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[The committee met at 09:45.]

The Chair: — All right. Good morning, everyone. I'd like to call the meeting to order. Could we ask the representatives for the first Bill we're dealing with to come forward and sit at the table with us, and that would be concerning Concentra Financial Services Association. Thank you very much. Would you do that, please, Graham?

Bill No. 304 — The Concentra Trust Act, 2005

Clause 1

Mr. Addley: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm very honoured to be the sponsoring member for Concentra Financial, and I just wanted to introduce the vice-president of Concentra Financial, Wayne King, and their legal counsel from McDougall Gauley, Mr. Dale Linn. So I just wanted to welcome here today, and if there were any questions that committee members had. But I'll turn that back over to you, Mr. Chair.

The Chair: — Thank you very much, Mr. Addley. I too would like to welcome you this morning on behalf of the committee. At this point I will turn the meeting over to the Law Clerk for his report.

Mr. Ring: — Good morning, members. I have examined this private Bill and am pleased to report that it is 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 that are at variance with the usual provisions of private Acts on similar subjects or that are deserving of special attention. Thank you very much.

The Chair: — Okay. At this time I would ask Mr. King and Mr. Linn if you have any presentation you would like to make to the committee.

Mr. King: — Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to do a very short presentation. I'm not sure of the protocol here, but I certainly thank you for the opportunity to appear, to the Chair and to the members of the committee.

I'd like to speak in support of this private Bill being sought by Concentra Financial or Concentra Trust as its wholly owned subsidiary. The preamble of the Bill certainly, I think, expresses fairly the situation at hand, one where the former Co-operative Trust Company of Canada continued itself as Concentra Financial Services Association. And I would like to give you just a brief background to that continuation and the need for this consideration by the committee and by the legislature.

Co-operative Trust first commenced its operations in Saskatchewan as Co-operative Trust Company Ltd. in 1952 by a private Act of this legislature. And in 1968 the company continued itself as Co-operative Trust Company of Canada and expanded its operations across Canada to the point where it was registered in all 13 provincial and territorial jurisdictions. And throughout this period, we've built literally thousands of trust relationships or thousands of relationships with individuals, and measuring trust relationships with corporations, I would say, in the hundreds. I don't have exact numbers there.

Once we continued as Concentra Financial, all of the trust activities of . . . Immediately preceding — let me correct myself — immediately preceding continuance the trust business of Co-operative Trust, the entitlement, was sold to Concentra Trust which was a wholly owned subsidiary of the then Co-operative Trust. And subsequently Concentra Trust became a wholly owned subsidiary of Concentra Financial.

As I say, I can't tell you exactly the number of these trust relationships that are in existence, but the value of them is somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$15 billion across Canada. So it's a substantial business — at least we'd like to think it is.

The Saskatchewan component is significant because this is the base of our operations. And I would just add, of 400 — and my numbers are round; it might be 410 or 415 — but of 400 employees, all but about 20 are located in this province and pretty much equally split between Saskatoon and Regina.

As part of the continuance, the federal Department of Finance through the Minister of Finance did grant Concentra Financial trustee powers, but with a sunset clause contained there that they're limited to a five-year existence. And this allows us to work through a process to obtain private legislation such as this to ensure that the trust clients can be properly serviced.

One area that's of particular concern to us are those clients that we don't know we have. And this will amount to an individual who has made their last will and testament and has named Co-operative Trust Company as their executor, but they have not informed us of the fact that this will is in existence. And it is only at the death of this person that we're going to become aware of this and be charged with the administration of that estate. So without a Bill such as this, there's going to become a point in time where that person is going to not have an executor to step into their shoes and take charge immediately. So this is a very important consideration to us, as it is for these individuals who have placed their trust and confidence in us, and very important mostly, I suppose, to the heirs who are going to inherit through the intergenerational transfer of assets.

The Bill in no way lessens the responsibility of Concentra Financial or Concentra Trust to these clients. In fact we're very, very anxious that none of these clients are placed at a disadvantage, either cost-wise or business-wise, to having their affairs conducted.

And in closing I'd just like to say that we're going to be seeking similar legislation primarily in British Columbia, Alberta, and Manitoba where we've had a concentration of trust operations.

And just in closing, also, that I would entertain any questions if any members had questions and I guess that's up to the Chair. And I have Mr. Linn from McDougall Gauley here who has acted as counsel on our behalf. So thank you for your attention and time.

