

[Chairman: Mrs. Black]

[10:07 a.m.]

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Good morning. I'd like to call our Committee on Private Bills to order. At the end of the last meeting we had requested that everyone review the presentations that had been made and come prepared to discuss them.

First of all, I'd like to have a motion that we move in camera so we can discuss them. So moved? Thank you very much. All in favour?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much.

[The committee met in camera from 10:07 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.]

MADAM CHAIRMAN: [Not recorded] deal with those that are easiest first, shall we say. I thought we'd start with the very first one. Could I have a motion from the committee that we report to the Assembly for procedure Bill Pr. 1, Bill Pr. 2, Bill Pr. 4, Bill Pr. 6, Bill Pr. 7, and Bill Pr. 11 and that we recommend to the Assembly that the following Bills not proceed: Bill Pr. 3, Bill Pr. 5, Bill Pr. 8, and Bill Pr. 10.

MR. McEACHERN: And Pr. 9, because it's tabled.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: That will come under a different motion.

MR. McEACHERN: Well, it should be recorded.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: In a separate motion.

MR. McEACHERN: That's separate? Okay.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Could I have a motion to that effect?

MR. DOYLE: You got it.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: All in favour? Opposed, if any? Motion carried.

Could I have a further motion from the committee that the committee will meet in camera next Wednesday to make a decision or recommendation on Bill Pr. 9?

MR. McEACHERN: So moved.

MR. HYLAND: If we make that motion and we do get the response and we're able to meet quickly at 5:30 or something like that - could I reword it and say: leave it in the hands of the chairman to call a meeting?

MADAM CHAIRMAN: What are you saying, Mr. Hyland? Are you saying . . .

MR. HYLAND: I'm just saying that the one outstanding issue we have is that, and I think that with the correspondence from council the decision can be made quickly. Maybe we don't need to do it Wednesday morning. Maybe we can quickly do it at 5:30, after the session stops, for 10 minutes or something like

that. Or it might have to be Wednesday. I just want to leave it in the hands of the chairman, what she thinks will work best.

MR. M. CLEGG: Madam Chairman, the motion then would be that the committee meet at the call of the Chair to discuss Bill Pr. 9.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Is that your intent, Mr. Hyland?

MR. HYLAND: Yes.

MR. McEACHERN: I'd like to speak to that.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. McEACHERN: I think we should meet at 10 o'clock Wednesday and make sure that we have time to deal with this Bill. If it takes five minutes, fine; let's meet.

MR. TANNAS: You may recall that I was not in favour of the tabling motion, which said that we would meet after we had heard from the city of Edmonton, which may not occur conveniently for next Wednesday. It may occur in six weeks' time, six days' time, six months' time. So by our tabling motion are we not bound to wait until we have heard from the city of Edmonton?

MADAM CHAIRMAN: For clarification on that, Mr. Tannas, it was the communication I had received that the city of Edmonton was in fact dealing with this issue sometime today, and that, I think, was the basis of the tabling.

MR. McEACHERN: So we wait for the call of the Chair.

MR. TANNAS: But then that supports Mr. Hyland's . . .

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mrs. Hewes.

MRS. HEWES: If there is no business before us next week, then you're going to have to inform us.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: We do have one outstanding item from the last session. If we were going to be here next Wednesday, I would have held it over, but we could in fact deal with it today. It's a small matter; it's basically a business item of the committee. I think we should determine whether the committee is going to meet at the call of the Chair or next Wednesday.

MR. McEACHERN: I'm willing to be at the call of the Chair so long as it's on Wednesday.

MRS. B. LAING: I agree with Mr. McEachern because it's very difficult to find a time, as we've found in other committees, that's not been previously scheduled. So I really believe next Wednesday would be the obvious time.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Okay.

Well, I think as the chairman's prerogative, we will meet next Wednesday at 10 o'clock unless otherwise notified. At that time, Mr. Clegg, I would appreciate it if you could have some

information available for the committee members, sent out ahead of time, on the outstanding issue from the last session.

Could we have a motion for adjournment?

MRS. MIROSH: I move that we adjourn.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Mirosh. Thanks very much.

[The committee adjourned at 11:21 a.m.]