated, Recommendation 3 was withdrawn, Recommendation 4 was defeated, Recommendation 5 was defeated, Recommendation 6 was defeated, Recommendation 7 was defeated, Recommendation 8 was defeated, Recommendation 9 was approved, Recommendation 10 was defeated, Recommendation 11 was approved, Recommendation 12 was approved, Recommendation 13 was defeated,

Recommendation 14 was defeated, Recommendation 15 was withdrawn, Recommendation 16 was defeated, Recommendation 17 was defeated, Recommendation 18 was approved, Recommendation 19 was approved, Recommendation 20 was withdrawn, Recommendation 21 was defeated, Recommendation 22 was approved, Recommendation 23 was approved, Recommendation 24 was approved, Recommendation 25 was withdrawn, Recommendation 26 was defeated, Recommendation 27 was approved, Recommendation 28 was approved, Recommendation 29 was approved, Recommendation 30 was approved, Recommendation 31 was defeated, Recommendation 32 was defeated, and Recommendation 33 was approved.

Standing Order 52 of the Legislative Assembly reads:

The Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act shall report to the Assembly on the annual report of the Fund no later than the third Monday in October if the Assembly is then sitting, or if the Assembly is not then sitting, on the first Monday of the next ensuing sitting.

The third Monday in October, we will not be sitting. Basically it then requires a submission very quickly thereafter. Now that we have concluded the process, it will be my intent that I spend some time in the next several weeks putting this report together. I will have a draft copy of the report to you midweek, probably on the dates of October 16, 17, or 18. That report will be drafted. It will include all the recommendations plus all the overviews and whatever comments we have traditionally put in such a report. It is my intent to have it circulated to you on one of those three days. Further, I think it would be very appropriate if we were to meet several days thereafter, perhaps after all members have had a chance to look at the draft. I'm recommending that we meet at 11 o'clock on Tuesday, October 23, to review the draft report. Should all members approve the contents of the report, it would then in essence be printed. I hope we could have it tabled in the Legislative Assembly in the week of October 29, 30, and 31.

MR. MARTIN: What time?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Eleven o'clock in the morning on Tuesday, October 23.

Would that be an appropriate procedure? Okay. I hope all committee members appreciate that perhaps three or four days would have to be used by the chairman in putting this together, and that should there be a requirement to receive some degree of compensation, it would be accepted.

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

Committee members have expressed an interest in an overview of the Prince Rupert grain terminal. We talked, not in a very formative way, about what dates would be most appropriate. I had contact with the province of Alberta's representative on the Prince Rupert grain terminal, Dr. Hugh Horner, and suggested to him that the last week of November might be the appropriate time to consider doing it. He subsequently informed me that he would not be

available that week because he has some speaking engagements at a couple of conventions here in the province of Alberta. So if one were to look at the dates of December 4, 5, and 6, you might all wish to take a look at your schedules and, when we meet two weeks hence, be able to confirm whether or not those dates would be good for you. If not, kindly get back to me. In the meantime I'll try to get some arrangements made with the gentleman I mentioned.

MR. NELSON: Mr. Chairman, were we going to give consideration to visiting your Paddle River project?

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you want to come out to that part of the world, sure. The dam will probably be officially opened in 1985. Did you want to go this fall or next spring?

MR. NELSON: Mr. Chairman, considering the comments made during the interviews with the various ministers, I don't think it would hurt to examine the project whilst there are still people working and engineers on site, to examine some of the difficulties they encountered during construction and to allay any fears I or any other member of the committee may have with regard to the overall construction and costs of this project.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We'll try to select a date and will circulate some information by memo to all committee members, to see when it's convenient. We'll probably look at the last week of November.

Any other business committee members would like to raise?

Thank you very, very much for the long process we've all had to go through in the last two months. I've very much appreciated the cordiality and professionalism shown by all members on the committee.

[The committee adjourned at 11:02 a.m.]