The Chair: — Thank you very much for your presentation. Mr. Addley, as the sponsor of the Bill, do you have any additional comments you'd like to make?

Mr. Addley: — No. Just to clarify with Mr. King, the two areas

that are being changed is the areas of the trusts and the areas of the unknown wills. Is that correct? So there's no other areas that are adjusted with this piece of legislation?

Mr. King: — No. All of the other activities are carried out within Concentra Financial and do so as a continuance. The trust clients, both on the corporate side and the personal side, as well as those, as I say, we don't know we have.

Mr. Addley: — Right, okay.

The Chair: — Are there any questions from any members of the committee? Yes, I'll recognize Mr. Morgan.

Mr. Morgan: — Just a comment, brief, very briefly . . . I'd like to thank both Mr. King and Mr. Linn for coming and I want to thank Mr. King for his comments.

We recognize and we're very pleased that Co-op Trust has had a long history in this province, now recognized as Concentra. That corporate entity has been a very strong corporate citizen and we recognize the contributions they've made to this province. And we appreciate what they're trying to achieve with this and of course want to support this. We recognize the dealings that they have had with people preparing wills over the years and certainly want to support those relationships.

It would certainly be my position, and likely Mr. Hart's as well, that we would want to support and encourage this Bill to be passed as expeditiously and with as minimal amount of cost to these people as possible.

The Chair: — Are there any further speakers? Seeing none, at this time we will go through the Bill clause by clause. We'll start with the preamble. Is the preamble agreed to?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Okay, carried.

[Preamble agreed to.]

The Chair: — Short title, clause 1, agreed to?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Clause 1 agreed to.]

[Clauses 2 to 10 inclusive agreed to.]

The Chair: — Okay, thank you very much. Okay. Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows: An Act respecting Concentra Financial Services Association. Are all those agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Okay. All right, thank you very much. I'd ask Mr. Addley, as the sponsor of this Bill, to move that the committee report the Bill without amendment.

Mr. Addley: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I so move that Bill No.

304, An Act respecting Concentra Financial Services Association be reported without amendment.

The Chair: — Thank you. All those in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — It's carried. All right. At this time . . . Mr. Addley.

Mr. Addley: — I just wanted to thank Mr. King and Mr. Linn for coming to Regina and the good work that they did today, and they do throughout the year, and look forward to working with them into the future.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Addley. On behalf of the committee I would also like to thank you for coming this morning. I know it's quite a distance to come for just a few minutes, but it's a very important part of our process. And we thank you very much for being here this morning with us. Thank you.

Mr. King: — Thank you.

Bill No. 305 — The Saskatoon Foundation Amendment Act, 2005

Clause 1

The Chair: — I would at this time like to ask the individuals coming forward on behalf of The Saskatoon Foundation Act to come to the table.

Okay, I would ask Mr. Addley, as the sponsor of the Bill, to introduce the individuals here with us this morning.

Mr. Addley: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm also very pleased and honoured to be able to be the member sponsoring changes on this Bill with respect to the Saskatoon Foundation. And we have Mr. Trevor Forrest, the executive director; and a familiar face, Mr. Dale Linn, who's also the Chair of the Saskatoon Foundation, soon to be called the Saskatoon community foundation, I hope. So with that, turn that over to you, Mr. Chair.

The Chair: — Okay. Thank you very much. Just on behalf of the committee, I'd like to welcome you here this morning and thank you for coming down. At this point, I'll turn you over to the Law Clerk for a report.

Mr. Ring: — Committee members, I have examined this private Bill and am pleased to report that it is 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 that are at variance with the usual provisions of private Acts on similar subjects or that are deserving of special attention. Thank you very much.

The Chair: — Okay. I'd now like to turn it over to our representatives from The Saskatoon Foundation Act to . . . whether you have any presentation to the committee.

Mr. Forrest: — Yes, good morning. Thank you very much for an opportunity to speak to the changes in the Act that we would like to bring forward.

I guess I will begin just by saying to the committee, yesterday was a very significant day in our history. It was 18 years ago on . . . or 35 years ago on April 18, 1970 that our Act to form the Saskatoon Foundation was proclaimed, so we are embarking on our second 35 years as of today, I guess. So April 18, 1970 was the beginning of the Saskatoon Foundation.

