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[The committee met at 09:00.]

The Chair: — Hello, committee members, and thank you for joining us today. This is the Standing Committee on Private Bills and I am the Chair, Doug Steele. Today we have with us Ms. Vicki Mowat, Terry Dennis, Joe Hargrave, Hon. Jeremy Harrison, and Greg Ottenbreit. There we go. I just had to check my list here.

We are here gathered today to examine bills from three organizations: Bill No. 903, *The Collège Mathieu Act*; Bill 904, *The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021*; Bill No. 902, *The Mennonite Union Waisenamt Amendment Act* of 2021.

Bill No. 903 — *The Collège Mathieu Act*

Clause 1

The Chair: — The first order of business is consideration of Bill 903, *The Collège Mathieu Act*. First we will table the report from the Law Clerk and have some comments from the sponsoring member or organization, then we'll proceed into clause-by-clause consideration of the bill.

I will table PBC 7-29, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: Report on Bill No. 903, dated April 5, 2022.

Mr. Ring is available if there are any questions on the Law Clerk's report. Any questions? Mr. Ring.

Mr. Ring: — Good morning, committee members. 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 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.

During the process of dealing with Collège Mathieu, I did attend a number of meetings with officials from the Ministry of Advanced Education. J'aimerais dire aussi au M. Kasongo du Collège Mathieu que on est très heureux de recevoir un projet de loi de la collège.

[Translation: I would also like to say to Mr. Kasongo from Collège Mathieu that we are very happy to receive this bill from the college.]

The Chair: — Okay. Continuing on. Introduce yourself if there's any questions. Sir, could you introduce yourself?

Mr. Archambault: — I'm René Archambault, and I'm the chairman of the board of directors of Collège Mathieu.

The Chair: — Thank you. Sir, do you have any comments on the bill?

Mr. Archambault: — Other than to say that we're pleased that the bill is going to go through, it's . . . The bill is meant to de-catholicize, in other words, take away the religious aspect to the institution and make it a secular institution. That's number one.

Number two, we also would like to make changes to the board of directors so that we can have more expertise on the board. And basically those are the two reasons why we asked that the bill be amended and passed through the legislature again. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer if I can.

The Chair: — Are there any questions? Seeing none, if there are no questions, we'll begin clause-by-clause consideration. Okay, clause 1, short title, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[Clause 1 agreed to.]

[Clauses 2 to 20 inclusive agreed to.]

The Chair: — Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows: *The Collège Mathieu Act* . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Okay, preamble, is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[Preamble agreed to.]

The Chair: — Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows: *The Collège Mathieu Act*.

I would ask a member to move the following motion:

That the committee report Bill No. 903, *The Collège Mathieu Act* without amendment.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. I would ask a member to move the following motion:

That the fees respecting Bill No. 903, *The Collège Mathieu Act* be waived.

Mr. Dennis has moved the motion:

That the fees respecting Bill No. 903, *The Collège Mathieu Act* be waived.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Any final comments? Seeing none, the committee will recess shortly to switch organizations. Thank you.

[The committee recessed for a period of time.]

Bill No. 904 — *The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021*

Clause 1

The Chair: — Okay, the next order of business is consideration of Bill No. 904, *The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021*. We will table the report from the Law Clerk and have some comments from the sponsoring member of the organization. Then we will proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of the bill.

[09:15]

I will table PBC 8-29, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: Report on Bill No. 904, dated April 5th, 2022; and PBC 9-29, United Church of Canada: Written submission on Bill No. 904, dated April 5th, 2022.

Mr. Ring is available here. Is there any questions on the Law Clerk's report?

Mr. Ring: — Good morning, committee members. I would like to indicate that Marie Digney, the deputy parliamentary counsel in my office, was of great assistance in bringing this bill together and negotiating with the legal counsel out of Toronto.

For my report I'll indicate that I have examined this private bill and I am 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 on private Acts on similar subjects or that are deserving of special attention.

The Assembly's standard transitional provision was added to the bill, which ensures that all property, assets, and liabilities carry forward on the coming into force of this Act. Thank you very much.

The Chair: — Is there any questions? If there are no questions then we'll begin with clause-by-clause consideration.

Clause 1, is that agreed? Short title, sorry.

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

[Clause 1 agreed to.]

[Clauses 2 to 6 inclusive agreed to.]

[Preamble agreed to.]

The Chair: — All right. Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts the following: *The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021*.

I would ask a member to move the following motion:

That the committee report Bill No. 904, *The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021* without amendment.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. I would ask a member to move the following motion:

That the fees respecting Bill No. 904, *The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021* be waived.

Mr. Dennis: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Dennis has moved:

That the fees respecting Bill No. 904, *The United Church of Canada Amendment Act, 2021* be waived.

Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

Bill No. 902 — *The Mennonite Union Waisenamt Amendment Act, 2021*

The Chair: — We will not recess here but move into the final consideration for the day, Bill No. 902, *The Mennonite Union Waisenamt Amendment Act, 2021*. I will table PBC 10-29, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel: Report on Bill No. 902, dated April 5th, 2022. Mr. Ring is available here if there are any questions on the Law Clerk's report.

Mr. Ring: — I'm going to let Ms. Digney deal with this matter.

Ms. Digney: — Good morning, committee members. The Law Clerk and I have examined this private bill, and we recommend that *The Mennonite Union Waisenamt Amendment Act, 2021* not proceed based on the following reasons: the petitioners require further amendments to the legislation that were not included in the printed bill; and these required amendments are beyond the scope of the bill as printed; and therefore a new bill must be presented.

The events that gave rise to the amendments, which are now required, were beyond the control of the private entities, so we are happy to accommodate these. And pursuant to rule 109, we are recommending suspending the rules respecting this private bill and that a new bill be introduced in the Assembly by April 13th, 2022 and that when the bill is read a second time, it is committed to the Standing Committee on Private Bills. Once the committee reports on the bill to the Assembly, the rules for private bills will apply.

The Chair: — Are there any questions? If not, thank you, Marie. After consideration, this bill should not move forward in its current form. We can discuss possible options during the consideration of the committee report. Would a member move the following motion:

The committee recommends that Bill No. 902, *The Mennonite Union Waisenamt Amendment Act, 2021* not further proceed.

Is that agreed?

Mr. Dennis: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Dennis moves. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. We have a draft report before the committee. Are there any questions? Seeing none, would a member move the following motion:

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

Mr. Dennis: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Dennis has moved:

That the fourth 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. That concludes today's agenda. Would a member move an adjournment motion?

Mr. Ottenbreit: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Ottenbreit. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. The committee stands adjourned to the call of the Chair.

[The committee adjourned at 09:18.]