

9:01 a.m.

[Ms Graham in the chair]

THE CHAIRMAN: Good morning, everyone. I'll now call this meeting of the Standing Committee on Private Bills to order.

If you would have reference to your agenda, unless there is any discussion about the contents of the agenda, I would entertain a motion to approve the agenda. So moved by Mr. Tannas. All in favour, say aye.

HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: All against, say no. The motion is carried.

You will see on the agenda that item 3 is the approval of the committee meeting minutes from March 17, 1998. That was circulated to you, I believe, late last week. Unless there are any additions or changes to the minutes, I would now entertain a motion to adopt those minutes.

MR. THURBER: So moved.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Thurber. All in favour, say aye.

HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: All against, say no. The motion is carried.

Before we move on to item 4 on our agenda, being the deliberations on the hearings that we have held thus far, is there any matter that a member would like to raise or discuss? All right. If not, I would propose that we deal with each of the bills in numerical order as they are listed on the agenda. Just to remind you, after our deliberations we are in a position to make one of three recommendations, either that the bill proceed, that it proceed with amendments, or that it not proceed.

We'll deal, then, with Pr. 1, the Tanya Marie Bryant Adoption Termination Act. To facilitate the discussion, I would ask that a motion be put on the table now. You all have the proposed forms of motions in your materials.

Mr. Herard.

MR. HERARD: Well, thank you, Madam Chairman. I certainly would make the motion that

the Standing Committee on Private Bills recommend to the Legislative Assembly that Bill Pr. 1, Tanya Marie Bryant Adoption Termination Act, proceed.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Is there any discussion on that motion?

There being no discussion then, all in favour, say aye.

HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: All against, say no. This motion is carried.

MR. TANNAS: Madam Chairman, I'd like to absent myself from the remainder of the meeting dealing with insurance.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much for attending. We'll let the record now show that Mr. Tannas is absenting himself due to a potential conflict of interest on Pr. 2 and Pr. 4.

All right then. Dealing with Pr. 2, Innovative Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1998, again I would entertain a motion on the floor.

MR. STRANG: I'm moving that we proceed with this, Madam Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Strang, you might want to have reference to the proposed form of motion dealing with this matter. You may recall that there was an amendment that was agreed to by the petitioners.

MR. STRANG: Okay. I'd move that the Standing Committee on Private Bills recommend to the Legislative Assembly that Bill Pr. 2, Innovative Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1998, proceed by adding the following after section 2:

3. The following provisions are amended by striking out "\$1,000,000" wherever it occurs and substituting "\$3,000,000": section 3; section 4(1).

THE CHAIRMAN: All of you have that form of motion in a written format. I'm sure you were following along there.

All right. I'm just going to ask Mr. Reynolds to make a few comments.

MR. REYNOLDS: I should say that following the hearing on March 10, I circulated a form of amendment, which is what appears before you, and there was a letter from the superintendent of insurance saying that he agreed with it. I spoke with counsel for the petitioners on Friday, and he agreed with it. There's nothing written from him, but he indicated over the telephone and I believe he indicated at the hearing on March 10 that this was agreeable to him.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any discussion?

All right. There being no discussion, all in favour of the motion?

HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All against, say no. The motion is carried.

Moving on to Pr. 4, Millennium Insurance Corporation Act.

MR. LANGEVIN: Madam Chairman, I move that the Standing Committee on Private Bills recommend to the Legislative Assembly that Bill Pr. 4, Millennium Insurance Corporation Act, proceed.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Langevin.

Any discussion?

All in favour of the motion, please say aye.

HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: All against, please say no. This motion is carried.

Is there any other business this morning? There being no other business, I'll just remind you that the next meeting to conduct the hearing on Bill Pr. 3 is April 7 at 8:30 a.m. Mrs. Burgener will be in the chair that morning, so good luck with that.

If there's no other business, would someone like to move that we adjourn? Mrs. Tarchuk so moves. All in favour, say aye.

HON. MEMBERS: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: All against, say no. The motion is carried.

Thank you very much.

[The committee adjourned at 9:08 a.m.]

