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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS AND PRIVATE BILLS

Wednesday 25 November 2020

*The committee met at 0901 in committee room 1 and by video conference.* 

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): The Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills will now come to order. We have four private bills on the agenda today which we will be considering: Bill Pr20, An Act respecting Hot Docs; Bill Pr31, An Act to revive 1040062 Ontario Inc.; Bill Pr32, An Act to revive Skypride Travel & Tours Ltd.; and finally, Bill Pr33, An Act to revive 704176 Ontario Ltd.

### HOT DOCS ACT (TAX RELIEF), 2020

Consideration of the following bill:

Bill Pr20, An Act respecting Hot Docs.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): I'm going to start with Bill Pr20, An Act respecting Hot Docs. We have MPP Cho. MPP Cho, please introduce yourself and any comments on the bill.

**Mr. Stan Cho:** Thank you very much, Chair. I'm pleased to introduce this bill. I think Hot Docs is a wonderful organization, and if anybody is unfamiliar with the work they do and the services they provide, I encourage them to check them out.

Of course, like many industries, Hot Docs has been hit quite hard by this pandemic, but they were on the cutting edge of technology before COVID-19, using technology to reach a broader audience throughout Ontario.

I am proud to support this motion because this is an organization that has proven that they are adaptive. They have really laid the foundation for a big driver in our economy as we move forward. I'm hoping that this will have the support of the entire committee. I think it's important to look to these organizations and how we can assist them, especially because the time will come soon when COVID-19 is behind us. I really hope that's sooner than later, but it's the time now to lay down that recovery foundation for success.

As I've said before, I think there will be a time when every jurisdiction will be competing for a competitive edge, and so the time to help organizations like Hot Docs is now. I will turn it back to you, Chair, with the sincere hope that every member on this committee will support this motion.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Thank you so much. I see that we have Mr. Brett Hendrie, the executive director ASSEMBLÉE LÉGISLATIVE DE L'ONTARIO

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Mercredi 25 novembre 2020

from Hot Docs. Mr. Hendrie, please introduce yourself and your comments.

**Mr. Brett Hendrie:** Thank you very much. Hello, everyone. My name is Brett Hendrie. I'm the executive director at Hot Docs. Thank you, MPP Cho, for those supportive remarks and thank you to this committee for the opportunity to speak to the Hot Docs tax relief bill.

I'll just spend a quick minute or two to give folks some background on our organization. Hot Docs is a Torontobased charity. Our flagship event, the annual Hot Docs Festival, is a true made-in-Ontario success story. The festival is now the largest event of its kind in North America and one of the largest film festivals anywhere, annually welcoming close to 250,000 attendees. The festival has become a major tourism draw, with nearly 20% of our audience coming from out of market, and also a major media event, with over 500 accredited journalists covering the festival from around the globe.

As we've grown the festival, we've also grown Hot Docs's programs that generate support for the documentary film production sector, which is quite significant in Ontario. The Hot Docs Forum, our annual business-tobusiness market event, attracts to Toronto the world's top funders for films, including representatives from Netflix, HBO, CNN, the BBC, PBS, ARTE and hundreds of others. These more than 400 international documentary buyers provide substantial foreign investment into Ontario's production sector, and we're proud of Hot Docs's role in being a catalyst for the deals that happen at our events.

Year-round, we're proud to operate the immensely popular Docs for Schools program, which brings free documentary programming and educational lesson plans to high schools all across Ontario. Last year, over 120,000 students and educators participated everywhere from Thunder Bay to Windsor to Kingston to Ottawa. The program has been celebrated for providing free programming to communities to help students build empathy and media literacy in an ever-complex and changing world.

Approximately eight years ago, Hot Docs opened what is now the Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema in downtown Toronto. The cinema has become a major success story, providing large audiences 365 days a year, receiving international attention for its innovative model of programming. Our year-round events, like the Hot Docs Podcast Festival and Curious Minds, have provided a major cultural anchor for the neighbourhood, in turn driving tourism and amplifying opportunities for local business and creating new revenue opportunities for local producers.

