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**Ms. Ronyk:** — Ladies and gentlemen, we have a quorum so we'll call the meeting to order. And the first thing of course that we have to do is elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair. I will throw the floor open to nominations for Chair.

**Mr. Langford:** — I nominate Lloyd Johnson.

**Ms. Ronyk:** — Any other nominations? Someone move nominations cease.

Mr. Johnson is therefore declared elected as Chair as there were no other nominations. And if Mr. Johnson would then please preside over the election of the Vice-Chair.

**The Chair:** — Okay. We need the nomination for Vice-Chair.

**Mr. Langford:** — I nominate Jack.

**The Chair:** — We have a nomination. Are there any further nominations?

**Ms. Murrell:** — I move nominations cease.

**The Chair:** — The nominations have been moved ceased. Didn't give anybody a chance to put anybody else in there to run. Okay. I declare Jack Goohsen elected as Vice-Chair.

**Ms. Ronyk:** — And who nominated Mr. Goohsen? Mr. Langford?

**The Chair:** — Yes. What's the next item on the agenda?

Okay, I'm going to ask that everybody be brought back up to speed, those of us that have been here before and can't remember what actually occurs and those of us that haven't been here before and need to know.

**Ms. Ronyk:** — Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, I think it may be helpful just to very briefly explain what we're doing here and what it is a part of. This is part of the somewhat complicated process for the passage of private Bills by the Legislative Assembly. Now private Bills are Bills that are not Legislative Assembly initiatives. They're not government policy or government initiatives. They're not opposition initiatives.

What they are, are Bills that private interests out there in the province wish to have passed. And they are Bills that deal with the interests of that particular group or organization. We have charitable organizations and churches and some business-type cooperatives and so on that are incorporated by private Act.

It's becoming rarer now because many corporations and non-charitable organizations choose to incorporate under The Non-Profit Corporations Act. But they still may come to the legislature and ask for a private Act to establish their operations. And as we have many that already are established by private Act, they must come back to the legislature for amendments to those Acts when they want changes. And that is the case with all four of the proposed private Bills for this year. They are amendments to their existing Acts.

What they have to do in order to bring a private piece of business before the Assembly is they have to . . . There are quite complicated rules. These private interests must indicate their intention by advertising in a newspaper in the area affected. They must publish it in the *Gazette*, the *Saskatchewan Gazette*, so that it's officially known what their purpose for coming to the Assembly for a Bill or an amendment is.

They then must find a private member to sponsor their Bill, and the member then is the means by which they can bring their legislation before the House, although it doesn't necessarily mean that that member necessarily or that member's party supports particularly everything that's in that piece of legislation.

Usually they're not particularly controversial because they deal with a particular small group in the province. Some of you will recall that last year the Wheat Pool did come before the Assembly for amendments to its Act, and it's been incorporated by a private Act. And that was quite controversial . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . yes, and the committee held, I think it was about 27 hours of hearings on that Bill.

All that is required at this stage of the Bill . . . this is usually a very brief meeting because what it is, is the rules require that the Clerk report to the committee on whether the petitioners for the Bill have actually followed all the rules with respect to initiating their Bill, and it's initiated by petition. That's the only way outside interests can get their business before the House, is by petition.

And at this point all that has happened is that the petitioners have filed all the required documents. They've filed their petitions. They've filed evidence of the notice that they have advertised those petitions in the newspaper, in the *Gazette*. They have submitted their fee, \$250, to have their Bill considered, and that's to cover the printing and so on.

And they have to have filed on time. They have to have filed by the 20th sitting day, and my report now that you have in front of you, the report is indicating that all of the petitioners have filed their documents and paid their fees and have done their advertising in accordance with the rules. And therefore I am reporting to you and to the Chair that these petitions are found to be in order.

**The Chair:** — Just as a question, do we know who the private member is that is moving each of this?

**Ms. Ronyk:** — Yes, the two Grey Nuns — the first two petitions are St. Paul's Hospital, Grey Nuns, and the Sisters of Charity, Grey Nuns, which is the broader group. Those are both by Mr. Pringle. And the SARM (Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities) one, the sponsor is Mr. Whitmore. And the Luther College one is Doreen Hamilton.

Now what will happen is that once these petitions are reported, once this committee reports to the House today according to the rule, the Bills are then deemed to have been introduced and read a first time. And they will then be distributed this

afternoon.

They go on the order paper then for second reading on the next private members' day. And that will be in two weeks because we may or may not have one next Tuesday. If we sit next Tuesday, it will be on the order paper for Tuesday. And then the sponsors of the Bill have to be there and move second reading in the House.

Once second reading is adopted, they get referred back to this committee again. The actual Bills this time come back. And the committee then has the opportunity to go through the Bills clause by clause. The petitioners will come and their lawyers, if they wish. They will come as witnesses to the committee and they're here to explain the purpose of the Bill — why they need it — answer any questions that you have, and the committee does have the opportunity to make amendments at this point if it was required, if you felt it was necessary. And at that point the sponsors of the Bill come with the petitioners and introduce them to the committee.

And then following the committee's review of the clause by clause, those Bills are reported back to the House. They then go through a Committee of the Whole in the House, and then third reading and Royal Assent. It's quite a long process, but usually is straightforward unless there is problems.

**The Chair:** — So I guess the next items are if there is any questions, I should say, of the Clerk.

**Ms. Ronyk:** — And we'll need a motion to adopt each petition in turn.

**The Chair:** — Okay, if there are no questions related to how the committee runs, then I guess as indicated the next item on the agenda is a motion to move each of the Bills. So will someone . . . is someone prepared to move such a motion for Bill No. 01?

**Mr. Langford:** — I move a motion to adopt 01.

**The Chair:** — We don't need a seconder. Any discussion? All those in favour then please indicate. Opposed? Carried.

So then we will report Bill No. 01. Will someone move a motion for Bill 02, Sister of Charity, Grey Nuns, in the province of Saskatchewan?

**Ms. Murrell:** — I so move, that we adopt Bill 02.

**The Chair:** — Is there any discussion on the Bill or on this motion? Seeing none has come forward, is everyone in favour of this one? Carried unanimously.

The next one is the same thing for petition no. 3. Okay, is someone prepared to move petition no. 3, of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities in the province of Saskatchewan?

**Mr. Goohsen:** — I so move.

**The Chair:** — Any discussion? All those in favour please indicate. It's carried.

And then we have petition 04 of Luther College, Regina, in the province of Saskatchewan. Is someone prepared to move this petition?

**Mr. Ward:** — I will move the petition on 04.

**The Chair:** — Any discussion? All those in favour please indicate? Carried again unanimously.

Okay, we now need a motion that:

Resolved, that petition 01, 02, 03, and 04 be reported to the Assembly.

**Mr. Goohsen:** — I'll move the motion.

**The Chair:** — We've already got one moved, Jack.

**Ms. Draude:** — I so move.

**The Chair:** — Any discussion on the motion? All those in favour please indicate. Carried unanimously.

And that's it. Oh, we need a motion to adjourn, so we can get out of here and get our coffee.

**A Member:** — I'll motion that.

**A Member:** — Okay.

**The Chair:** — Adjourned.

The committee adjourned at 8:41 a.m.