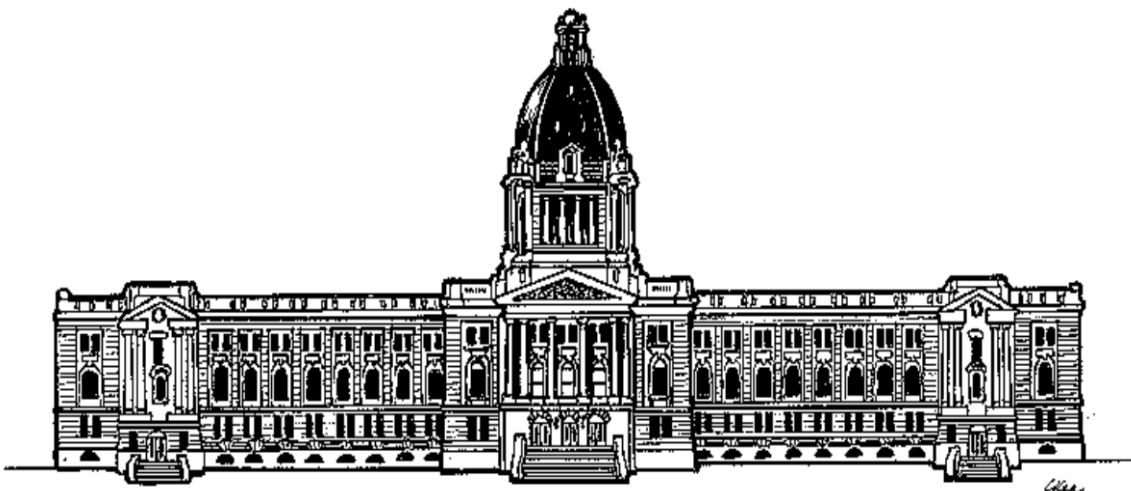




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The committee met at 11:15 a.m.

**Bill No. 301 — The Mennonite Central Committee
Saskatchewan Act**

The Chair: — I'd like to call the Private Members' Bills Committee to order. Our first item of business is Bill No. 301, The Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan Act. Ms. Pat Lorje, the member from Saskatoon Southeast, is presenting this Bill. Would you introduce your presenters, please.

Ms. Lorje: — Thank you very much, Mr. Wartman. This is starting to become a common occurrence for me to appear before the Private Members' Committee. And luckily I always present non-controversial Bills so we won't take up too much of your time.

I would like to introduce first of all Lucille Wall from Swift Current. She is the Chair of MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) in Saskatchewan, and just a delightful woman. We've been having some great conversations about the CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation). Also Mr. Bruno Baerg. He's the executive director of MCC and he's from Saskatoon, so also a wonderful person. And finally, Patricia Warsaba from the Robertson Stromberg law firm is their legal counsel today.

And as I said, the Bill is fairly straightforward, non-controversial. It's similar to the Bill that the committee dealt with last year with the Saskatchewan Medical Association. Corporations branch is requiring that they make changes, and it has to come via a private members' Bill because their governance structure does not fit what the corporations branch requires.

So rather than changing their governance structure which of course you can appreciate would cause significant dislocation and difficulties with various organizations, they are asking for a private members' Bill to be passed so that they can continue their good works.

And I guess I will turn it over to Lucille now, or Bruno.

Mr. Baerg: — Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you. Mennonite Central Committee is an international relief and service arm of the Mennonite and Brethren of Christ churches of North America. It began in the 1920s and has continued on. Currently we work in approximately 54 countries around the world.

MCC Saskatchewan was incorporated in 1966 under The Societies Act and then in '81 had a continuance under The Non-Profit Corporations Act.

Recently, as we were looking at some potential changes to our constitution and bylaws, we came across the realization that our governance structure was in non-compliance with The Non-Profit Corporations Act. And then we followed through that exercise and thus are bringing this Bill to you.

MCC attempts to work in a context across race, across creed, across ideology, addressing people who are suffering here in Saskatchewan and around the world.