A recent third-party study found that Hot Docs has a regional economic impact of over \$54 million a year, supporting over 650 jobs, many of those directly related to tourism, retail and other local businesses. The international TV, film and trade magazine Variety recently noted that the growth and reach of Hot Docs has been one of the most impressive cultural success stories from the past quarter century. We're proud of these achievements that have supported Ontario's cultural, tourism and retail sectors.

This bill would alleviate approximately \$70,000 a year in expenses for the charity—critical savings which would allow Hot Docs to further invest in new programs and services that support the industry, expand programming and improve our ability to invest in strategies to attract out-of-market visitors. Hot Docs has discussed this bill with our local city councillor, Mike Layton, with Mayor Tory and his office and with councillors from all across the city of Toronto. They all overwhelmingly support this bill, and to that effect, Toronto city council officially passed a motion endorsing this plan and requesting this provincial legislation, as they understand Hot Docs's important role in the cultural and economic development of the city.

As MPP Cho mentioned, Hot Docs has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Both lockdowns have forced Hot Docs to close its cinema and cancel its physical festival. As a result of these challenges, Hot Docs successfully moved the majority of its programming online. In spite of these challenges, we are extremely well-positioned to thrive on the other side of the pandemic, as the vast majority of our audiences, filmmakers, industry and students we serve have maintained their participation with the organization through our virtual programs.

We opened the doors to our cinema eight years ago, the first-ever movie theatre dedicated to documentary films. Years later and with millions of patrons through the doors, the cinema's success is clearly manifest and has become a model that is being mirrored internationally. We're proud to help showcase Ontario and Toronto as a beacon for innovative cultural events and destinations. Passing this bill will allow Hot Docs to invest more in the marquee programs that draw out-of-market visitors and the industry support programs that support local producers and attract investment and sales to the Ontario marketplace. These efforts directly benefit not only filmmakers, but Ontario's economy as a whole.

This legislation will also allow us to better serve Ontario's diverse communities by offering more free programming to students, seniors, families, Indigenous organizations, newcomers and community partners. Committee members, it's for these reasons that I request your support in passing the Hot Docs tax relief bill. Hot Docs looks forward to its continued work with the government of Ontario to help those in the industry flourish. Thank you.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Mr. Hendrie, thank you so much for the comments. At this point, I'll ask MPPs

if anyone from either side would like to ask a question, starting with the opposition. The screen is frozen, so if you can send a text to our Clerk.

MPP West, please unmute yourself.

Mr. Jamie West: Thank you, Chair. I appreciate the difficulties with the frozen screen.

I just want to speak in favour of this. My only question I had was answered during Mr. Hendrie's deputation. It was about item number 6, that there was a concentrated effort on behalf of Hot Docs to work with the city of Toronto to exempt their property tax. I just wondered what the feedback was. He had mentioned that there was a motion endorsing that plan that they passed at city council. I know how difficult it is for the film industry and the theatre industry during COVID. I would echo MPP Cho's comments and Mr. Hendrie's comments as well. I just want to speak in favour of the bill. I think it's an excellent idea.

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The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Mr. Hendrie, any comments?

**Mr. Brett Hendrie:** No. Thank you very much for that support, MPP West. This is definitely a challenging time, but I will underscore that the city council has been incredibly receptive and has endorsed this motion overwhelmingly at council. They're a big believer in Hot Docs and our role in the economy and the cultural sector.

**The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand):** Thank you so much. At this point, I look to the members of the government. Would anyone from the government's side like to ask okay. Seeing none, at this point—

**Mrs. Gila Martow:** Chair, I had my hand up and so did MPP French.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Okay. We're having some technical difficulties. There's no movement, and the screen is frozen. I would request each one of you to send a text or raised hand in Zoom, and our Clerk would be able to flag that and I would be able to call on that person.

MPP French, sorry about that. Go ahead, please.

**Ms. Jennifer K. French:** Mr. Hendrie, thank you for your presentation. I'm not a regular member on this committee, so I appreciate hearing from folks like yourself about the realities and also the hopeful opportunities.

