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Mr. Delbert Kirsch, Chair
Batoche

Ms. Judy Junor, Deputy Chair
Saskatoon Eastview

Mr. Greg Brkich
Arm River-Watrous

Mr. Tim McMillan
Lloydminster

Mr. John Nilson
Regina Lakeview

Ms. Joceline Schriemer
Saskatoon Sutherland

Ms. Nadine Wilson
Saskatchewan Rivers

[The committee met at 09:34.]

Ms. Burianyk: — Good morning, members. I welcome everyone to a meeting of the Standing Committee on Private Bills. I've received a letter of resignation from the Chair, Mr. LeClerc. Therefore it's my duty as Committee Clerk to preside over the election of a new Chair.

I just want to refresh the members on the process. I'll first ask for nominations, and once there are no further nominations, I'll then ask a member to move a motion to have a new committee member preside as Chair. So I will now call for nominations for the position of committee Chair. Ms. Wilson.

Ms. Wilson: — I nominate Delbert Kirsch.

Ms. Burianyk: — Okay. Any more nominations? Okay. Seeing none, Ms. Wilson has nominated Mr. Kirsch to the position of Chair. I will now ask a member to move that motion. Ms. Wilson.

Ms. Wilson: — I so move that Delbert Kirsch be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Ms. Burianyk: — All in favour of the motion? Opposed? I declare the motion carried, and I invite Mr. Kirsch to take the Chair.

The Chair: — Good morning, and welcome to the committee. Our committee members are Mr. Greg Brkich, Mr. Tim McMillan, and Ms. Nadine Wilson. And Mr. Denis Allchurch is substituting in for Ms. Schriemer. And here we have Ms. Judy Junor, and John will be here. We're presuming Mr. Nilson will be here. That's the members of our committee.

And we have the letter of resignation which we will table at this time, and advise the committee that the business before this committee is Bill No. 904, *The Orange Benevolent Society Amendment Act, 2010*.

**Bill No. 904 — *The Orange Benevolent Society
Amendment Act, 2010***

Clause 1

The Chair: — I welcome Mr. Hart, and Mr. Hart is a sponsor of this Bill. And I'd have him introduce the representatives from the Orange Benevolent Society.

Mr. Hart: — Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. It's a bit of a unique experience to be sitting at the witness table, of course, as all the members have sat on either side of the committee table or else as Chair. But this I must say is the first time that I've been sitting here at the witness table.

I'm very pleased this morning to have with me Ms. Janice McBain, the executive director of the Orange Benevolent Society, and Mr. Ken Noble, their solicitor. And these are the people that will answer any questions that the committee members may have.

The Chair: — Thank you, Mr. Hart. Now the procedures are

first we'll have the Law Clerk, Mr. Ring, present his report on the Bill to the committee. Then I'll ask Mr. Hart and Mr. Noble to make comments and answer any questions the committee members may have. And we will proceed to clause-by-clause consideration. Mr. Ring.

Mr. Ring: — Good morning, committee members. 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. 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 very much. You've all received a written copy of my report.

The Chair: — All right. Any comments by Mr. Hart on the Bill?

Mr. Hart: — No, Mr. Chair. I have made my comments in second reading and I would invite any questions from committee members at this time.

The Chair: — Okay. Are there any questions? Ms. Junor.

Ms. Junor: — I would just like for the record to have someone explain the reason for lifting the limit on what assets this society can hold.

Mr. Noble: — I'll try and field that. The history on this application to amend the Act is, quite frankly, that in reviewing the legislation not that long ago, it came to our notice that that \$10,000 provision was in the Act. The assets of the Orange Benevolent Society have exceeded that limit for some time. Therefore we thought it prudent that we should make the application, to make it more contemporaneous with the current situation as far as the OBS [Orange Benevolent Society] is concerned.

Ms. Junor: — So nothing has changed in the operation of the society?

Mr. Noble: — No, not at all. In fact it's operated since 1927 and they've had their 80th anniversary. They've been doing a very good job, so this is more housekeeping than it is a change in any kind of policy or mode of operation.

Ms. Junor: — And has it changed . . . It says, “. . . not be held . . . for a longer period than seven years . . .” So when the limits have been lifted, has the yearly limit been lifted as well?

Mr. Noble: — Yes.

Ms. Junor: — Okay. I think that's all my questions, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

The Chair: — Thank you. Are there any other questions? If not, we'd proceed with the clause 1, short title. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[Clause 1 agreed to.]

[Clauses 2 to 5 inclusive agreed to.]

The Chair: — Preamble, is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[Preamble agreed to.]

The Chair: — Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows: *The Orange Benevolent Society Amendment Act, 2010*. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Could I have a member move the following motion:

That the committee report Bill No. 904, *The Orange Benevolent Society Amendment Act, 2010* without amendments.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Mr. Brkich: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Brkich has so moved. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Also, I'd have a member move that the fees respecting Bill No. 904 be waived. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Mr. McMillan: — I so move.

The Chair: — And Mr. McMillan so moves. I advise the committee that they have a copy of the seventh report. Have a member move the following motion:

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

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Could I have somebody move that motion?

Ms. Wilson: — I so move.

The Chair: — Ms. Wilson moves that motion. If there are no comments, I'd like to thank Mr. Noble and Ms. McBain. If you have any comments other than . . .

Mr. Noble: — I just would just like to, on behalf of the Orange Benevolent Society, thank Mr. Hart for helping us out with this, as well as Mr. Ring and the people in the legislature. Thank you very much.

The Chair: — Thank you. And Mr. Hart has a closing comment.

Mr. Hart: — Mr. Chair, I'd just like to thank the committee members for the expeditious passage of this Bill and thank you all for being here this morning on a Monday morning. And thank you very much.

The Chair: — Being there is no other business, I'd ask the members for a motion of adjournment. Is that agreed?

Mr. Brkich: — I also move that this committee now adjourn.

The Chair: — Mr. Brkich makes the motion. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. The committee now stands adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 09:42.]