Saskatoon Foundation is one of approximately 145 foundations that are community based in Canada. The movement is worldwide, represented in probably 20 or 30 different countries around the world.

We differ in our foundation movement as a registered charity under CRA [Canada Revenue Agency] in the sense that when people make donations to the Saskatoon Foundation, we invest the money and we build endowments. And those endowments grow every year, and from those endowments we grant back to other charities. So in a city of Saskatoon, we may be perceived as a savings account or an RRSP [Registered Retirement Savings Plan] account for other charities.

We basically don't do any programming ourselves. We are there to support other charities through the building of an endowment. And the building of endowments is one of our three main focuses.

The second obviously is to make strategic grants into the community from the endowments, the income that's earned on those endowments, every year. And the third aspect that's important to the community foundation is community leadership, where we try to bring together different stakeholders in the community to deal with some of the issues that face most communities on an ongoing basis, whether that's kids not in school or poverty issues or whatever.

We wanted to add the name . . . there was three focuses in our proposed amendments here, and one was to add the word community. Typically the word community foundation is found in more recent foundations that have started. You'll find older foundations, more established ones. Winnipeg, Vancouver, those ones have been around for decades, like the Saskatoon Foundation. But the newer ones use the word community because it helps to explain more what we're about. We are a community foundation.

As a bit of a sidelight, we'll also address some of the calls we get at the office regarding about, would you be able to prepare a quote for us on our new basement foundation for our house. And that, that is . . . we get more than one call like that. So the word community is in kind of keeping with the industry today, the charitable industry, to use, incorporate the word community. It will also help maybe to explain a bit more of what we do.

We also have wanted to put in this new Bill the ability to do flow-through funds. Those flow-through funds are different than the endowment building we do. And on occasion we'll have flow-through funds from donors who want to pass the money through anonymously to a charity in Saskatoon, and they would use us as a bit of a screening process to keep their

identity secret.

We also have flow-through funds where someone may want to establish a scholarship. The endowment will not be sufficient in the interim to support the scholarship to the level that they want, so the endowment will generate part of the scholarship, and they will flow through directly for a few years until the scholarship reaches an amount, to the level that they want to establish a scholarship.

The third area that we wanted to add was the ability to grant into the environment. I hope the committee can realize or understand that environment has become a very important word today, and a lot of people see that as a need in our community. We are going to add that to our field of interest that we grant into. Presently we grant into arts and culture, children and youth, education, health, family and community research. And now we'd like the word environment to be able to support issues in our community around environment.

I thank the committee for their interest in this Bill. I thank Mr. Addley for sponsoring it. And I'd be prepared to answer any questions.

The Chair: — Thank you very much. Mr. Addley, would you like to say anything to add to the presentation?

Mr. Addley: — No, just that Mr. Forrest has outlined, I think, in good detail specifically what the changes are and what they want to do with the Bill. I just want to make one observation, if this were the Regina foundation, you'd have a lot more calls about fixing basements. But just before we vote, thank you for being here and thank you for the good work . . .

The Chair: — Thank you. I recognize Mr. Morgan.

Mr. Morgan: — I'd like to thank Mr. Forrest and Mr. Linn for coming today. The Saskatoon Foundation, I'm a Saskatoon native and it has got a very proud and a significant history in Saskatoon. And I think, you know, we have to recognize some of the major things that they have done in the city for Mendel Gallery, child-related issues. And if this gets them out of the basement-building business, that's a good plus for it as well. So I think they're, as a group, should be commended for the hard work and the significant contributions they made to many of the charities in Saskatoon. So I'm pleased that they're here and welcome the opportunity to work with them on this. And I'm proud to be able to support this.

The Chair: — Yes. I'll recognize the Vice-Chair of the committee.

Mr. Hart: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I was interested to hear you and very pleased frankly to hear that your foundation is looking at granting into the area of the environment, and you're adding that under these amendments.

Just for interest sake I guess, what type of requests and what sort of projects are you looking at? I totally agree with you that the environment is becoming a topic of interest to more people, many people in our province, and I think that trend will continue to grow. And so I just wonder if you could provide some sort of an indication as to what type of activities you may

be getting involved in.