But my question is actually for the Clerks. Am I subbed in to vote, or am I just here today to introduce a private bill? I'm just wondering what my participation is allowed to be. I'd be glad to vote in favour, but rein me in if need be.

The Clerk pro tem (Ms. Thushitha Kobikrishna): As of right now, you are not subbed in, so you're just sitting as a member, not of committee.

**Ms. Jennifer K. French:** Okay. Well, I support you in theory, then.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): MPP Martow.

**Mrs. Gila Martow:** Hi. Obviously, I want to support this very, very much. I just have a couple of sentences to read from my sister Judy Gladstone, who was executive director at BravoFACT. I don't know if Brett remembers when she was there. She says, "Hot Docs has grown. It's North America's most important documentary festival and the world's second-most important documentary festival. They were one of the first important"—I'm not sure what she meant by that—"festivals that needed to pivot and present a virtual edition in the spring of 2020. They did a brilliant job. The festival traditionally draws hundreds of delegates from around the world to Toronto."

So she was very excited to hear that we were discussing Hot Docs this morning, and of course, we want to support you in any way we can.

**Mr. Brett Hendrie:** Thank you, MPP Martow. That's really appreciated. Judy Gladstone has been a tremendous participant at Hot Docs and understands, certainly, the economic benefits of attracting international buyers to Toronto, which she certainly supported as well, which is appreciated. Thank you.

Mrs. Gila Martow: Thank you.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Thank you, MPP Martow.

Mr. Hendrie, it looks like you have a lot more fans here than I thought. MPP Chris Glover, please.

**Mr. Chris Glover:** Actually, I do have a question for you, Clerk, but before I do that, I just want to also endorse this bill. I'm very supportive. I'm a big fan of Hot Docs. I live not too far away, and I'm a regular patron. I've got friends who are volunteers there, and I've got a lot of friends in the film industry who showcase their work there. It's actually very important, the work that you're doing, and I'm glad that we're able to provide a little bit more support to your business, to the Hot Docs Festival.

My question to you, Clerk, is the same as Jennifer French's: Am I officially subbed in? Am I allowed to vote for this, or am I just allowed to give moral support?

The Clerk pro tem (Ms. Thushitha Kobikrishna): As of right now, you're not of committee, so you do not have the ability to vote.

Mr. Chris Glover: Well, I provide my moral support. Mr. Brett Hendrie: Thank you, MPP Glover. That's appreciated.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Thank you, MPP Glover.

Now, we actually have another member in the committee right now. I would like to welcome MPP Vincent Ke. Good morning, MPP Ke. Please confirm that you are MPP Ke and you are in Ontario. Thank you, sir.

**Mr. Vincent Ke:** Hi, Chair. Yes, I'm MPP Vincent Ke. I'm in the province of Ontario. Thank you.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Thank you so much. MPP Ke, we are actually debating Bill Pr20, An Act respecting Hot Docs.

At this time, if there are no more comments, this is going to be a little bit of a challenge because we can't really see you. I'm going to ask the question, "Are members ready to vote?" and I'll wait for maybe 10, 15 seconds. If your answer is no, please send a message.

Interjections.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Okay, yes. That's probably why we have written this down, I guess. It says, "Only read if you have video problems," and yes, we do.

If, during the voting process, we have technical difficulties and we lose video of a member, then we will conduct the vote through a roll call process. I will be asking, "Are the members ready to vote?" The Clerk will call out each voting member's name and you can reply "aye" for a vote in favour, "nay" for a vote against, or "abstain" if you would like to abstain from voting on this matter. We are asking you to actually say "abstain" so that we can know for sure that the reason you haven't answered isn't because of the technical difficulties, but that is your actual answer.

For this purpose, we have MPP Martow, MPP West, MPP Cho, MPP Pang and MPP Ke.

Interjection.

**The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand):** Okay. My apologies. MPP Fee can also vote. She's here as a member.

Okay. Let's jump in. At this time, are the members ready to vote?

Interjections.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): To keep it simple and efficient, what we're going to do is we're going to bundle up section 1 up to section 10. At any point of time, if any of you have any concerns, please feel free to raise those with our Clerk, Thushitha, and we'll be happy to have a debate on it. If not, then we can go.