And so for 34-some years we've functioning in this particular governance structure, and it's representative of the churches that support the organization. They send their delegates to our meetings and approve our goals and objectives. So it's important for us to be able to continue to work in that way and to serve the province of Saskatchewan.

The Chair: — Thank you. Other comments by the presenters? I would ask then for the Law Clerk's report please.

Mr. Ring: — The report has been circulated to members of the committee. I've examined the private Bill and am pleased to report it's drawn in accordance with the rules of the Legislative Assembly respecting private Bills.

I'm further pleased to report that in my opinion it contains no provisions which are at variance with the usual provisions of private Acts and similar subjects or which are deserving of special attention.

The Chair: — Thank you. Could we have a motion then to adopt the preamble of this Bill?

Mr. Yates: — I move that we adopt the preamble.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Yates. And we'll now consider this Bill clause by clause. It's moved by Mr. Yates. Do we need a seconder before we put the question on that one? No.

All in favour of this motion? Thank you. It's carried.

We'll now consider the Bill clause by clause. The short title.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3

Ms. Julé: — Can I just ask a question at this time? I'm not really absolutely sure, Mr. Chair, whether this is the appropriate time to put forward a question to the committee, but if it's advisable could I do that at this time?

I just have one question that occurred to me as you were giving your explanation of the role of the Mennonite Central Committee and so on. I'm wondering why the governance structure is not in compliance with The Non-Profit Corporations Act.

Mr. Baerg: — My understanding is it was in compliance with The Societies Act, and when they registered the continuance, nobody caught that, the changes. And I guess it's happened at many, many levels. We then eventually had correspondence with Philip Flory, the director, who acknowledged that this had been an oversight and that we should then bring it into compliance. And so that's what we're doing.

Ms. Julé: — Okay, thank you very much.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 14 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 15

The Chair: — Accounting?

A Member: — Agreed.

Ms. Julé: — Could I interject, Mr. Chair?

The Chair: — Please.

Ms. Julé: — I would appreciate having at least five seconds to go over these clauses before we push them through. Okay?

The Chair: — Not a problem, yes.

Ms. Julé: — Okay, if we can have a couple of moments longer to consider them, I'd appreciate it.

The Chair: — Okay. Are there any back further that you would like to consider at this point that you didn't get a chance to put enough time on?

Ms. Julé: — We can go on right now.

The Chair: — All right. So, accounting — agreed there?

Clause 15 agreed to.

Clauses 16 and 17 agreed to.

Clause 18

The Chair: — Okay. And coming into force?

Mr. Kowalsky: — Mr. Chair?

The Chair: — Yes?

Mr. Kowalsky: — I wonder if I might just take a minute and make a comment or two to members of the Mennonite Central Committee.

I've had opportunity to visit abroad, certainly in places where your reputation really was something that made me feel proud to come from Saskatchewan certainly and from Canada.

And the representation that you've done for us in places like Africa and I know in Eastern Europe, and of course a lot of people that are Mennonites came from Eastern Europe in the first place.

So I just wanted to pass on to you that the developmental work that your committee is doing is very worthwhile, held in very high regard abroad, certainly held in high regard here in Canada. And I commend you on your work. You're known by the work that you do. Please keep it up.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Kowalsky. Further? Yes.

Ms. Lorje: — Mr. Wartman, just to interject. Just further on that, Mr. Baerg has brought copies of the 1999 annual report

that we would like to give to all committee members and table a copy officially with the committee. I think you will find it extremely informative and useful reading.

MCC, as Mr. Kowalsky has indicated, does extremely good work, both in the local communities and abroad, and is an excellent representative of the Saskatchewan spirit. And I think as you read the report you'll see lots there to be proud of.

I don't know if Mr. Baerg or Ms. Wall have anything further you wanted to add about the MCC.

Ms. Wall: — It's an organization that I'm very pleased to be proud of, and thank you for your kind words. It's especially meaningful to hear that because I have that same kind of heritage — my parents came from Russia after the war because of the efforts of Mennonites here through MCC.

So it's really meaningful to me to be involved in an organization that continues to help people in other countries who are much less fortunate than we are. Thank you.

