

Standing Committee on Private Bills

10:05 a.m.

[Chairman: Mrs. B. Laing]

MADAM CHAIRMAN: I'd like to call the meeting to order now, please. Everyone seems to have taken their places.

I'd like to welcome all the members to the organizational meeting for Private Bills for this session. Thank you all for coming. We also have some new members who are coming to the committee for the first time, and I'd like to welcome them: Mr. Adair, Mr. Horsman, and Mr. Stewart. Welcome to the Private Bills Committee. Any other new members? Everyone else is the same?

I'd also like to thank Mr. Cherry for volunteering again to be the deputy chairman. Thank you, Mr. Cherry, for the excellent service you've given us in the past.

We have some administrative staff with us: Parliamentary Counsel, Frank Work, you know, and Heather Temple, who is out at this moment. We also have two summer students who are assisting counsel: Grant Wagman – would you stand, Grant, please? – who is a law student, and Bryan Smith, who is a poli-science student. They'll be working with Parliamentary Counsel over the summer. Welcome also to Private Bills. Heather Temple, who has just returned, is the administrative assistant. Thank you very much to everyone for coming.

I'd like to have approval of the agenda, which was circulated.

MRS. HEWES: I'll move it, Madam Chairman.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Mrs. Hewes moved the agenda. All in favour?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Good.

This is of course an organizational meeting, and we will be talking about some of the petitions, having a review from Parliamentary Counsel. I'm going to ask shortly that we go in camera to discuss some of the scheduling and perhaps the complexity of some of the Bills, and we'll ask counsel to give us a brief overview. Could I please have a motion that we go in camera? Okay. Mr. Adair. And a seconder? Mr. Musgrove. All in favour?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

[The committee met in camera from 10:08 a.m. to 10:43 a.m.]

MADAM CHAIRMAN: All right. We're looking for three motions now.

Mr. Chivers.

MR. CHIVERS: I move that the private Bills be considered in groups.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favour?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: All right. We need a motion indicating the scheduling of the hearings.

MR. CHERRY: Sure. I'll move it.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Mr. Cherry moves that the chairman and Parliamentary Counsel will schedule the hearings for the private Bills. All in favour?

And we need a motion regarding the extension of time.

MR. BRUSEKER: Madam Chairman, I move that our usual meeting time of 10 o'clock to 12 be extended till 12:30.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favour? Thank you. Any other business?

MR. CLEGG: I move that we adjourn.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Mr. Clegg moves that we adjourn. Thank you very much. I appreciate your co-operation.

[The committee adjourned at 10:44 a.m.]

