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[The committee met at 09:10.]

**The Chair:** — I'll call the meeting to order, the Standing Committee on Private Bills. And our agenda this morning is the consideration of Bill No. 302, The Orange Benevolent Society Amendment Act; The Faith Alive Ministries World Outreach Centre Inc. Act; and Bill No. 303, The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Repeal Act.

We need a motion before we begin to have the proceedings broadcast. Mr. Hart.

**Mr. Hart:** — I will make that motion.

**The Chair:** — Thank you. All in favour? Agreed. Now before we start broadcasting, we're going to have an in camera session to discuss, among the committee, some issues that we would like to do in camera and then bring the presenters back. So if you'll excuse us.

[The committee continued in camera.]

**The Chair:** — I'll call the committee back to order. Before we start, for the interest of the public — if we can ask all members to take their seats please — for the interest of the public I'm just going to introduce the committee.

I'm Judy Junor, MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] from Saskatoon Eastview, chairing this committee. To my left is Ken Ring, the Law Clerk. And I'll let our members introduce ourselves starting with Ms. Hamilton.

**Ms. Hamilton:** — Doreen Hamilton, member for Regina Wascana Plains.

**Ms. Morin:** — Sandra Morin, member for Regina Walsh Acres.

**Mr. McCall:** — Warren McCall, MLA for Regina Elphinstone-Centre.

**The Chair:** — Mr. McMorris.

**Mr. McMorris:** — Don McMorris, MLA for Indian Head-Milestone.

**Mr. Toth:** — Don Toth, MLA Moosomin.

**Mr. Morgan:** — Don Morgan, MLA for Saskatoon Southeast.

**Mr. Hart:** — Glen Hart, MLA Last Mountain-Touchwood and Deputy Chair of this committee.

**Bill No. 302 — The Orange Benevolent Society  
Amendment Act**

**Clause 1**

**The Chair:** — Thank you very much. I'm just going to . . . We'll call . . . The first order of business is Bill No. 302, The Orange Benevolent Society Amendment Act. If I could ask the petitioners to come forward.

I'll first ask Mr. Ring to go through some of his remarks about the Bill, and then you can introduce yourself and if you have any opening remarks, make them at that point. Mr. Ring.

**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 am also 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.

**The Chair:** — Thank you. Good morning.

**Ms. McBain:** — Good morning.

**The Chair:** — Just introduce yourself and if you have any remarks to the Bill, you can make them at this point.

**Ms. McBain:** — Thank you. My name is Janice McBain, and I'm the executive officer of the Orange Benevolent Society. I have no further remarks regarding the Bill application.

**The Chair:** — So then, members, any questions? Mr. Morgan.

**Mr. Morgan:** — Just a comment briefly. I think our committee is always prepared to support legislation from groups that want an amendment to their legislation or legislation to enable them to give away money for scholarships, bursaries, and grants, and I can't imagine us not wanting to support such a Bill.

**The Chair:** — Seeing no further questions, then to the Bill.

[Clause 1 agreed to.]

[Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.]

**The Chair:** — Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows: An Act to amend An Act to incorporate The Orange Benevolent Society of Saskatchewan.

We have a motion to move this then forward?

**Ms. Hamilton:** — I would so move.

**The Chair:** — Ms. Hamilton. All in favour? Agreed. Short and simple. Thank you very much.

**Ms. McBain:** — Thank you.

**Bill No. 301 — The Faith Alive Ministries  
World Outreach Centre Inc. Act**

**Clause 1**

**The Chair:** — The second item up for business is consideration of Bill No. 301, The Faith Alive Ministries World Outreach Centre Inc. Act. We'll again ask Mr. Ring to make some opening remarks, and I'd invite the petitioners to come forward.

**Mr. Ring:** — 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 am also 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. However I would note that Faith Alive Ministries World Outreach Centre Inc. is not incorporated pursuant to a private Act. Thank you.

**The Chair:** — Thank you then. If you could just introduce yourself and if you have any comments to make.

**Mr. Pierce:** — I'm Dr. David Pierce from Faith Alive Ministries and also director of the . . . We have Faith Alive Bible College. We've been going for 25 years. Do you want us to say anything about the little brochure I've put together or . . .

**The Chair:** — And could you introduce the other people with you?

**Mr. Pierce:** — Yes, thank you. Thank you for having us come here today. This is Dr. Dele Ogunremi; he's one of our instructors. And this is Chief Marcel Head from Shoal Lake First Nations.

**The Chair:** — Certainly if you have some comments to make, go ahead.

**Mr. Pierce:** — Part of our introduction there, we mention a little bit about who we are, that we're . . . it's a Pentecostal and charismatic persuasion. And we are at the present location on University Drive; we've been there for 17 years. We have a two-year program that we've offered for 25 years presently.