Ms. Julé: — If I might, I'd like to take just a moment too to commend you and to congratulate you and to wish you very well in all of your work and endeavours in the future. We're very proud to have a group such as yours in Saskatchewan and throughout the world.

And I just wish you the very best and Godspeed with all your work.

Ms. Wall: — Thank you.

Clause 18 agreed to.

The Chair: — Okay. Thank you.

Ms. Lorje: — One technical question, Mr. Wartman. Will you be reporting this Bill to the House this afternoon?

The Chair: — I think we'll be able to.

Ms. Lorje: — Thank you. Greg too.

The Chair: — Okay.

Therefore Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan enacts as follows, this Bill.

And could I have a motion to report this Bill, please?

Mr. Yates: — I move.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Yates. All in favour?

A Member: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Agreed. Thank you. Thank you very much then for your presentation of this Bill.

And, Mr. Kowalsky, I'll ask you to take the Chair, please.

Bill No. 302 — The Renaming of The Regina Golf Club Act

The Vice-Chair: — It's a pleasure to welcome representatives of the Regina Golf Club, and I would ask Mr. Wartman to introduce the Bill and perhaps to introduce the members.

Mr. Wartman: — Thank you very much, Mr. Kowalsky. I'll start by introducing the members here. To my immediate left is Graham Barker of the Phoenix Group and part of the Royal Regina Golf Club. Next to him is Bill Klein, governor of the Royal Canadian Golf Association. And on the far side is Gene Wlasiuk of the Royal Regina Golf Club.

The former Regina Golf Club celebrated its 100th anniversary last year. On what date was that . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . May of last year, and had gone through a process of changing its name to the Royal Regina Golf Club. Getting the royal designation makes it only one of five royal golf courses in the country and a very special honour for this golf club. So they are now presenting this, bringing forward this Act, to incorporate the name Royal Regina Golf Club.

The Vice-Chair: — Thank you very much. Do any of the representatives have anything that they would like to say to the committee at this time?

Mr. Barker: — Just briefly that it's an honour for us to have this chance to have this considered. The designation of the royal in the Royal Regina Golf Club is an honorary title. It does not carry with it any legal ramifications from the qualification standpoint.

The decision to apply for the designation was made by the executive of the Regina Golf Club. And it's quite a process that one goes through and because of the fact it is the first one in 77 years that has been approved. There are a number of clubs in Canada that have arbitrarily gone out and named themselves royal; however, this is in fact a royal designation from London through the Lieutenant Governor, so for us it was quite an honour.

And already we have noted that there's only five in Canada. And already we have noted the change in, I won't call it respect but certainly in the way that our club is revered by the members and by . . . It will become an increasing tourist attraction as well because of it, because of our very close relationship and the historical significance of our involvement with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and prior to that, the North West Mounted Police.

It's something we think that the city of Regina and the province of Saskatchewan should be very proud of, and we thank you for considering this change this morning.

The Chair: — Thank you very much, Mr. Barker. Any other comments? Could we then hear the Law Clerk's report.

Mr. Ring: — Your report has been circulated to the committee members.

I've examined the private Bill and I'm pleased to report it's drawn in accordance with the rules of the Legislative Assembly respecting private Bills.

I'm further pleased to report that, in my opinion, it contains no provisions which are at variance with the usual provisions of private Acts on similar subjects or which are deserving of special attention.

The Chair: — Thank you. Do any members have any questions? If not, then we can proceed. Do we need a motion to adopt the preamble? A motion to adopt the preamble? Ms. Julé. Thank you. Those in favour?

A Member: — Agreed.

The Chair: — We'll go through the Bill clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

The Chair: — So the Bill has been passed.

Therefore Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan enacts the following:

An Act to amend An Act to incorporate The Regina Golf Club.

Could I have a motion to report the Bill? Okay, Mr. Yates. All in favour? Thank you. Well thank you very much.

