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[The committee met at 16:05.]

**Bill No. 301 — The Eston College
(Full Gospel Bible Institute Amendment) Act**

Clause 1

The Chair: — Good afternoon, everyone. The Standing Committee on Private Bills has before it today two items for consideration. The first one is consideration of Bill No. 301, The Eston College (Full Gospel Bible Institute Amendment) Act. I'd ask Mr. Hermanson, who's a sponsoring member, to introduce the presenter before we begin with the Law Clerk.

Mr. Hermanson: — Thank you very much, Madam Chair. It's a different experience to be sitting at this end of the table but I'm sure we'll get through as long as my colleagues aren't too hard on me.

I'm pleased to be the sponsor of Bill 301, the Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Full Gospel Bible Institute. It's basically a change of name piece of legislation and I'm joined by a lawyer from McDougall Gauley — I'll get it right — Wayne Bernakevitch, and he will explain what the committee needs to know.

The Chair: — Thank you. Before we go into that we'll have our Law Clerk give us an overview of the Bill. And then we'll go into your presentation.

Mr. Ring: — Good afternoon, members. I've examined this private Bill and I'm pleased to report that it's drawn in accordance with the rules of the Legislative Assembly respecting private Bills. I'm 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 very much. Then if you want to say a few words.

Mr. Bernakevitch: — Thank you. This is wonderful how these microphones just turn on. Anyway it's nice to be here this afternoon. I would say that there are three essential changes that we're looking for here. The first one of course is the change of the name and that's pretty self-explanatory.

The second one has to do with what I'd call some tidying up. When the Act was originally prepared, there was some interchange of use of a couple of terms: trustees and directors. And those people are really intended to be the same people so we've tidied up terms related to trustees and directors so it really is quite clear that directors are directors and that there's no difference between those people and the trustees. So trustees have been taken out and the word directors or board of directors inserted wherever that's been applicable.

The next change has been to clarify a little bit the role of members and directors and how they interrelate. In many charitable organizations or colleges of this type, the members are really the same people as the directors and that wasn't very clear in the previous legislation so this amendment makes very

clear that the members are really the same people as the directors. So the members would appoint the directors. The directors of course are in charge of running the school by hiring the president and just approving budgets and so on.

So the third purpose of this amendment is to clarify the qualifications of members and how members are responsible for appointing directors who then run the company. So those are the three major or general amendments we're asking for.

The Chair: — Thank you. Any questions? Mr. Morgan.

Mr. Morgan: — How long has the institution been operating?

Mr. Bernakevitch: — I'm not really sure, but I know it's been a long, long, long time because I've had several people who I've been acquainted with who went there, and they're . . . It would have to be in operation for 40 or 50 years at least. Do you know, Elwin?

Mr. Hermanson: — I believe it commenced about 1944. I'm not sure of the exact year, but I know that my father-in-law was a student there so it has to be back about then.

Mr. Morgan: — What's the age range of the students there?

Mr. Bernakevitch: — What is the age range? Typically they would range from post-grade 12 — 19 through . . . You'd probably have some mature students there, people who'd been in the workforce and have gone back into, you know, people who have worked in other secular occupations and have gone back to school here. So you probably would have a range that would go from 18 or 19 into the 30s and 40s.

Mr. Morgan: — Is there a degree granted or a certificate granted?

Mr. Bernakevitch: — Yes. Yes.

Mr. Morgan: — And is that recognized through . . .

Mr. Bernakevitch: — It's a recognized course within the congregations, members. It also has some, a form of provincial of recognition. I'm not sure. It's not on the same status as a Bachelor of Arts in a university. It's not affiliated, but it has some provincial sanction and recognition, yes.

Mr. Morgan: — How many students? I actually have two more questions. How many students? And is it still operating in Eston or is there other locations?

Mr. Bernakevitch: — It's still operating in Eston. And I can't tell you how many students that it has. I'm not sure if you know, Elwin.

Mr. Hermanson: — The enrolment usually varies from 100 to 120.

Mr. Morgan: — Thank you. I have no further questions.

The Chair: — Thank you. Mr. Yates.

Mr. Yates: — Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Having reviewed the Bill in detail, it's clear that this is a name change and cleaning up some of the administrative functions of the directors and trustees. It is a long-standing institution that's served the province for a good many years. And so, Madam Speaker, I'm sure that the government members are prepared to support the Bill.

The Chair: — Seeing no further questions then, all in favour of . . . The preamble is the first up. An Act to incorporate the Full Gospel Institute will be amended. And the preamble, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Preamble agreed to.]

The Chair: — Short title, The Eston College (Full Gospel Bible Institute Amendment) Act, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Clause 1 agreed to.]

[Clauses 2 to 10 inclusive agreed to.]

The Chair: — Then therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan enacts as follows: The Eston College (Full Gospel Bible Institute Amendment) Act. Ms. Morin. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Ms. Morin has moved we report this Bill without amendment. Thank you to the presenter and to Mr. Hermanson. Sorry . . .

Mr. Yates: — I'll move we report the Bill without amendment.