Mr. Forrest: — We do receive applications for grants, so it would depend on kind of what comes in the door. But Meewasin Valley Authority and our city has a lot of environmental projects around stewardship of the river valley, so we would be granting maybe there for some science projects for young people to learn about water and water quality and the future. It may revolve around some tree planting, education; I guess some of us will remember Arbor Day. So those type of things that would be in environment.

Mr. Hart: — Well thank you for that. I, you know, commend your organization in being forward thinking and moving into that area because as I said, I think it's a very important area, and every effort that can be done to help our citizens improve our environment and make our young people more environmentally aware I think is very commendable, and I congratulate your organization in taking this step.

Mr. Forrest: — Thank you.

The Chair: — All right. Seeing no further questions, we'll now move through the Act clause by clause starting with the preamble. Is the clause agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Preamble agreed to.]

The Chair: — Okay. Clause 1. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Clause 1 agreed to.]

[Clauses 2 to 14 inclusive agreed to.]

The Chair: — All right. I would move then, therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows: An Act to amend The Saskatoon Foundation Act, 1994. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Okay. Thank you. I would ask Mr. Addley as the mover to move that the committee report this Bill without amendment.

Mr. Addley: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that committee report Bill 305, An Act to amend the Saskatoon Foundation Act, 1994 without amendment.

The Chair: — Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Okay, that's carried then. Thank you very much. I'd like at this time to once again thank you for making the trip down to Regina.

I know it may seem like a relatively short process that we go through, but I can assure you that we take the time to

understand what the impacts of these Bills are, not just on your organization but perhaps on the broader community and to understand if there's any relativity to these changes to other organizations. So we very much appreciate you coming down and taking your time to be with us this morning as part of this very important parliamentary process. Mr. Addley.

Mr. Addley: — I'd just wanted to thank the members that came today and to echo your comments that the good work that you have been able to do. You'll now be able to do even more good work in the future with these changes. So I just want to commend you for the good work that you are doing and thank you for the opportunity to be the sponsoring member.

Mr. Forrest: — Thank you.

The Chair: — Well if we could just take a few minutes recess as we're waiting for our final group to come forward, we'll recess for a few minutes. Thank you.

[The committee recessed for a period of time.]

Bill No. 306 — The Soeurs de la Charite de St. Louis Repeal Act

The Chair: — I'd like to call the meeting back to order. Okay, at this time I'd like to thank Mr. Hagel and Ms. Young for coming this morning. The issue before us is an Act to repeal an Act to incorporate Soeurs de la Charite de St. Louis, to dissolve that entity and to transfer the assets and liabilities of that entity to the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis of Calgary. And, Mr. Hagel, if I could ask you to introduce the young lady with you and have any introductory comments prior to going to the Law Clerk.

Mr. Hagel: — Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. It's my pleasure to introduce Suzanne Young, who is an articling student with Grayson & Company in Moose Jaw, which is the associating firm that the Sisters of St. Louis are employing to channel through this private Bill. I think in your introduction to the Bill, Mr. Chairman, you correctly summarized what the Bill is all about. The essence of the Bill is to transfer all assets and liabilities from one entity to another. And in essence it really is the same entity, but by different names from the Soeurs de la Charite de St. Louis to the Sisters of St. Louis, in their Calgary operation. I would just say . . . and I think that describes the intent of the Bill in its entirety, so transfer of assets and liabilities.

It is with a bit of mixed emotion that I bring the Bill here, Mr. Chair. When I came to Moose Jaw back in 1973 the very first job that I did in Moose Jaw was I was a life skills coach in a place called the Saskatchewan Technical Institute in those days, in the adult basic education program which was located in St. Louis College. And one of my colleagues in my very first Saskatchewan job was just a wonderful, wonderful woman by the name of Sister Louise Sullivan, who became a very, very close friend — highly dedicated teacher and very representative of the Sisters of St. Louis.

I think, Mr. Chair, you will have some familiarity yourself personally with St. Louis College which for many, many years was a boys' college in Moose Jaw and there being many

prominent citizens in Moose Jaw these days who will look back with a great deal of fond memory and . . . to the formative years under the guidance of the Sisters of St. Louis and St. Louis College, an order which has been dedicated to the teaching of young men and shaping citizens of the future.

