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[The committee met at 10:01.]

The Chair: — Okay, welcome colleagues. Thank you for being here to the Standing Committee on House Services. Today we'll be considering changes to the designated days on which the Assembly shall not meet pursuant to rule 6(3).

And I am the Chair of this committee today and we have the following members present: Carla Beck, Terry Dennis, Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Vicki Mowat, Greg Ottenbreit, Nicole Sarauer, and Doug Steele.

I recognize the Hon. Jeremy Harrison.

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I would move:

That the committee do now meet in camera.

The Chair: — All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. We'll go in camera.

[The committee continued in camera from 10:02 until 11:10.]

The Chair: — Okay, thank you colleagues. We'll come out of camera and we will now consider change in designated days in which the Assembly shall not meet pursuant to rule 6(3). I recognize the Hon. Mr. Harrison.

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Thanks very much, Mr. Speaker. I would move:

That rule 6(1), ordinary time of sittings, shall apply during the Easter week period from April 6th, 2021 to April 8th, 2021.

The Chair: — The Hon. Mr. Harrison moves:

That rule 6(1), ordinary time of sittings, shall apply during the Easter week period from April 6th, 2021 to April 8th, 2021.

Any questions or debate? Ms. Mowat.

Ms. Mowat: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll just identify that the opposition has been quite outspoken about our disappointment with the truncated session, that we have called on government to start the session earlier to allow for fulsome scrutiny on the COVID-19 response and the vaccine plan, as well as to allow for ample time for debate in the legislature on bills that are before the Assembly.

That said, I don't plan to vote against this particular motion. I have nothing against sitting down and meeting during the Easter break.

The Chair: — Any other comments?

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — Just briefly. Though I appreciate the

member's intervention and the opposition have made their view clear, I would just say for the record that this is consistent with the standing order. It's consistent with practice in 2016, and we look forward to having a fulsome sitting and good discussion on all of the questions that would be raised by the opposition. So, look forward to voting on this motion.

The Chair: — Okay, no other comments? All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Any opposed? Carried.

Before you is a draft of the committee's fourth report. I would ask a member to move the following motion:

That the fourth report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and filed with the Clerk pursuant to rule 136(6).

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — I'd so move.

The Chair: — Any questions or debate? All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. I'd ask a member to move a motion of adjournment.

Mr. Ottenbreit: — I'll make that motion.

The Chair: — Mr. Ottenbreit. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — We're adjourned. Thank you very much, colleagues.

[The committee adjourned at 11:14.]