The Chair: — Oh, that's right. Mr. Morgan, yes.

Mr. Morgan: — We have on these Bills dealt with the issue of whether they're entitled to receive . . . That's coming, fine. Sounds good.

The Chair: — The fees, right? Coming.

Bill No. 302 — The Hotels Association of Saskatchewan Amendment Act

Clause 1

The Chair: — The next item then up for consideration is Bill No. 302 — thank you — The Hotels Association of Saskatchewan Amendment Act. Again I'll ask Ms. Hamilton to, as the sponsoring member, to introduce the presenter representing the Hotels Association. And then we'll have a report from Mr. Ring again before we move on to questions or . . . and a report.

Ms. Hamilton: — Thank you, Madam Chair. It's my pleasure this afternoon to introduce to you Tom Mullin, who is the

executive director of the Hotels Association of Saskatchewan, soon to be — we're hopeful — the Hotel & Hospitality Association. And I would let Mr. Mullin give a few overview comments to begin.

Mr. Mullin: — Thank you. I'm pleased to be here in front of the committee. I should make one change there with the name change also was my title. I am now the president and CEO [chief executive officer] of the Hotels Association of Saskatchewan, soon to be SHHA [Saskatchewan Hotel & Hospitality Association].

We are an organization comprised of mainly hoteliers, moteliors, motels. Over 75 years of our history we have been in the business, the accommodation and tourism business, and our history, as I say, is 75 years. Last year we celebrated our 75th anniversary at our convention. And prior to that we had a number of requests from brew pub operators and licensed lounges, night clubs, and licensed restaurants to see if they could join our organization, mainly from the symmetries with the liquor and gaming end of our business, and we felt that was an excellent idea. So we went through the process over the last couple of years and we put the change to the members of the association who voted unanimously to change the name, and that is why I'm here before you today.

The Chair: — Thank you. We'll now have a report from the Law Clerk, Mr. Ring.

Mr. Ring: — Thank you, Madam Chair. I've examined this private Bill and I'm pleased to report that it is drawn in accordance with the rules of the Legislative Assembly respecting private Bills.

I'm 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: — Questions then. Mr. Morgan.

Mr. Morgan: — More a comment than a question. This Bill appears to be an indication that this organization has become a fully developed and fully matured institution. At one time I think the Hotels Association was there for purposes of lobbying the government with regard to what was happening with liquor consumption taxes, and now I think there's a shift in their role, not just to deal with government but to a recognition of that they represent an industry — not just hotels but food establishments and a variety of other tourism-related things.

And it's a significant indication of how far our province has come with regard to tourism and economic development. And I think the fact that they have asked for this on their own, they are to be commended and I'd certainly support where they want to go with this and appreciate the role that they've played in our province.

The Chair: — Mr. Hart.

Mr. Hart: — Just a couple of quick questions. Mr. Mullin, currently how many members have you got in your current organization? And with this change are you anticipating quite a

number of additional memberships? I wonder if you could just expand.

Mr. Mullin: — Yes, we are. We have currently about 450 on our roster of members. We also have an allied membership of about 50. And what we're looking at right now is a potential to add . . . There's another approximately 400 members that could come on board that would fit the criteria. The brew pubs that are in the province now, there's about 30 to 35 of those, and they have liquor, I should say beer off-sale and liquor off-sale and they've expressed interest to joining, as well as night clubs, and as I mentioned, licensed restaurants. We are not offering membership to the McDonald's of the world. It's strictly licensed restaurants that have a liquor and gaming component to them.

Mr. Hart: — Okay. Thank you.

The Chair: — Mr. Yates.

Mr. Yates: — Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I'd like to commend the association for moving forward with this legislation. It has broadened the scope of capacity for the organization to lobby and to act on behalf of, and I think that's a positive step so that all the individual organizations or businesses that actually serve alcohol in the province can be represented by a single organization to bring forward those needs and concerns to the government. I think it's a very positive step forward and should be commended for that. Thank you.

The Chair: — Thank you. Any further questions? Then Bill 302, the preamble, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Preamble agreed to.]

The Chair: — Short title, The Hotels Association of Saskatchewan Amendment Act. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[Clause 1 agreed to.]

[Clauses 2 to 6 inclusive agreed to.]

The Chair: — Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows: The Hotels Association of Saskatchewan Amendment Act. Do I have a member move we report this Bill without amendment? Ms. Morin, thank you. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Thank you very much, Mr. Mullin. Mr. Yates.

Mr. Yates: — Thank you very much, Madam Chair. At this time I'd like to move a number of procedural Bills that we normally do in this committee. I would move:

That the fees respecting Bill No. 301 be remitted less the cost of printing.

The Chair: — All in favour? The fees respecting . . .

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Mr. Yates: — Madam Chair, again I'd like to move:

That the fees respecting Bill No. 302 be remitted less the cost of printing.

The Chair: — Is that agreed for Bill 302?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Mr. Yates: — And, Madam Chair, lastly I would like to move:

That the eighth report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The Chair: — Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Mr. Yates: — I move that this committee now adjourn.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Yates. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

[The committee adjourned at 16:21.]