At this time, I'll ask all the members: Shall section 1 to section 10, as bundled, be carried? All those in favour?

Mr. Jamie West: Aye.

The Clerk pro tem (Ms. Thushitha Kobikrishna): Sorry, I'm just going to ask that as I call your name, you're just going to tell me whether you're voting aye or nay.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): MPP West, do you have any questions, sir?

Mr. Jamie West: No, I thought I was voting. I apologize, Chair.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Okay. I can imagine. It was until midnight yesterday, and today is your birthday, so we have to be respectful for both. 0920

Looking at the roll call, everybody said "aye," but I'm

still going to ask for anyone opposing to just say "nay." If not, then I declare the motion carried.

Next, shall the preamble be carried? Shall the title be carried? Shall the bill be carried?

Interjection.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Each one of them? You can't bundle them? Okay.

Shall the preamble carry? All those in favour? Seeing that everybody said "aye," there is no one to oppose, so I declare the preamble carried.

At this time, I'll ask the members: Shall the title carry? All those in favour? I declare the title carried.

Now I'm going to be asking the members respectfully: Shall the bill be carried? All those in favour? I declare the bill carried.

At this time, I will respectfully ask the members: Shall I report the bill to the House? At this time, I declare that Bill Pr20, An Act respecting Hot Docs, is carried and I will be reporting it to the House.

Thank you, Mr. Hendrie. We appreciated your presence here.

Mr. Brett Hendrie: Thank you, committee members.

Mr. Stan Cho: Congratulations, Brett. Way to go.

Mr. Brett Hendrie: Thank you very much. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Mr. Stan Cho: Thank you.

**Mr. Brett Hendrie:** May I sign out? Okay. Thank you again, everyone. It's deeply appreciated. Bye-bye.

Mrs. Gila Martow: Take care.

#### 1040062 ONTARIO INCORPORATED ACT, 2020

Consideration of the following bill:

Bill Pr31, An Act to revive 1040062 Ontario Incorporated.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): The next bill we have on the agenda is Bill Pr31, An Act to revive 1040062 Ontario Incorporated. I believe and I understand from our Clerk, Thushitha, that MPP West will be speaking on it. So MPP West, please go ahead with your name and then your comments, sir.

**Mr. Jamie West:** Thank you, Chair. MPP Gélinas is at another committee meeting and asked me to move this on her behalf, and so I'm happy to move Bill Pr31, An Act to revive 1040062 Ontario Incorporated.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Thank you so much. I do understand that we do have the applicant, John Ashley, on the line as well. Good morning, Mr. Ashley. Welcome to the committee. Please state your name and your comments about the bill.

**Mr. John Ashley:** John Ashley. Good morning, committee Chair and committee members. I appear before you today to request special legislation to revive 1040062 Ontario Inc. The corporation was dissolved in error in the wrong year, being 2019. The articles of dissolution were to be certified in early 2020.

I received the letter of consent to dissolve the corporation from the Ministry of Finance in early 2019. I then called the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services to see how long it would take to have the articles of dissolution certified, and they told me six to eight weeks, but what they didn't tell me was that the certified date is the day they receive it in the mail. I sent it out December 23, 2019, and the certified date was December 27, which is four days too early.

This revival is for tax purposes, for the distribution of final dividends to the shareholders of 1040062 Ontario Inc. in the year 2020.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Thank you so much, Mr. Ashley.

At this point I'd like to ask the members from the government side if you would like to ask any questions. Please send a text to our Clerk, Thushitha, and she'll be able to call the name. Seeing none, I'd like to ask members if they are ready to vote. If you're ready to vote, just say "yes," I guess.

Interjections: Yes.

**The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand):** Perfect. Thank you. Alrighty. I do see there are three sections to the bill, so again, we will be doing the same thing. If there is anything else, please feel free to object now.

I will request to the members, shall sections 1 to 3, as a bundle, be carried? Please vote through our Clerk, Thushitha.