Ms. Julé: — Well I just wanted to, before you leave, gentlemen, I wanted to not only thank you for being here and to make us all very aware of this because it is indeed an honour for all of Saskatchewan to have this sort of a title conferred upon the golf club. I'm deeply impressed and I give you credit for going ahead and making sure that the case was put forward in order to receive this title. And I feel very proud at this moment and wish you very well. Thank you.

Mr. Kasperski: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would just like to say congratulations as well.

And I would point out that we have in the room today three guests of ours that are state senators, one from Nebraska, from North Dakota, and from Kansas. They were in on Sunday and we were showing them around. We were out to the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) museum and we were having coffee and a drink and looking out the window and as you know, it looks over — I don't know what fairway that is at the Regina — and I was explaining that this was coming up in the committee, and meanwhile Senator Feleciano was just like you know, will you lend him his clubs so he could play a round today.

Anyway but congratulations . . .

Bill 303 — An Act to provide for the Reorganization of Saskatchewan Roman Catholic Dioceses

Mr. Thomson: — Thank you. Mr. Chairman, colleagues in the legislature, it's my pleasure to introduce to you today the folks who are bringing forward this legislation.

Seated immediately next to me is Father Ken Miller who is the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Regina. I would actually

note that on his business card he notes that mass is Saturday at 7 and Sunday at 9:30 and 11, which is, I guess, a good advertisement right there.

Seated next to him is Peter Thuringer with Kanuka Thuringer; next to him is Mr. Paul Harasen who is also with the law firm; and seated next to him is Maurice Rieder who is the business manager of the Archiepiscopal Corporation of Regina.

I am pleased that there was one change made to the Bill before it was introduced and that was to change the title from the archiepiscopal something or other to a much easier title for at least this member to read off.

So I want to thank then in advance for that. I also find it of some interest that the archdiocese has managed to find lawyers named Peter and Paul, which I'm sure speaks well to it as well.

So with that very keen insight on my part, I would turn it over to someone who knows the Bill perhaps much better.

Mr. Thuringer — My name is Peter Thuringer and the Catholic Church in Saskatchewan has undergone some administrative changes. The diocese of Gravelbourg and the diocese of Lumsden have been eliminated . . . or Muenster, I'm sorry. The diocese of Gravelbourg has now become part of the archdiocese of Regina and the diocese of Muenster has become part of the diocese of Saskatoon.

And consequently, the Bill provides for the amalgamation of the archdiocese of Regina and the diocese of Muenster, and the diocese of Saskatoon with the diocese of Muenster, is what I'm saying. In addition there is some small portion of land, the administration of which is going out of Gravelbourg to Saskatoon, as well as out of Regina to Saskatoon.

There's another part of the Bill, and it's a small portion because we did some cleanup. There is repeal of an Act to exempt from taxation certain land in Saskatoon and that was the old St. Paul's High School and of course it has become redundant. So that legislation is no longer required. And consequently we requested that that Bill also be repealed.

Mr. Thomson — I just have one additional comment. There was a question posed, actually initially by the media, that I know is of some interest to members concerning limitation of liability and whether this Bill affects any matters surrounding that.

I am advised and believe that this Bill does not limit liability that the archdiocese or the Roman Catholic Church would have in this province concerning any matters. So I just want to . . .

Mr. Thuringer — What we have done is incorporated in this Bill the ongoing liability sections that are consistent in the corporations Act for Saskatchewan, in the Business Corporations Act for Canada and for Manitoba, and probably many others, but we've just looked at those three. And they have been incorporated as part of the transitional for this Bill.

The Chair — Any further comments from the presenters.

Ms. Julé — I need a little bit of clarification as far as the

subject of liability goes. I apologize but I couldn't quite hear the comments you made as far as if there, for instance, were any liabilities that the Muenster dioceses had to . . . had arrears, were responsible for as such. Are they assumed by the . . .

Mr. Thuringer — They will be carried forward by Saskatoon . . . will have those liabilities.

Ms. Julé — Saskatoon. All right. Thank you.

Mr. Thuringer — And the same with respect to Gravelbourg and Regina.

Ms. Julé — Okay. Thank you for that clarification.

The Chair — Questions? We'll have the Law Clerk's report then.