And we have a number of testimonies that are included in the brochure there of those that have graduated and indicates some of the success we've had with those that have graduated. And we were requesting that we have the privilege to grant degrees to students that will further enhance what we have to offer for them.

The first one we have there is Carrie Prokopishin. She's a nurse and is at the Calder Centre in Saskatoon and this mentions about it.

And Susan Harper, Constable Harper is a graduate and she's in Lytton, BC [British Columbia] presently.

Kim and Lynn Weiler are what we call missionaries. They are in Guatemala. They have a tremendous outreach in Central America.

And Sheri Lozowchuk, she was a girl that came to us that was from several drug programs. She had a lot of problems with alcohol, and today she's the manager of one of the successful jewellery stores in Saskatoon.

Kevin Bundus, he lives in Yorkton. He's the pastor there of a church there.

Ananda Peters, she got a degree in journalism. She worked with the CBC [Canadian Broadcasting Corporation] as a reporter before she moved to the United States. She's living there now.

Allison Boutin is a teacher.

Jeannie Pewapisconias works at the place in Saskatoon, at the FSIN [Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations] main office there.

Martin Atiemo, he's an instructor in math mainly at the University of Saskatchewan and also the First Nations University in Saskatoon.

And Ryan Boutin works in a company for alarm systems. There's 22 employees under him.

Marcel Head who we have today and I'll let him make a few comments here as soon as we've finished.

Ryan Boutin. And then there's Lorna Martin. She's one of our instructors. She teaches music.

And Tara Cook. Her father was Harry Cook, chief from La Ronge who just retired here recently.

And I'll let maybe Marcel make a few comments at this time about the value of us getting this degree granting status.

**Mr. Head:** — Good morning. You know most of our young people that are graduating out of high school are looking forward to getting a degree and whether in practical theology, and we've always looked for an institution to help us, I guess, looking into something like this. So I think there's only one Bible college close in the vicinity of Shoal Lake Cree Nation. There's an outreach centre in Prince Albert; I forget the name of it. But something like this I think we would support our students if they were to apply to Faith Alive Bible College through our own post-secondary programming.

And also, personally I think it is a unique Bible college. I personally would recommend our people to, you know, take their practical theology through Faith Alive Bible College.

And personally I went through their two-year program, and I graduated out of there, and it's been an experience. I guess I've used, you know . . . Bible college, that's really helped me out in most of all my life. I've been a chief for the past eight years now, and I just finished my third term as a chief. And I got re-elected back in May, so I'm serving my third term as a chief. And it's helped me a lot. And I usually share a lot of things with Dr. Reverend David Pierce, you know, and I really relied on the Faith Alive Ministries, you know, for all the years that I've been a leader. And certainly my testimony I guess speaks for it. And I'm glad to support it and endorse it. Thank you.

**The Chair:** — Thank you. Any further comments?

**Mr. Head:** — No thank you.

**The Chair:** — Any questions by members? Mr. Morgan.

**Mr. Morgan:** — I'm sort of wondering the purpose of the request to grant degrees. You know, that if you didn't have that, you would continue on. And I'm wondering, is one of your purposes so that the degree would be recognized by U of S [University of Saskatchewan] or by other academic institutions?

I'm sort of wondering what benefit the legislation would have?

**Mr. Pierce:** — Well because so many have just come for two years and have requested that they could continue their studies, and like some of the testimonies that are written in there state how it would help them enhance in their careers that they choose to have that degree granted to them and to have further studies.

**Mr. Morgan:** — My other question is, what consultation and discussions has there been with the U of S regarding recognition of what you're doing now, and what will it be after this has passed?

**Mr. Pierce:** — I haven't had any consultation with them presently. My understanding is that their main concern is that we're not going to be offering degrees in other areas of study outside of religious studies and Biblical studies.

**The Chair:** — All right. Ms. Hamilton.

**Ms. Hamilton:** — I was just wondering, when you're looking at degree-granting status through this Act, do you work with the Department of Education to have the accredited teachers in that area and follow the curriculum that would be transferable to other institutions?

**Mr. Pierce:** — We do have students that have graduated and been accepted with all their credits that we have offered, to go to other colleges, like because being it's a religious college, it's other colleges that teach similar courses. And they want to get their degrees, so they've been able to transfer right to those other courses and colleges. And that's usually the main thing when we look at degree-granting status, is other colleges recognize, will accept what you have offered and done for them to pursue their studies to other levels of study.

**Ms. Hamilton:** — Thank you.

**The Chair:** — Mr. Hart.

**Mr. Hart:** — Thank you, Madam Chair. The degrees that you would grant on passage of this particular Bill, would they be the three degrees that you have listed at the bottom of the page of the credentials that you offer? It would be the Bachelor of Theology, Bachelor of Ministries, and the bachelor of Biblical science. Those are three degrees that you you're requesting degree granting status for at this time?

