

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES**  
**Monday, April 18, 2005**

**MINUTE NO. 2**  
**9:30 a.m. – Room 8**

1. Present: **Speaker Kowalsky in the Chair and Members Bjornerud, Elhard, Hamilton, Morgan\*, Trew and Yates\*.**

Substituting Members

**Mr. Morgan for Mr. Stewart**

**Mr. Yates for Mr. Hagel**

2. The chair reported that the election of Mr. Morgan as deputy chair at the last meeting was invalid as he had substituted for another member and was not a permanent member of the committee.

The chair called for new nominations for deputy chair of the committee. Mr. Morgan nominated Mr. Bjornerud for the position. Mr. Yates nominated Mr. Elhard for the position. Mr Elhard declined the nomination. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Morgan:

That Bob Bjornerud be elected to preside as deputy chair of the Standing Committee on Privileges.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

3. Debate resumed on the motion moved by Mr. Morgan:

That the Committee recommend the following:

1. That Official Opposition Members and staff be allowed to attend all news conferences and technical briefings that are open to members of the news media and that deal with matters to be considered by the Assembly; and
2. That any person or persons who act to prohibit Official Opposition Members and staff from attending any such new conferences or technical briefings shall be considered in contempt of the Assembly;

and on the amendment to the motion moved by Ms. Hamilton:

That Item 1 be replaced with the following:

That the Standing Committee on Privileges recommends technical briefings be made available to all Members of the Legislative Assembly in advance of any media briefings.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud to amend the main motion as follows:

That the words “Official Opposition Members” be amended to “Members of the Legislative Assembly” in both places that they appear in the motion, and

That a new Item 2 be added as follows:

“That technical briefings be made available to all Members of the Legislative Assembly in advance of any media briefings;” and

That “Item 2” in the main motion be re-numbered “Item 3.”

The chair ruled the amendment out of order as there is another amendment under consideration.

The question being put on the amendment moved by Ms. Hamilton, and there being an equality of votes, the chair cast his vote against the amendment and stated his reason to be as follows: that a decision should be taken only by a majority of the committee.

The debate continuing on the main motion moved by Mr. Morgan, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud in amendment thereto:

That the words “Official Opposition Members” be amended to “Members of the Legislative Assembly” in both places that they appear in the motion, and

That a new Item 2 be added as follows:

“That technical briefings be made available to all Members of the Legislative Assembly in advance of any media briefings;” and

That “Item 2” in the main motion be re-numbered “Item 3.”

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment and there being an equality of votes, the chair cast his vote against the amendment and stated his reason to be as follows: that a decision should be taken only by a majority of the committee.

The question being put on the main motion moved by Mr. Morgan, and there being an equality of votes, the chair cast his vote against the motion and stated his reason to be as follows:  
That a decision should be taken only by a majority of the committee.

Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the committee at the pre-determined time of 10:30 a.m.

4. The Committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Gwenn Ronyk  
Committee Clerk

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Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky  
Committee Chair