Mr. Ring — I've examined this private Bill and am pleased to report it's drawn in accordance with the rules of the Legislative Assembly respecting private Bills.

The Bill is an omnibus piece of legislation. Although it is one Bill, it contains amendments to four separate Acts and repeals five other Acts. In this regard, it is unique in the context of private Bills legislation in Saskatchewan.

I'm further pleased to report that, in my opinion, it contains no provisions which are at variance with the standard provisions of private Acts regarding a similar subject matter. However, I would draw the committee's attention to the transitional provision, section 12 of the main Bill contained in the main Act. It should be read carefully. It is based on section 180 of The Business Corporations Act with a few changes, as Mr. Thuringer indicated. Section 180 of The Business Corporations Act, the marginal note to which is amalgamations, is attached for your information and reference.

The Chair — Do you have the page designation for that section?

Mr. Ring — Section 12, pages 2 and 3 of the Bill. Just flip open the front cover.

The Chair — Okay, with that note then I would ask if we could adopt the . . . have a motion to adopt the preamble? Thank you, Mr. Kasperski. Are we agreed to that?

Members — Agreed.

The Chair — Okay, we will move through the Bill clause by clause, then.

Clauses 1 to 13 inclusive agreed to.

The Chair — Schedule A. Are there any questions on schedule A? Schedule B? And just call if you want a little more time on these.

Ms. Julé — If I could refer you to schedule B, new sections 9 to 15; and to the number 10, Muenster property vesting in Saskatoon.

I'd just like to read that and make sure that I understand what is happening here because of course I'm from the Muenster diocese. And I want to ensure and protect the interests of the people there.

Okay:

All real and personal property and every interest therein that is granted to, held by or vested in The Roman Catholic Diocese of Muenster is vested in the Episcopal Corporation of Saskatoon.

Okay, so does that in fact simply mean that from hereon in the diocese of Saskatoon as, you know, is now assuming the diocese of Muenster and that the property and all vested interests of all kinds, assets, etc, are now the property of the one diocese.

Mr. Thuringer: — The one diocese and once it disappears . . .

Ms. Julé: — Okay. And of course, I would assume that the discussion was thorough with all of the Muenster dioceses, and they acquiesce to this kind of thing — naturally — beforehand?

Mr. Thuringer: — It was. Certainly.

Ms. Julé: — All right, I just wanted to have that on the record.

Mr. Thuringer: — There was advertising of the Bill of course, as well.

Ms. Julé: — All right. Thank you very much.

The Chair: — Schedule C. We'll just take a moment. If you have any questions, just raise those.

Ms. Julé: — I'd like to just pose one more question. In as far as individual parishes that were in the Muenster diocese, if they have any surplus funding as such that, you know, they may have raised for, specifically, for parish functions and so on, are those funds now under the care, I guess I could say, of the Saskatoon diocese as far as the direction of those funds? Or do individual parishes still have the autonomy to use their funding as such, as they see fit?

Mr. Thuringer: — If they were individual parishes incorporated under the Act under Muenster, they remain individual parishes in Saskatoon now. So to the extent that the individual parishes were in fact incorporated in Muenster, the only difference is they will now become under the general direction of Saskatoon. But it doesn't change their assets; whatever assets they had, this Bill doesn't change it.

Ms. Julé: — All right.

Father Miller: — The assets would be under the title of the Episcopal Corporation of Saskatoon. But the parishes themselves would be responsible for their own fundraising and their own responsibility in dispersal of those funds to meet their needs in that parish.

Ms. Julé: — So the general operations of the parish are left to the autonomy of the people of that parish as was before?

Father Miller: — Yes, yes.

Ms. Julé: — Decision making on their, on their specific programs regarding the sacraments and so on are still under the auspices and autonomy of that parish and those people in the parish?

Father Miller: — Well, following the teachings of the Roman Catholic church and would be following diocesan policy for the diocese of Saskatoon regarding sacramental program.

Mr. Thuringer: — But instead of, before it was, what was deemed from Muenster . . .

Father Miller: — Yes, before it was under the abbot ordinary of Muenster.