As the years have unfolded, unfortunately, the sisters have declined in number and mandate and are no longer, and have not been for some time, active in Moose Jaw. As the educational world changed, it matched together with the decline in their numbers; and their mission changed, and then their location. The Sisters of St. Louis now are a small group who are located in Calgary and they simply wish to have transferred their assets and their liabilities and their responsibilities, legal responsibilities then to the base in Calgary.

So it is with, as you will understand, Mr. Chair, with a bit of mixed emotion . . . This has been a body that has contributed much to not only our community but to our province, and with this Bill it brings an era to an end — a proud era in the province. And perhaps there is something appropriate about the fact the transfer takes place in our centennial year. This has been a part of our proud looking back with a sense of pride and accomplishment over the course of our first century as a province, and the Sisters of St. Louis certainly have been part of that.

If the members, Mr. Chair, have any questions then I or Ms. Young would be happy to do the best we could to answer your questions.

The Chair: — Thank you very much, Mr. Hagel. At this time I will turn over to the Law Clerk for his report on the Bill.

Mr. Ring: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I've examined this private Bill and am pleased to report that it is 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 that are at variance with the usual provisions of private Acts on similar subjects or that are deserving of special attention. Thank you very much.

The Chair: — Okay, thank you. At this time are there any questions of either Mr. Hagel or Ms. Young? Yes, Mr. Morgan.

Mr. Morgan: — I would like to thank you for coming. I notice that this Bill is transferring assets and we certainly understand these things happen with the passage of time. My concern is, would there be any significant amount of liabilities or potential risk to creditors by allowing this to go ahead? We weren't provided with balance sheets, and I'm not necessarily sure that I would want to be, but that's sort of my concern is the potential loss for Saskatchewan entities.

Mr. Hagel: — I'll ask Ms. Young to respond to that in the general which is what your question is.

Ms. Young: — Yes. Now as again we're not aware of any issue raised that way, so . . .

Mr. Morgan: — I'm wondering what kind of assets the entity has.

Ms. Young: — As far as I know at this point there are very few, if any, assets left. There has been transfer of title from any real property that it has owned already, and so . . .

The Chair: — Okay. Seeing no further questions, at this point we will go through the Bill clause by clause, starting with the preamble. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Preamble agreed to.]

The Chair: — Clause 1, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Clause 1 agreed to.]

[Clauses 2 to 7 inclusive agreed to.]

The Chair: — Okay. I would move then, therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows: An Act to repeal An Act to incorporate Soeurs de la Charite de St. Louis, to dissolve that entity and to transfer the Assets and Liabilities of that entity to the Sisters of Charity of St. Louis of Calgary. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Okay. Thank you. At this point I would ask Mr. Hart if he would move that the committee report the Bill without amendment.

Mr. Hart: — I will so move, Mr. Chair.

The Chair: — Okay. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — That's carried. Okay. Thank you very much.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank you for coming this morning and as the member from Moose Jaw North has indicated, this is a . . . I have some memories here as well. I was educated by the sisters from this particular movement and it's . . . and it is a sad day for Saskatchewan that, you know, we're moving on, but as Mr. Hagel has indicated, it's part of our history and it's appropriate that this happen in the year of our centennial.

So thank you very much for coming. And thank you, Mr. Hagel, for being the sponsor of this Bill.

Members, if we could have you remain for a few minutes. We have some additional work that is required. First off we have some motions that . . . all right. I'll recognize Mr. Addley.

Mr. Addley: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. Traditionally, non-corporate entities that are before the committee have had their fees remitted less the cost of printing. And one of the Bills that I sponsored falls within that category and I just wanted to make some motions to do that now, if that would be in order at

this time.

The Chair: — Yes, it would. I'll recognize if you make the motion please, Mr. Addley.

Mr. Addley: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that:

The fees for Bill No. 305 be remitted less the cost of printing.

The Chair: — Okay. Is there a seconder?

Ms. Morin: — I'll second that.

The Chair: — Seconded by Ms. Morin. Any discussion?

Mr. Morgan: — I was just wondering how much the fees would amount to and how much the printing would amount to.

Mr. Addley: — I was just going to say, my motion actually said less the cost of printing.

Mr. Morgan: — Yes. I'm just wondering how much both fees are.

Mr. Ring: — There's a deposit of \$250 that's received by the Clerk's office. The Bills are printed on a per page amount, but the pages are longer and they're cut down. It certainly is less than \$50, I'm sure.

