

The Chair: — Okay, we'll call the meeting to order. The person doing the counting doesn't count himself and then you end up without enough members. We've now got enough members to go.

This meeting is called basically to do three things, which are in essence simply one thing — to make sure that the organizations have followed the rules to bring a Bill through, a private Bill, to the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills. And we have . . . I guess this is the motion, isn't it? No, that's not the motion. That's the report, okay.

We need a motion, I guess. We need a motion to accept the report but the report basically says that the three Bills that we have, 301, 302, and 303 have . . . In accordance with all the rules of the Legislative Assembly these three Bills have complied with those rules. The rules being that they've advertised, that they've paid their dues, and they've done all this on time, in more precision.

Okay, and we need three motions to accept, or a motion for each one to accept it. And with that opening remarks, I open the floor for any discussion, questions, and time-consuming issues that you wish to move.

Mr. Whitmore: — I so move Bill 301. And what is the proper wording for the motion for it to continue on the progress trail?

The Chair: — That the petition be accepted.

Mr. Whitmore: — I move:

That the petition be accepted for Bill 301, that concerning the Lutheran Church-Canada, Central District, in the province of Saskatchewan.

The Chair: — Any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Goohsen: — Having been just a minute late — perhaps you've already explained what this change accomplishes for the people?

The Chair: — At this particular time, at this particular meeting, all we are doing is getting it on. That's the questions for the next meeting when there's somebody here that can honestly give you an answer.

Mr. Goohsen: — I see. I respect that very political answer as being a wise thing to do. That's the process and you're right. I have been to these meetings before and my memory is now refreshed and yes, I agree with the process and I think you're doing a fine job.

The Chair: — Okay. I'm told that the correct statement, that the correct statement, rather than somebody being here capable of answering the questions, is that witnesses for the Bill, presenting the Bill, will be here, or someone on their behalf who will be able to answer that.

So any further discussion on the motion? Hearing none, I'll call

for a vote. All those in favour, please indicate. Down. Those opposed? Seeing none, it's carried unanimous then.

Okay, we have then Bill 302. Will someone move Bill 302, or petition 302.

Mr. Ward: — I'll move 302 with the same wording that Grant used in the previous one.

The Chair: — Okay, except that you'll change it . . .

Mr. Ward: — Except that I'll change it to The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and Montreal Trust.

The Chair: — Okay, is there any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all those in favour please indicate. Down. Opposed? It's carried.

We have one more petition, petition 303. Is there someone prepared to move the motion on that?

Ms. Murrell: — I will so move:

That petition 303 of the Toronto Dominion trust company and the Central Guaranty Trust Company be put forth.

The Chair: — Okay, any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all those in favour of the motion please indicate. Down. Opposed? It's carried.

Okay, we have a procedural motion that we have to go through. We need a motion that petitions 301, 302, 303 be reported to the Assembly. Will someone move that?

Mr. Langford: — I will.

The Chair: — You will. Jack will move it. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all those in favour please indicate. Down. Opposed? It's carried. And there's no more items on the agenda, is there?

Okay. I will report these petitions in the legislature this afternoon if I don't create a problem like I did last year, which delayed them one day. I think it was one day. I'm being told that I'm going to get far more intense instructions as to what I'm to do this time.

Okay. And otherwise, until the Chair calls this committee together, we will . . . okay, to meet the . . . to meet time so everyone can be brought up to date and the petitioners can have time to do it, is the meeting for April 30 in the morning acceptable?

Mr. Goohsen: — A Wednesday, so that would be very good, okay.

Mr. Hillson: — And that's when we'll meet with the petitioners?

The Chair: — Yes.

Mr. Hillson: — And that would be 10?

The Chair: — Well that's still, that's . . . I will accept direction from the committee as to what, actually what time, but morning at about that time is what . . .

Mr. Goohsen: — Mr. Chairman.

The Chair: — Yes.

Mr. Goohsen: — I think perhaps maybe we could manage a half-hour earlier than that. It does get into kind of close to the other activities of the morning for our caucus. So while they most of the time probably don't miss me, I like to be there myself. And so if we could up that a little bit, it would be helpful.

The Chair: — Okay, is there any other discussion related to the time for the 30th?

Mr. Whitmore: — I think 9:30 would be acceptable too because, generally, our caucus schedule too.

The Chair: — Okay, if we can get . . . we'll put everything together; then it will be the 30th at 9:30 for the petition . . . to meet with the petitioners and have them explain the Bills.

Okay, very nice of you to come down here. Sorry to exercise it so fast. We can adjourn. I will move adjournment, and have a good day.

The committee adjourned at 10:10 a.m.