Mr. Thuringer: — Abbot of Muenster.

Father Miller: — So the Bishop of Saskatoon serves the function of the abbot ordinary of Muenster. That's what I was trying to get.

Ms. Julé: — All right. It's just that . . . you know I could have a conversation with you a little bit later about this. I think it would probably be more appropriate.

But there has been some direction that has come from the Saskatoon diocese to specific parishes regarding some of the programs for sacraments that was quite a bit different than what they were used to. And there was some concern about it, so I just was wondering whether or not . . . That's why I asked the question, whether the authority to direct programs and so on, and how those programs should be directed is under the auspices again and the autonomy of the local people.

Mr. Thuringer: — It's the responsibility of the Bishop of Saskatoon. There are diocesan regulations that if there's the expenditures in capital projects, say, over a certain sum of money, that they would have to have the approval of the Bishop of Saskatoon, just as in the Archdiocese of Regina, there's a necessity to have the approval for the expenditure, in the Diocese of Regina, over \$5,000 has to have the approval of the Archbishop.

Ms. Julé: — Okay.

Mr. Rieder: — Just to clarify that, that is for what's called extraordinary types of expenditures, not day-to-day operating expenditures.

Ms. Julé: — Okay, thank you.

Father Miller: — Because there is archdiocese and finance committee, archdiocese and building committee, so any plans for major construction are all submitted to these groups for their analysis. And there's people with expertise on these committees of course, to give a recommendation for approval or disapproval.

Ms. Julé: — All right, thank you. And I look forward to a little further conversation with you, Father Miller.

Father Miller: — Sure.

The Chair: — Okay, thank you. Move on then to . . . do I have agreement for Schedule C?

Schedule C agreed to.

Schedule D

Mr. Kowalsky: — I have a question.

The Chair: — You have a question? Thank you, Mr. Kowalsky.

Mr. Kowalsky: — This is a fairly complex piece of legal work here and I certainly . . . I know that just to get . . . it's not only the book work but certainly to get it through your parishes and so on to work and update it so that you can function more efficiently and streamline and everything else that has to be done as populations change.

My question is how long did it take for you . . . when did you have to start working on this document to actually get here?

Father Miller: — The committee . . . or the reorganization of dioceses and boundaries in the southern portion of the province of Saskatchewan began their work in July of 1997. And there was a representative of each of the dioceses — Saskatoon, Muenster and Gravelbourg, Regina. And we looked at different paradigms in how to determine dioceses and boundaries.

This was necessitated by of course, as you mentioned, the changing demographics. In the southwest corner of the province, there's .6 persons per square kilometre and 23 per cent of those are Roman Catholic. And so the population in the Gravelbourg Diocese decreased from a high of one time of 30,000, 33,000 people down to about 9,000 people.

Likewise for the Diocese of Muenster, it's very unusual that there'd be a territory associated with an abbot. There were only two places in the world where this was the case, and Muenster was one of them. And there was movement away from that as recommended by church authority in Rome.

And so seizing upon these two factors the Apostolic Nuncio in Ottawa, Archbishop Carlo Curis, asked that something be done in the province of Saskatchewan. And so very quickly from July 1997 to September 14, 1998 everything was in place in regards to working through the paradigms that were presented, consultation with people in the affected areas, lay people on the parish level, consultation with all the Saskatchewan bishops, consultation with the bishops of Western Canada, the pro forma, permanent council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in Ottawa, to the Nuncio and to Rome. And to get that through Rome so quickly — that is a miracle in itself, and the presentations that have to be made in each step of the way.

And so approval came in August of 1998, and then it was chosen that the feast of the Triumph of the Cross, September 14, 1998, came into place.

So I give credit to Bishop Raymond Roussin, former Bishop of

Gravelbourg, for his work in his particular area. Bishop Jim Weisgerber, and Archbishop Peter Mallon went to some of the meetings in the Wadena area. Father Hamel, who is the present pastor at Humboldt, and I had meetings in Davidson.