**Mr. Pierce:** — That's our plan at the present. That's the three main areas that we would emphasize. And then after another year, then we will be able to introduce . . . or two years, a master's degree in, well, the level. But that's the three main areas that we're going to focus on for their studies.

**Mr. Hart:** — Because according to your information here, you offer a school of healing certificate and a school of music certificate. But those areas, well according to your request in the Bill, you wouldn't be able to offer any degree or any degrees in those areas.

**Mr. Pierce:** — No, no. That would be just . . .

**Mr. Hart:** — Just you're providing this for our information then.

**Mr. Pierce:** — Right.

**Mr. Hart:** — Okay.

**Mr. Pierce:** — That's just those other veins of emphasis that we have on music and a school of healing is part of their total picture of their degree. And so it wouldn't be anything offered separately in that area.

**Mr. Hart:** — You mentioned though that you are looking at offering a master's level degree . . .

**Mr. Pierce:** — Right.

**Mr. Hart:** — In the areas of theology and Biblical studies.

**Mr. Pierce:** — Yes, in time.

**Mr. Hart:** — But when would you . . .

**Mr. Pierce:** — It would at least take another two years before it would even come close to that.

**Mr. Hart:** — Okay good. Thank you.

**The Chair:** — Ms. Morin.

**Ms. Morin:** — Thank you. I'm wondering if I'd be correct in assuming that since we've had a report that Faith Alive Ministries World Outreach Centre Inc. is not incorporated pursuant to a private Act, are you then incorporated through a non-profit corporations Act?

**Mr. Pierce:** — Yes, we are.

**Ms. Morin:** — Okay. Thank you.

**The Chair:** — Thank you. Mr. McCall.

**Mr. McCall:** — Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you for coming here today.

**Mr. Pierce:** — Thank you.

**Mr. McCall:** — I guess I was interested to note that you're a member of the Association of Canadian Bible Colleges. And you'll forgive my . . . I'm not certain which other Bible colleges in Saskatchewan are members of that same association. Do you have an idea of which other institutions in Saskatchewan are?

**Mr. Pierce:** — Most of the colleges belong to that, but presently that was dissolved. That brochure was made up a year ago. That was just dissolved last year after whatever it was — 30 or 40 years — that it was in existence. It was more or less like an association. Most of the colleges that I'm aware of have chosen to sign up with a college with a degree-granting status recognition in the United States, so that's probably what we'd have to look at also to become part of that. So this other, which is in there, was dissolved just last year after many years of being in existence, but we were part of that and were accepted.

What you're looking at is that you have a definite curriculum study, more structure to your courses than what you have, and that they're Biblical in emphasis. That was how you belonged to that.

**Mr. McCall:** — Is there any contemplation of building a new professional association in terms of, say, Saskatchewan so where you work together with Briercrest or Western Christian College or . . .

**Mr. Pierce:** — That association is for all of Canada.

**Mr. McCall:** — Okay. But is there anything parallel for Saskatchewan?

**Mr. Pierce:** — Not that I'm aware of, no.

**Mr. McCall:** — Okay. I guess in terms of, say, with the University of Regina, they belong to the Association of University and Colleges of Canada. Is there anything similar that Faith Alive is member to?

**Mr. Pierce:** — No.

**Mr. McCall:** — Okay. Just to be clear, right now you have the two-year diploma program?

**Mr. Pierce:** — That's correct.

**Mr. McCall:** — And how long have you been offering the two-year diploma?

**Mr. Pierce:** — Twenty-five years. In fact it . . . [inaudible] . . . 26 years already.

**Mr. McCall:** — Okay. All right. I guess that's it for me, Madam Chair.

**The Chair:** — Seeing no further questions then, short title — Faith Alive Ministries World Outreach Centre Inc. Act — is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

[Clause 1 agreed to.]

[Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.]

**The Chair:** — Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows: An Act to provide for certain degree granting status for Faith Alive Ministries World Outreach Centre Inc.

A motion to move that forward? Ms. Morin. All agreed? Yes. Thank you very much and thank you for coming.

**Mr. Pierce:** — Thank you very much.

**The Chair:** — The next item before the committee is consideration of Bill 303, The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Repeal Act. I'll now turn the Chair over to Mr. Hart.

## **Bill No. 303 — The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Repeal Act**

### **Clause 1**

**The Deputy Chair:** — Thank you for coming this morning. I will ask Mr. Ring to make his comments.

**Mr. Ring:** — 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 am also 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.

**The Deputy Chair:** — I'd ask our presenter to introduce himself and if he has any comments, certainly we'd welcome them at this time.

