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The committee met at 1001 in committee room 1.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Tonia Grannum): Are we ready to start? Honourable members, it is my duty to call upon you to elect a Chair. Are there any nominations?

Mrs. Maria Van Bommel (Lambton–Kent–Middlesex): I would like to nominate Angela—Andrea Horwath. I have a daughter named Angela and a daughter-in-law named Angela. It's a household name. I would like to nominate Andrea Horwath.

The Clerk of the Committee: Are there any further nominations? OK. I declare nominations closed and Ms. Horwath elected as Chair of the standing committee on regulations and private bills.

Mr. Gilles Bisson (Timmins–James Bay): Ask her if she accepts.

The Clerk of the Committee: Do you accept?

Ms. Andrea Horwath (Hamilton East): I accept, with thanks to my nominator.

**SIDOFF'S CLEANERS & TAILORS
LIMITED ACT, 2005**

Consideration of Bill Pr23, An Act to revive Sidoff's Cleaners & Tailors Limited.

The Chair (Ms. Andrea Horwath): I want to call the meeting to order. The next order of business on the agenda is the consideration of Bill Pr23, An Act to revive Sidoff's Cleaners & Tailors Limited. The sponsor of the bill is Mr. Smith.

Interjection.

The Chair: Sorry; the sponsor of the bill is Mr. Craitor. I'm new at this, and I want to thank you for that.

Mr. Bisson: Mr. Smith goes to Queen's Park.

The Chair: Mr. Smith goes to Queen's Park. Right. Surprise, surprise.

The sponsor of the bill is Kim Craitor, and the counsel to the applicant are Peter Roupas, a student-at-law at Simpson Wigle LLP, barristers and solicitors, and Gokcin Nalsok, associate, Simpson Wigle LLP, barristers and solicitors. Welcome.

I believe it's the opportunity now for the sponsor to make any comments that he might want to make on the bill.

Mr. Kim Craitor (Niagara Falls): Bill Pr23 is pretty straightforward, but I'll just give you a brief summary of it.

Sidoff's Cleaners, just for your information, is well known in Niagara Falls, and I personally know the individuals. The bill is necessary due to the fact that the corporation was dissolved under the business act pursuant to articles of dissolution in December 2004. This dissolution was inadvertent, and the applicant would like to revive the corporation in order to deal with some property that was held in the corporation's name at the time of dissolution. Quite simply, they have some property that they need to deal with, but in order to do that, they have to revive the corporation for that sole purpose only.

As you said, Peter and Gokcin are here. If you have any questions for them, they can certainly answer them. Thank you.

The Chair: Thank you very much. Are there any comments or things that the applicants would like to bring to the attention of the committee?

Mr. Peter Roupas: No. Mr. Craitor summarized it pretty well. The only thing he left out is the reason for the dissolution in the first place: They're ready to retire. They're elderly, and they inadvertently didn't deal with the property.

The Chair: OK. That's great. Thank you very much.

Are there any other interested parties in the audience that would like to make any comments?

Seeing none—

Interjection.

The Chair: I'm sorry. Again, you'll have to bear with me: On my agenda, it indicates that I should first ask if there are any comments from the government, so perhaps I should do that, if you don't mind, Mr. Martiniuk. If that's all right, I'd like to do that, and then I'll get to the other members.

Mrs. Van Bommel.

Mrs. Van Bommel: Thank you, Chair. Certainly this has been discussed in three lead ministries. The public guardian and trustee has confirmed that Sidoff's Cleaners and Tailors is in good standing and has no concerns with their corporate revival. The corporations tax branch of

the Ministry of Finance has also reviewed the file and has consented to the application. The Ministry of Government Services confirmed that they have no concerns with this issue. So the government position is that we are not opposed to the revival of this corporation.

Mr. Bisson: I'm just curious: How did this happen? How was that oversight? Was it just an error by the lawyers, or what?

Mr. Roupas: They did it by themselves, originally—

Mr. Bisson: So they have building and property that they need now to liquidate as they close down their business into retirement. That's basically the issue?

Miss Gokcin Nalsok: Yes.

Mr. Bisson: That's fine.

Mr. Gerry Martiniuk (Cambridge): Mr. Roupas, I'm familiar with the degree of LLB; I am not familiar with the degree of LLP. Could you explain that to me?

Mr. Roupas: Actually, it means limited liability partnership, so it's part of the law firm.

Mr. Martiniuk: Thank you.

The Chair: Are there any other comments from committee members? Are the committee members ready to vote on this? All right, then. You have the bill in front of you, I believe, so we'll go section by section.

Shall section 1 carry? Any opposed? That's carried.

Shall section 2 carry? Carried? Any opposed? That's carried.

Shall section 3 carry? That's carried.

Shall the preamble carry? That's carried as well.

Shall the title carry? That's carried.

Shall I report the bill to the House? All right, then. That's been done. The bill will be reported to the House.

I want to thank the sponsor and the applicant for bringing this forward and thank the members of committee for supporting this bill. Thank you for having such an easy go the first time around. I appreciate that and look forward to seeing you again.

I'll adjourn the meeting at this point in time and hope everyone has a great day.

The committee adjourned at 1008.

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