Interjections.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): At this time I actually see MPP John Fraser is attending in person.

Mr. John Fraser: Good morning. It is me, behind a mask.

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The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Okay. It is MPP Fraser with a mask. MPP Fraser, welcome to the committee.

Mr. John Fraser: Thank you.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): I don't need to ask if you're in Ontario.

Mr. John Fraser: No. I think I'm here.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Alrighty. Okay. Thank you so much.

At this point, we've gone through sections 1 to 3, and I declare sections 1 to 3 carried.

Next is the preamble. I'll ask the members, respectfully: Shall the preamble be carried? Please state your vote through our Clerk, Thushitha. Thank you so much. I declare the preamble carried.

Now we're moving on to the title. At this time, I'll ask the honourable members: Shall the title be carried? Please state your vote through our Clerk, Thushitha. Thank you so much. I declare the title carried.

At this time, I'll ask the honourable members: Shall the bill be carried? Please state your vote through our Clerk, Thushitha. Thank you so much. I declare the bill carried.

At this time, I'll ask members: Shall I report the bill to the House? Please state your vote through our Clerk, Thushitha. Thank you so much. Thank you for that. I declare the bill carried and I will be reporting it to the House. Thank you so much for your help, and thank you, Mr. Ashley, for your presentation.

#### SKYPRIDE TRAVEL & TOURS LTD. ACT, 2020

Consideration of the following bill:

Bill Pr32, An Act to revive Skypride Travel & Tours Ltd.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): At this moment we will be moving on to Bill Pr32, An Act to revive Skypride Travel & Tours Ltd. We have MPP Jennifer French here as a sponsor. MPP French, please go ahead, starting with your name and your comments, please.

**Ms. Jennifer K. French:** I'm Jennifer French, the MPP for Oshawa, and I am pleased to join the committee this morning and move Bill Pr32, An Act to revive Skypride Travel & Tours Ltd. I will be very glad for folks to have the applicant introduce themselves and tell you a bit about this private bill.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Thank you so much. Do we have—

Ms. Jennifer K. French: I believe he's on the phone.

The Clerk pro tem (Ms. Thushitha Kobikrishna): He's on the phone, yes.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Oh, he's on the phone? Okay.

Mr. Sakthivel Suppiah: Yes. I am Sakthivel.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Okay. Mr. Suppiah, please start with your name for Hansard and your comments, sir.

**Mr. Sakthivel Suppiah:** Sakthivel Suppiah. This is a revival of Skypride Travel and Tours Ltd.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Would you like to add something to the comments, sir, about the bill?

**Mr. Sakthivel Suppiah:** Yes. I'm reviving it in order to pay some taxes that are in arrears: the HST and GST. That is the main objective.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Thank you so much.

At this time, I'll ask the members on the government side if they have any comments or any questions. Seeing none, I will go back to the rest of the members, if any of the other members would like to comment before we proceed with the vote.

Mr. Jamie West: I have none, Chair.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Okay. Perfect. Thanks so much.

At this time, I do see we have three sections in the bill. With your permission, I'm going to clump them together. If there is any objection, do let me know.

Shall section 1 to section 3 be carried? Please state your vote through our Clerk, Thushitha. Perfect. Thanks so much. I declare sections 1 to 3 carried.

At this time, I'll ask the members: Shall the preamble be carried? Please state your vote through the Clerk. Thank you so much. I declare the preamble carried.

At this time, I'll ask the honourable members: Shall the title be carried? Please state your vote through our Clerk, Thushitha. Thank you so much. I declare the title carried.

At this time, I'll respectfully ask the members: Shall the bill be carried? Please state your vote through our Clerk, Thushitha. Thank you so much. I declare the bill carried.

At this time, I'll respectfully ask all the members: Shall I report the bill to the House? Please state your vote through our Clerk, Thushitha. Thank you so much. With that, I declare the bill is carried and I will be reporting it to the House.

At this time, I will say thank you to MPP Jennifer French and Mr. Suppiah for attending the committee. Thank you so much for your presence.