The Chair: — All right. I see no further questions. All those in favour of the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Opposed? It's carried unanimously.

Mr. Addley: — Mr. Chair, I just wanted to test the committee members. I did have another, Concentra Financial. I wonder if members would find that in order if I moved that motion as well.

The Chair: — It's perfectly in order for you to move the motion.

Mr. Addley: — Okay. And then we can have that discussion. Then I would move:

That the fees for Bill No. 304 be remitted less the cost of printing.

The Chair: — Okay. Is there a seconder to the motion? Oh, pardon me. Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Opposed? It's agreed. Okay, I'll now . . .

Mr. Addley: — Was that carried?

The Chair: — It's carried. Mr. Hagel, would you like to make a . . .

Mr. Hagel: — Okay. Mr. Chair, for Bill No. 306, I move:

That the fees be remitted less the cost of printing.

The Chair: — We currently have a little confusion as to who the members of the committee are. Could I ask Mr. Addley to move that motion at this time?

Mr. Hagel: — Am I not a member of the committee?

The Chair: — I thought you were.

A Member: — . . . Mr. McCall.

Mr. Hagel: — Okay, Mr. McCall.

Mr. Addley: — If it's helpful to committee members, I would move . . .

Mr. Hagel: — I'm just here as a matter of interest then apparently, Mr. Chair.

Mr. Addley: — I move:

That Bill No. 306, the fees for Bill No. 306 be remitted less the cost of printing.

The Chair: — Okay. Is there any discussion?

Mr. Morgan: — I'm going to support this motion. I wasn't aware of this and didn't have sort of the ability to do some background work. And I'm wondering whether there's a practice in the past that for non-profit entities we would waive the fees and for profit entities we don't waive the fees. Like I'm wondering why we charge the fees at all if the practice is to waive them.

You know, clearly an entity like Concentra — and I realize we're not talking with a large amount of money — we would expect cost rate recovery on. So I . . . You know it's not a significant amount of money and I don't wish to see multiple classes of applicants for this, but I'm just sort of wondering if somebody can give me some background.

The Chair: — I would ask the Law Clerk, if he would, to give us some background on this issue.

Mr. Ring: — I would speak to this issue by indicating that that issue has been raised in the past. I believe it was with respect to the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and whether or not the fee should be remitted for that because that was not a non-profit corporation. And I don't recall offhand what the decision was. I believe they did remit the fees but there was some discussion with respect to profit, non-profit corporations.

Mr. Morgan: — Mr. Chair, I'm ready to vote on this. What I would like to ask for, sort of the next time we meet, is perhaps we either have an agenda item for our next meeting and we get a little background. I don't think it's fair to members on this committee that will chit in or chit to vote on that type of thing if we're establishing . . . if there's a pattern that we wish to follow or if we wish to do it on an ad hoc basis. But I wish to sort of

make some kind of a decision as to how it's going to be dealt with.

The Chair: — Okay, thank you.

Mr. Morgan: — If the practice has been if we waived them routinely in the past perhaps we should adopt for us where we don't collect them. You know, I'm just . . . You know, some day it's a discussion we should have.

The Chair: — All right. On our next meeting we'll put that forward as an agenda item and ask the Clerk's office to provide a . . .

Mr. Morgan: — Provide a very short report.

The Chair: — . . . very short report as to what our practice is.

Mr. Morgan: — I'm not wishing to burden them with a significant task but if we had a . . . [inaudible] . . . Very good.

The Chair: — Going from my own recollection over the number of years I've sat on this committee, when it's been requested by a member that we waive the fees, my recollection is that we've waived the fees, less the cost of printing. And that's been the practice as I remember it over the last six years or so.

All right, having said that, seeing no further speakers, all those in favour of the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — It is carried.

Now we have before us a report; it's been distributed. Can I have somebody move . . . The only change will be in the bottom line there. Regarding fees to the petitioners less the cost of printing, Bill 304 will be added. And this will be the report that will be submitted to the House today. Could I have somebody move that would . . .

Mr. Addley: — Just to clarify, Mr. Chair, the last line, does that include 304 as well?

The Chair: — That's just what I said.

Ms. Morin: — I'll move that, Mr. Chair.

The Chair: — Moved by Ms. Morin. This report is . . . Any questions? Seeing none, all those in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Agreed. I'll now move adjournment.

[The committee adjourned at 10:34.]