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[The committee met at 11:00.]

The Chair: — Well good morning, committee members. We have one item on our agenda. But before we get to that this morning, there are two letters that are being tabled with the committee today. And I believe members already have copies of these letters — one from the Minister of Crown Corporations and the other from the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner. So those are tabled with the committee.

Aside from our regular members, we have Mr. Ottenbreit substituting for Mr. McMillan, and Mr. LeClerc substituting for Mr. Reiter. And we will move into our order of business today.

Division of Bill No. 72

The Chair: — Pursuant to an order of the Assembly dated March 12, 2009, the committee has been ordered:

To divide Bill No. 72, *The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008* into two Bills so as to incorporate into separate Bills the provisions of the said Bill relating to:

- a) Enhanced driver licences, being clauses 2 through 9; 11(a) - 11(d) and 12 of the original Bill;
- b) Volunteer firefighting, being clauses 10, 11(e) and 12 of the original Bill; and further;

That the following conditions shall apply to the consideration of the two Bills:

- a) The two Bills shall be numbered and printed separately prior to clause-by-clause consideration, in accordance with rule 157 of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*;
- b) The said committee shall report the Bill separately;
- c) The “specified Bill” status and time spent in consideration of the original Bill shall be applied to the two Bills in accordance with rule 33 through 35 of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*.

And I believe Mr. Weekes has a motion. Mr. Weekes.

Mr. Weekes: — I move:

That pursuant to its order of reference dated March 12, 2009, this committee divides Bill No. 72, *The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008* into two Bills as follows:

That the provisions in Bill No. 72 respecting volunteer firefighting and consisting of clauses 10, 11(e), and 12 do compose Bill No. 82, *The Traffic Safety (Volunteer Firefighters) Amendment Act*; and further;

That the provisions in Bill No. 72 respecting enhanced driver licences and consisting of clauses 2 to 9, 11(a) to 11(d), and 12 do compose Bill No. 83, *The Traffic Safety (Licensing Provisions) Amendment Act*.

The Chair: — Will the committee take the motion as read?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That’s agreed. Will the committee adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That’s carried. Mr. Weekes.

Mr. Weekes: — I move:

That the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel of the Legislative Assembly be instructed to prepare the two Bills for consideration of the committee in advance of the clause-by-clause examination, and further that the reprinting include renumbering all clauses and making any necessary editorial changes; and further;

That the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel create a table of concordance linking the clauses of Bill No. 72 to the appropriate clauses in Bill No. 82 and Bill No. 83.

The Chair: — Again will the committee take the motion as read?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Will the committee adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — And that is carried.

At this time the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, Mr. Ken Ring, has a report, and we would be pleased to hear from you at this time, Mr. Ring.

Mr. Ring: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good morning, committee members. As you may be aware, this is the first time in Saskatchewan that the Legislative Assembly has ordered a Bill on the order paper to be divided into two Bills. Assisting and participating in the process is truly an honour. Thank you.

Bill 72, *The Traffic Safety Amendment Act* was introduced on November 20, 2008 and referred to this committee on March 3, 2009. The Assembly on March 12, 2009 by leave ordered that the Bill be divided into two separate Bills according to the two different policy initiatives — emergency status for volunteer firefighters’ vehicles and enhanced driver’s licences.

The Bill was divided as set out in the concordance, which is an appendix to the report. And a report will be circulated to committee members at this time and they can follow through.

There are two comments I would like to make with respect to the divided Bills. The coming into force provisions in each of the Bills is the same as the coming into force provision that appeared in Bill 72.

I would also like to direct members’ attention to the short titles

of the resulting Bills. In order to clearly identify the Bills and avoid having to change the year at the end of the title in either Bill, each Bill's short title has a brief descriptive title that is in brackets. This clearly identifies the Bill for members as well as for members of the public and avoids the need to include a year at the end of the title. It also will make it easier for members of the public to find the Bill online, both now and in the future. Thank you very much.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Ring for your report. Are there any questions for Mr. Ring? None at this time. Mr. Weekes.

Mr. Weekes: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move:

That the Chair report to the Legislative Assembly on the division of Bill No. 72, *The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008*.

The Chair: — It's been moved by Mr. Weekes:

That the Chair report to the Legislative Assembly on the division of Bill No. 72, *The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008*.

Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That is carried. Members of the committee will have a draft copy of the sixth report in front of them. And I would ask a member of the committee to move that we report this to the House. Mr. Weekes.

It's been moved by Mr. Weekes:

That the sixth report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Mr. Trew: — Mr. Chair, can I speak to that?

The Chair: — Mr. Trew.

Mr. Trew: — Thank you. I just wanted to say today is very historic, as Mr. Ring stated. And we're glad that you were able to do the work you did in separating these Bills. I'm glad that the Bill that the government brought forward, we were able to get divided as it is. And this is going to be great news for the volunteer firefighters right across Saskatchewan. And it enables us to effectively, as a legislature, deal with the two distinct parts of the original Bill. So today is a good victory, and of course we will be supporting this report.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Trew. Is it the pleasure of this committee to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's agreed and it's carried.

We are now ready to adjourn, but I want to thank all members of the committee, and Mr. Ring and the Clerk's staff too, for their help and their work in this — as Mr. Trew and Mr. Ring

have mentioned — historic moment for the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan and this committee, obviously.

So at this time I would ask a member to move a motion of adjournment. It's been moved by Mr. Weekes that this committee stand adjourned. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried, and this committee stands adjourned. Thank you.

[The committee adjourned at 11:11.]