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#### 704176 ONTARIO LIMITED ACT, 2020

Consideration of the following bill:

Bill Pr33, An Act to revive 704176 Ontario Limited.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): We're moving over to Bill Pr33, An Act to revive 704176 Ontario Limited. I see that MPP Chris Glover is present, so MPP Glover, please state your name for Hansard and go ahead with your comments. Thank you, sir.

Interjection.

Ms. Amy Fee: MPP Glover, you're muted.

**Mr. Chris Glover:** Sorry. I was also trying to read from the other screen.

I'm Chris Glover. I'm the MPP for Spadina–Fort York. It's my pleasure to introduce Bill Pr33, An Act to revive 704176 Ontario Limited.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Thank you so much, MPP Glover. Do we have Dara Azari, solicitor, on the call? Yes? Dara, can you please state your name and your comments about the bill—what are you trying to achieve through it? Thank you so much.

**Mr. Dara Azari:** Sure. My name is Dara Azari. I'm solicitor for the corporation. I'm here today on behalf of the applicant.

As a brief background, 704176 Ontario Ltd. was incorporated in 1987 to hold legal title to a rental property. The corporation was dissolved in 1995 for failure to comply with the Corporations Tax Act.

As a nominee, the corporation never had any income. The beneficial owners of the property have paid and continue to pay all property and income taxes with respect to the property. It's my understanding that the corporation simply fell off the radar of the applicant due to its inactivity, and now the applicant needs to revive the corporation to sell the property.

That's a brief background. I would be happy to answer any questions you have.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): We appreciate it. Thank you so much.

At this time, I'll ask the members from the government side if they would like to ask any questions or comment. Please send a message to our Clerk, Thushitha, so that we can unmute you.

Mrs. Gila Martow: MPP Martow here. Can I ask a question or do I have to—

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Absolutely, MPP Martow. Go ahead, please.

Mrs. Gila Martow: I just wanted to ask Mr. Azari what property the corporation holds.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Mr. Azari, can you please answer that?

**Mr. Dara Azari:** Yes. Thanks for the question. It's a rental property in Toronto. I believe the address is—

Mrs. Gila Martow: That's okay.

Mr. Dara Azari: It's an apartment building rental property.

**Mrs. Gila Martow:** Okay. And are there any taxes of any kind owing on the property or anything that we should know about?

**Mr. Dara Azari:** No, not that I know of. As far as I know, they're up to date on their taxes.

Mrs. Gila Martow: Great. Thank you.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Next is MPP West. MPP West, go ahead, please. Mr. Jamie West: Thank you, Chair. MPP Martow actually asked the question I was going to ask.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): Alright. Thank you so much.

MPP Fraser, would you like to ask anything, sir?

Mr. John Fraser: No.

The Chair (Mr. Deepak Anand): No? All good? Okay.

Seeing that there are no more questions, I will respectfully bundle sections 1 to 3, unless there is an objection.

At this time, I'll ask all the members: Shall sections 1 to 3 be carried? Please state your vote through our Clerk, Thushitha. Thank you so much. I declare sections 1 to 3 carried.

At this time, I will ask the members respectfully: Shall the preamble be carried? Please state your vote through our Clerk, Thushitha. Perfect. Thank you so much. I declare the preamble carried.

Now, moving over to the title, I'll respectfully ask the members: Shall the title be carried? Please state your vote through our Clerk, Thushitha. Thank you so much. I declare the title carried.

At this time, I'll ask the members: Shall the bill be carried? Please state your vote through our Clerk, Thushitha. Beautiful. Thank you so much. I declare the bill carried.

At this time, I will be asking the members: Shall I report the bill to the House? Please state your vote through our Clerk, Thushitha. Thank you so much. With that, I declare that the bill is carried and I will be reporting the bill to the House.

At this time, there is no further business. I want to say thank you so much to each one of you for your patience, especially because of the issues with Zoom. But again, we have shown that through technology, we can still continue working as usual. Thank you for that patience and thank you for that co-operation.

There being no further business, I declare that this committee now stands adjourned.

The committee adjourned at 0947.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS AND PRIVATE BILLS

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