And that way we dealt off Davidson to Saskatoon because of the meetings that were held there because it had been at one time considered that Davidson would remain part of the Archdiocese of Regina. But the tenor of people there at Davidson seemed to be that they . . . all of their business was in Saskatoon. And they did appreciate the legislative news from Regina though. But that's all that was good that came out of Regina.

Harvey McLane, a former colleague of yours and a former representative of that area around Liberty, in there, he had spoken to me and he had wanted some boundary changes there. And the thing is we had to work with both bishops, I certainly was in agreement with that Liberty would be assigned to Saskatoon diocese, but by that time we were all ready to Rome and it was too late. So the solution to that problem was that Liberty is served out of the diocese of Saskatoon out of Watrous. So those arrangements between dioceses can be made, you know, and it doesn't have to say that ministerial services have to be provided from one diocese or the other. It . . .

The Chair: — It sounds like a lot of work. Thank you very much.

Mr. Kowalsky: — Congratulations to you on having achieved this. I can say that it took a lot of coordination and sort of an exercise in democracy in rural Saskatchewan.

The Chair: — So schedule D, are we agreed? Thank you. So motion to adopt the preamble. I think we did that already. So motion to report the Bill? Moved, thank you, Mr. Kasperski. And motion regarding costs and that would be that fees respecting Bills 301 and 302 be remitted . . . or pardon me, 303 be remitted less the cost of printing.

And this is, I am told, standard procedure for churches and charitable organizations that we move in this manner. So thank you, Mr. Kowalsky. Yes.

Ms. Julé: — I just wanted to say a few words to those of you who are here that have been working so diligently for the reorganization. And I must say that there's absolute confidence, trust, and faith that all will go well for these dioceses that are now reorganized and amalgamated.

And although we in Muenster have the faith and certainly the oneness with all the dioceses in Saskatchewan and throughout Canada, we will be though, I must say, missing a little bit the continuum of something that we've known and been a part of for a long time as far as it being members of the abbacy.

And it was a very special and unique situation and we had the benefit of, and will still have for some time, of the monks there that presented to us their way of life and also were there for us as mentors, as friends, and worked closely with the people in that abbacy.

And I just want to go on record as thanking them and sending

my appreciation their way for all that they've done, and we look forward to working with the Saskatoon diocese in the future. Thank you.

The committee adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

The Chair: — Okay.

Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows: An Act to provide for the Reorganization of Saskatchewan Roman Catholic Dioceses.

And there are a couple more comments I think that I would like to take.

Mr. Kasperski: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want to . . . I'd be remiss if I didn't welcome Father Ken Miller here. Father, for those of you who may not be aware, Father Miller is our constituent and Holy Trinity Church is an active parish in my constituency. And our constituency on many occasions uses their church for rentals and for catering, and they have a great . . . So it's nice to see you, Father Ken, and welcome to the legislature. Thanks.

Mr. Thomson: — I just wanted to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your indulgence on this matter and thank the committee for your support.

The Chair: — And it's also, I would like to state that it's also nice to see Father Ken Miller again. We were neighbours in my former work at St. James United Church, and he spoke at St. James on a couple of occasions. So it's nice to see you again. Welcome.

The motion to report the Bill — someone move that . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Okay, thank you.

Now it is my understanding that this afternoon we'll have the third reading of these Bills, and given enough time we will ask leave to . . . for final reading, is it? How do we word this one? I'm not sure.

Ms. Ronyk: — If I might explain, Mr. Chairman. Today the Chairman will report the Bills back to the House this afternoon, but they won't come onto the order paper for Committee of the Whole and third reading until the next private members' day. And given that next Tuesday we'll not have a private members' day, it will be two weeks from today, unless the House wishes this afternoon to give leave to do them by leave — Committee of the Whole and third reading today by leave.

Mr. Kowalsky: — Might, Mr. Chairman, might we recommend that we go back to our caucuses and request that we do it by leave today. I think with guests here, it would be nice to do it all in one day.

The Chair: — We agree to make that request to our caucus?

Ms. Julé: — That would be fine, yes.

The Chair: — Thank you. I'm much less confused now than I was a few minutes ago. Thank you.

Someone move adjournment please. Thank you.