

[Chairman: Mr. Evans]

[11:39 a.m.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are we ready to roll?

MR. M. CLEGG: Mr. Chairman, I would like to read to the committee the Standing Order which deals with dissenting opinions so that the members understand what the rule is. We're proposing to operate within that rule.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clegg.

MR. M. CLEGG: Standing Order 65(2) reads:

The report of a committee is the report as determined by the committee as a whole or the majority of it, and no minority report may be presented to or received by the Assembly, but a committee may, in its discretion, include any dissenting opinions in its report.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Perhaps then, Mr. Clegg, we should have a vote on whether to record the dissenting votes. I think that's appropriate in the circumstances, given the Standing Order.

MR. BRASSARD: I would so move, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That the dissenting votes be recorded? Any questions or comments on that motion? Are we ready for the question? All in favour? Anyone opposed? Mrs. Laing. It's a fait accompli. We will record them.

MR. BRASSARD: Then may I just clarify, Mr. Chairman? Can you record in the committee votes that were taken in camera? Would you have to go through the . . . Could Mr. Clegg clarify that for me, please?

MR. M. CLEGG: Mr. Chairman, the procedure which this committee has adopted is that either by reading out each decision separately or by deeming them to be read out, the committee has adopted its decisions taken in camera when it has reverted into open sitting again. What I suggest now is that you ask the committee if they would deem all those motions that were passed recommending that Bills be proceeded with, not be proceeded with, or proceeded with with some amendments be now recorded as open resolutions of the committee so that they may be reported by you to the Assembly.

MR. BRASSARD: I would so move that that take place, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Brassard.  
Any questions or comments on that motion?

MRS. MIROSH: Just take my name off all of those to be recorded. I believe I said I wanted my name recorded on Pr. 12 as in favour of that denial. Just so there isn't any . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: I don't think I've got you down at all anyway, Mrs. Mirosch, so we're safe there.

MRS. MIROSH: Okay, good.

MR. G. CLEGG: Well, it's my understanding that any time any group goes into committee, period, it's actually for a discussion within that committee, whether we're talking private Bills or whether we're talking any kind of form of government. That is just a straight discussion. So I don't believe that we're legal in what we've been doing here in recording votes and all that. Now, I might be wrong, but I know that before we go back into business -- I'm aware that's not the word -- then we have to specifically say that, you know, the Bills that . . . We have to have motions for those Bills to go forward.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, I believe the procedure we're following is that we will adopt what has gone on by this committee in camera and that I would then report for the record the results of the in camera hearing. I believe that's in accordance with Standing Orders, Mr. Clegg.

All in favour of the motion? Anyone opposed? All right.

Well, then, for the record I would like to report the results of the in camera deliberations of the committee.

With respect to Bill Pr. 1, the Canadian Union College Amendment Act, this is approved as amended, Mrs. Black voting against the motion and wishing that to be noted.

Bill Pr. 3, the Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, is approved.

Bill Pr. 4, the Edmonton Community Foundation Amendment Act, is approved as amended.

Bill Pr. 5, the Misericordia Hospital Amendment Act, is approved as amended.

Bill Pr. 6, the Calgary Research and Development Authority Act, is approved as amended.

Bill Pr. 10, the Margaret Kenford Adoption Act, is rejected, and the votes against rejection by Mrs. Gagnon, Mrs. Hewes, and Ms Marie Laing are to be recorded.

Bill Pr. 11, the Tammy Lynn Proctor Adoption Act, is approved as amended.

Bill Pr. 12, the Jerry Dan Kovacs Legal Articles Act, is rejected.

Bill Pr. 13, the Sherry Lynn Adam Adoption Act, is rejected, and the dissenting votes of Mrs. Gagnon, Mrs. Hewes, and Ms Marie Laing are recorded.

I believe that takes care of all the business of the committee. I would entertain a motion to adjourn. Ms Marie Laing. All in favour? Anyone opposed?

Thank you very much for your attention. It's been a pleasure being the chairman of this committee, and hopefully we'll see you all with your smiling faces next spring.

[The committee adjourned at 11:45 a.m.]

