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Daryl Wiberg
Saskatchewan Rivers

Kevin Yates
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The committee met at 10:00.

Ms. Ronyk: — Good morning members. As the committee is without a Chair, the first order of business is for the committee to appoint and elect a Chair. The floor is open for nominations.

Mr. Yates: — I would nominate Ms. Hamilton.

Ms. Ronyk: — Ms. Hamilton is nominated. Are there other nominations?

Mr. Brkich: — I nominate Daryl Wiberg.

Ms. Ronyk: — Mr. Wiberg is nominated as well. Are there other nominations?

Since there are two nominations the procedure is that we vote on them in the order that they were given. And we would vote on the nomination for Mr. Yates first.

Can someone advise me whether nominations are closed? Can someone please move the closure of nominations? Mr. Allchurch.

I will give you the moment please. Just let you know that Mr. Brkich is the Vice-Chair of this committee and he still is the Vice-Chair.

May I ask, do both the nominations still stand? We will then proceed with the election. The first member that has been nominated is Ms. Hamilton.

All those in favour of Ms. Hamilton's election as Chair of the committee please indicate. I have four.

Those opposed please indicate. We have a tie and as Clerk of the committee I have no role or ability to break a tie. Viktor, do you have any solutions? At this point, we have been unable to elect a Chair.

After consulting with my Clerk, we do have two nominations on the floor, and since the first one was not able to be determined, we will vote on the second nomination and then if the same thing happens, we'll deal with that.

The second name to be nominated as Chair of this committee is Daryl Wiberg. All those in favour of that election, please indicate. I have four. Those opposed? We have four in opposition. I think then that I will have no other option but to declare that the meeting cannot proceed.

Mr. Wiberg: — May I, please? I have a motion:

That we adjourn until 9 o'clock next week.

Can we pick a date?

Mr. Yates: — When do we have to have these ... we have timelines we have to meet here.

Ms. Ronyk: — The rules state that petitions for private Bills need to be introduced in the House by the 30th sitting day,

which is tomorrow. So that is a bit of a problem.

Mr. Brkich: — Can we also vote to put an interim Chair in for today at this meeting? If we agreed to it?

Mr. Yates: — Vice-Chair not to ... (inaudible) ... the meeting, chair the meeting.

Ms. Ronyk: — If it is the wish of the committee — and I see the large majority of the committee are here — if it's the wish of the committee to proceed with the Vice-Chair at this time, I don't think that would invalidate the process.

Ms. Hamilton: — I would make a motion that we proceed with the Vice-Chair to do orders of business today.

Ms. Ronyk: — Is there any discussion of that motion? Are you ready for the question? The question is, is whether the Vice-Chair should proceed to conduct today's meeting. All those in favour, please indicate. If Mr. Brkich could then take the chair, please.

The Vice-Chair: — Well I didn't think I'd be sitting here today, but I just want to welcome everybody here.

I believe the first item of today is petition 301, and I'll have the Clerk call for the item.

Ms. Ronyk: — Ladies and gentlemen, members of the committee, the first petition is from the Conference of Mennonites of Saskatchewan praying for an Act to amend its Act of incorporation and to change its name.

The petitioners submitted their notices and all of their documentation in time according to the deadlines in the rules. They did their advertising of the petitions as required in the rules. The petition has been reviewed and is found to be in order, and I report that there is no reason to not proceed with the petition from the point of view of the rules.

The Vice-Chair: — With that we need a motion that the petition be accepted.

Mr. Yates: — I so move.

The Vice-Chair: — So moved by Mr. Yates.

Ms. Hamilton: — ... probably talked to a number of us but he couldn't be here this morning, and he's sponsoring this Bill and said that any of us could take an opportunity to talk with him about it. So he'd urge us to move it forward.

The Vice-Chair: — With that is every ... is this agreed to move it forward? Agreed.

The next item before business is item 302. Is that agreed to for a motion on that?

Ms. Hamilton: — I would move agreement.

The Vice-Chair: — Is everybody in favour of that? Agreed.

The next item is item no. 303. Can I have a mover for that?

Mr. McCall: — So moved, Mr. Chair.

The Vice-Chair: — Is everybody agreed to the movement of that motion? Agreed.

And also we need a motion that the following petitions be moved to the Assembly?

Ms. Julé: — I move that the petitions be moved to the Assembly.

The Vice-Chair: — All in agreement? Agreed.

I guess the next item will be to decide the next meeting and where there will be a calling of witnesses if anybody . . . the people that have brought this petition forward or any groups that want to come before the legislature or before this — not before the legislature — before this committee, and we can ask questions of them.

May I make a report to the House today on this committee?

Ms. Ronyk: — What happens, Members, today is that when the committee reports, the Bills then are deemed to be read a first time. So tomorrow in tomorrow's *Votes* you will see that the Bills show in the record as being read a first time. And that means they go on the order paper then for second reading on the next private members' day which will be next week.

And those of you that are sponsors that are here will have seen the scripts, but we will get you a proper script on Monday for moving the second reading in the House on Tuesday.

And then after, at the end of second reading, that motion is also the referral back to this committee, and then the meeting that the Vice-Chair spoke of with the witnesses will be scheduled. We like to give them at least a week's notice so that they have the petitioners and their legal counsel have time to arrange to come. We'll coordinate that with the Vice-Chair.

The committee could meet in the meantime to elect a Chair or we could do it at the beginning of the next meeting.

The Vice-Chair: — I guess the question is do we want to wait till the next meeting to elect a Chair or do you want to have another meeting for it? I'll leave that open to discussion or . . .

Mr. Yates: — I think we'll elect a Chair at the start of commencement of the next meeting.

The Vice-Chair: — All in agreement of that? Agreed.

I guess if there's any other business before it or any other questions. If there's not, I'll move adjournment. Mr. McCall moves adjournment. All agreed? Okay.

The committee adjourned at 10:15.