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The committee met at 11:55 a.m.

The Co-Chair (Ms. Julé): — And welcome. We have called this meeting specifically I guess to deal with the members, some members of the committee as well as the technical adviser attending a conference in Edmonton.

This conference would certainly ... the content of the conference rather would certainly relate to the purpose of this committee. And the conference is entitled, A Conference on Human Sexual Exploitation and Prostitution. It was recommended that it would be valuable for some members to attend.

But in order for that to happen, we felt we had to have a committee gathering so that we could put forward a motion to approve this, and to also approve the covering of any expenses that might be incurred at that conference.

So we have a motion that is on the table. And I will, just for the committee's benefit, read the motion and then we will have to have some of the committee members moving the motion.

The motion reads:

That the committee authorizes the attendance of one committee member each from the government and opposition parties and the technical adviser at the From Answers to Action Conference, which is to be held in Edmonton on May 4, from May 4 to May 6, 2000.

And further, that the committee will pay the costs of registrations, travel, living expenses for these individuals.

Would someone move the motion? ... (inaudible interjection) ... So Ron Harper has moved the motion. And I have been given the indication that we have no need for a seconder on this motion. Is everyone in agreement of the motion?

Members: — Agreed.

The Co-Chair (Ms. Julé): — At this time it hasn't been I guess discerned just exactly which committee members would be attending. Our caucus discussed that, but I'm not really aware of whether ...

A Member: — Yes, we hadn't finalized it yet, but we will today.

The Co-Chair (Ms. Julé): — ... members have finalized whether or not. The important part is that one member from each — from the government side and the opposition — would be going and would have their expenses paid, as well as the technical advisor.

Ms. Draude: — Just a question. I have a question whether the conference itself, whether we'll be given a summary of it or an update on it, and whether it will actually be part of the report or whether it's just some additional information that you will give to committee members.

The Co-Chair (Ms. Julé): — I believe that we should make sure that there is a report that comes forward to the committee in regards to which workshops were taken in, as well as to which presentations the committee members have attended. And the whole idea, in my estimation, is to bring forward some ideas and some strategies that have been employed in other provinces that could be of value to us in determining any strategies we may take in the future as far as healing of sexual exploitation in our own province.

Mr. Pritchard: — I could draft up a summary like I did with the other hearings and stuff done by Peter and Arlene and do a ... at our next committee meeting I can present it as well.

The Co-Chair (Mr. Prebble): — I think that would be a good idea. Why don't we just ... why don't we agree that we would make this an agenda item at our next meeting for a brief report, and then Randy could maybe have his report distributed in advance of whenever ... you know, we're going to put that on the agenda for now.

The Co-Chair (Ms. Julé): — I do think though, Randy, in your report there should be a ... there should be information coming from the two members that have attended on their views on some of the workshops and so on so that the report reflects what those workshops and presentations have provided for us in the way of enlightenment. And I thank you, June, for that suggestion. It's very important.

The Co-Chair (Mr. Prebble): — If we're done this item, there's probably one other thing we should decide on before we adjourn, and that is we should try to set another meeting date. We've got ... we should spend some time deliberating on Randy's draft report. I think that would be the major agenda item in preparation for that report going to the Assembly.

Now I know our schedules are heavy so I'm open to suggestions on a possible date. I think we should try to do it this month and see if we can get the report into the Assembly, you know, no later than early June. So ...

The Co-Chair (Ms. Julé): — We'll have to find a date then that all committee members can be present at. I think that the discussion of the interim report and ...

The Co-Chair (Mr. Prebble): — That's very, very important.

The Co-Chair (Ms. Julé): — ... is really very important and we want to ensure that all members are here to have input into that. So I would suggest possibly the third week in May. And I don't have my agenda with me today, but I think it's ... if we can target a date for somewhere in the third week in May that would be quite expedient.

Mr. Harper: — Thursday morning would be a date that would ...

Mr. Yates: — Crown Corps meets Thursday mornings. That takes you and me and two other people out.

Ms. Draude: — Monday's aren't good.

The Co-Chair (Ms. Julé): — Peter, could you and I both maybe discuss this with our respective caucus members and see what date might come up as a good day for everyone.

The Co-Chair (Mr. Prebble): — That is one way of doing it, but I just thought we might have a preliminary discussion of it at least here while we're all together and we have . . . some people . . . I take it Arlene you don't have your schedule book here, that makes it a lot tougher.

If there's a Thursday morning when we don't have Crown Corporations, then Thursday becomes a possibility. I think our dilemma is that we don't know that schedule yet.

Mr. Yates: — I think we're going to start meeting every Thursday morning from now until . . .

The Co-Chair (Mr. Prebble): — I mean what's . . . how do the members feel about a Friday afternoon meeting after we adjourn, for an hour, an hour and a half, is that at all . . .

Mr. Yates: — Thursday evening?

The Co-Chair (Mr. Prebble): — Thursday evening. Yes, that's even better.

Mr. Yates: — People want to travel you know and I would think you know, would like to leave as soon as they can on a Friday but . . .

Mr. Harper: — Thursday evenings, we're all down here anyway . . .

The Co-Chair (Ms. Julé): — June, how do you feel about that?

Ms. Draude: — . . . meeting I think it's better because then we don't have a timeline where we have to be done at a certain time.

The Co-Chair (Ms. Julé): — Okay.

The Co-Chair (Mr. Prebble): — Well listen. Shall we try for either Thursday the 18th or Thursday the 25th? What's Thursday the 25th like? Do you know, Arlene, what that's like for you?

The Co-Chair (Ms. Julé): — Not right offhand, but we could target either one of those dates.

Mr. Pritchard: — I'll be taking vacation . . . (inaudible) . . . the 22nd.

The Co-Chair (Mr. Prebble): — Will you? So the 18th would be better for you?

Mr. Pritchard: — As for me.

The Co-Chair (Mr. Prebble): — Well listen. Why don't we . . . This is not a decision we're making but let's explore what the possibilities are of targeting the evening of May 18. Are members agreed to explore that?

A Member: — Yes.

The Co-Chair (Mr. Prebble): — And maybe if you could for now, if that evening is free for you, if you could keep it free. And then Arlene and I will undertake to check with each member of the committee to make sure that that's open and then get back to and finalize it and Margaret will call the meeting if the 18th is free.

The Co-Chair (Ms. Julé): — Sounds good.

The Co-Chair (Mr. Prebble): — Good. Anything else? Any other items? Then I'm open to receiving a motion for adjournment.

Mr. Yates: — I move we now adjourn.

The Co-Chair (Mr. Prebble): — Is that agreed?

A Member: — Agreed.

The Co-Chair (Mr. Prebble): — Thank you all very much.

The committee adjourned at 12:05 p.m.