**Mr. Dean:** — Thank you and good morning. My name is Ray Dean, and I am the vice-president and general counsel/corporate secretary of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. I have no comments on our application.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Okay, if there aren't any . . . Are there any questions from committee members?

**Ms. Hamilton:** — I guess this Act . . . sorry.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Ms. Hamilton.

**Ms. Hamilton:** — This Act has had its moments within our history in the Assembly. And with the passage of the repeal before us, this means that now you would no longer need to come forward, or are there other Acts that apply to your organization?

**Mr. Dean:** — Well it's part of a large financial restructuring that occurred last March. The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool was continued as a federal corporation under the Canada Business Corporations Act. And on that date, which is March 31, 2005, The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Act, 1995 ceased to have any application to the company. As a result of that, we wanted to have this Act repealed just for ease of administration so there is no confusion in the future.

**Ms. Hamilton:** — Thank you.

**Mr. Dean:** — You're welcome.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Any other questions? If not, we will move forward with this Bill.

[Clause 1 agreed to.]

[Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.]

**The Deputy Chair:** — Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows: Bill No. 303, An Act to repeal The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Act, 1995.

I believe that concludes this item of business. Sorry. I'd ask for a member to move this. Ms. Junor. Agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Deputy Chair:** — Thank you. Thank you very much.

**Ms. Woods:** — I just want to advise the committee that the next step that we need to do is to consider whether the committee wishes to remit the balance of the fees.

What normally happens with a private Bill is they're required to put down a deposit which will cover the cost of printing. It's customary with petitions that have come forward for private Bills for charitable or religious institutions to then reimburse the petitioner for the balance of the fees that were not used for the printing. So that would be the next motions that the committee could consider with regard to each of those Bills that we've . . .

**The Chair:** — Separately?

**Ms. Woods:** — Separately, yes.

**The Chair:** — Okay. So for Bill No. 302, The Orange Benevolent Society Amendment Act, would someone move to waive those fees? Ms. Hamilton. All agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Second one, Bill 301, The Faith Alive Ministries World Outreach Centre Inc. Act, would someone move to waive those? Ms. Morin. All agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Bill 303, The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Repeal Act, would someone move to waive those fees? Mr. Morgan, thank you. And all agreed?

**Mr. Morgan:** — No, I want to speak to it.

**The Chair:** — Oh sorry.

**Mr. Morgan:** — I think we had a discussion at the end of the last session that we were going to try to adopt a practice where it was a charitable or religious group that we would waive the fees, but we would not on a commercial venture. And I think Wheat Pool . . . So I think on that one we would . . . if we were going to follow that practice . . .

**The Chair:** — Okay, so we won't do that.

**An Hon. Member:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — Agreed. All right. So then the last item for business is consideration of the 6th report to the Assembly . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Oh do you want to do that now, Meta? The motion that we've written up, do you want to do that now?

**Ms. Woods:** — Sure.

**The Chair:** — Before we do the 6th report. Ms. Morin.

**Ms. Morin:** — Yes, Madam Chair, I'd like to move a motion at this time if I may.

**The Chair:** — Go ahead.

**Ms. Morin:** —

That the Standing Committee on Private Bills direct the Law Clerk to review and report on the process whereby institutions may be granted the authority to grant degrees, and to propose a policy framework for future considerations of private Bills requesting degree-granting status by the committee.

**The Chair:** — Any discussion? Seeing none then, the question. All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members:** — Agreed.

**The Chair:** — That motion is carried. Now we have the consideration of the 6th report to the Assembly which will include that motion. Any questions?

**Ms. Hamilton:** — Would the motion be added to this before it goes to the Assembly?

**Ms. Woods:** — It would not be necessary for the motion to be included in our report because it's more of an internal committee matter. If at the end of the process, once we've heard back from the Law Clerk, if the committee then wanted to report that new policy that they may adopt to the Assembly, that would be the appropriate time, whereas right now we're just directing him to conduct some research.

**Ms. Hamilton:** — All right. Thank you.

**The Chair:** — So it'll just appear in the minutes. Any further questions? Then I need a member to move that we adopt that. Mr. Hart?

**Mr. Hart:** — Madam Chair, I believe we . . . did we agree not to collect the fees for Bill . . .

**The Chair:** — Oh yes. Yes we did.

**Mr. Hart:** — Or refund the bills for Bill 303? So we have to make that change.

**The Chair:** — Very good catch, very good catch. So as amended then. Agreed? The report . . .

**Mr. Hart:** — Agreed. Yes.

**The Chair:** — Agreed. All right. A motion then?

**Mr. Hart:** — I'll move that.

**The Chair:** — Mr. Hart. Thank you. There's no further business before the committee? Meeting is adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 10:04.]