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**Thursday, January 8, 2004**

**SUBJECT(S) BEFORE THE COMMITTEE:**

Organizational meeting to discuss work plan for two items referred to Committee (Motion No. 24 re Retail Sale of Tobacco Products & Bill No. 28 - *An Act to Amend the Holland College Act*)

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Wayne Collins, Chair  
Richard Brown replacing Carolyn Bertram  
Hon. Robert Ghiz  
Wilbur MacDonald  
Hon. Elmer MacFadyen  
Dr. David McKenna

**ABSENT:** Hon. Kevin MacAdam  
Beth MacKenzie

**STAFF:** Marian Johnston, Committee Clerk

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**Thursday, January 8, 2004**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Tape No. 1**

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Good morning everybody. For those who aren't aware, my name is Wayne Collins, the member for Winsloe-West Royalty and my honour to chair the committee on Social Development. I want to take this opportunity to welcome all the committee members to our meeting this morning and a warm welcome as well to everyone in the public gallery, members of the media. We trust everyone had themselves a very enjoyable holiday period and now here in the new year we're all ready to buckle down and go to work on the matters at hand that face the Social Development Committee.

I do want to advise all committee members and others present that the member for Charlottetown-Rochford Square is replacing the member today from Crapaud-Hazelgrove and also the Honourable Minister of Agriculture is unable to be with us today and he has sent his regrets. So I think that gets us all basically up to speed on who all is here and present and I would like to welcome everyone here and we look forward to a very productive time and of course I've been neglectful here to mention our Clerk of Committees, Ms. Johnston and we look forward to her able assistance as we make our way through what may be a rather busy agenda for this committee.

I would at this time, if possible, ask all members if they could look over the draft agenda here and is we could have any motion to approve this draft agenda as it stands or if there are any changes to the agenda that any members would like to offer up. But before we do that . . . . should we do that first before the audio system? Okay, any changes to the draft agenda or any motion to accept it as it stands? Yes, minister, pardon me, the member for Charlottetown-Rochford Square.

**Richard Brown(L):** I'd like to add two items to the agenda. I think that we should be discussing the Proportional Representation Report done by the Honourable Justice Minister.

**Hon. Elmer MacFadyen(PC):** It's not referred to the committee, honourable member.

**Richard Brown(L):** The Premier said on the news or something that it's referred. So what committee is going to do it then?

**Hon. Elmer MacFadyen(PC):** That will be determined by the House.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Excuse me, if I could intervene for a moment here and maybe it's at this juncture that we could talk a little bit about the audio system because there are some changes that have been made to the audio system from the last time that honourable members have appeared at committees and I would call upon the Clerk of Committees first. Before we do that it might be helpful for the discussion and the orderly discussion of whatever the member wants to bring up if we understood the audio system so that everything that we want to get on the record does get on the record. So Ms. Johnston, if you would please.

**Marian Johnston(Committee Clerk):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is a new audio system. This is its maiden voyage today and we're hoping that we have absolutely no technical problems and I'm sure we won't. But just so that you're aware, there's no need to touch your microphones. It's just like the system in the House. You don't touch them. They're turned on over here by this gentleman when you are recognized by the Chair. And so you have to have the chair's recognition, then your mike will be turned on and then you can speak. And it's as simple as that. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** So having said that I will go back again to the member for Charlottetown-Rochford Square, pardon me, Charlottetown-Kings Square, I do apologize.

**Richard Brown(L):** According to Rule 8(1) Standing Committees, page 33 of the Rule Book, Committees shall be severally empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things that may be referred to them by the House; and in addition, Committees may, by majority decision of their membership may meet to examine and inquire into such matters and things

as the Committee deems appropriate. So we can take a motion and I'll move that that be added, the review of the Commission Report on Proportional Representation be reviewed.

**Hon. Elmer MacFadyen(PC):** Mr. Chair?

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Yes, the Honourable Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs.

**Hon. Elmer MacFadyen(PC):** Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I would not be supporting such a suggestion. I guess, not that I disagree with dealing with the issue, but I believe that the information that is on the agenda, on the items that we are dealing with, deals with two specific issues. One being the motion relating to retail sale of tobacco products in pharmacies and the second issue that we're dealing with is *An Act to Amend the Holland College Act*, where we're talking about applied degrees. If we in turn take suggestions from members of the committee to deal with items we could be dealing with a lot of items. The issue in regards to proportional representation has not been referred to the House, to the committee from the House and I believe that the report that has been tabled has not been tabled in the Legislature. Carruthers has released the report and there was a statement said by the Premier but I feel that the direction that the committee should be dealing with are the two issues that are referred to it.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Further discussion on the motion which we do have here and there are no seconders required for motions in committees, as I've become aware, is there any further discussion on the motion that the member for Charlottetown-Kings Square has brought forward?

**Richard Brown(L):** I guess I'll just end the debate with the rules are quite specific in the rule book. We can look at items that we deem are necessary. This is an agenda setting committee. We have a couple of months ahead of us and I think, especially now that the Electoral Boundaries Commission has been established and Justice Carruthers had quite a bit of concerns about the formation or the electoral boundaries as it stands right now in the Act. I think that this committee should be discussing that. It should be on the queue for discussion.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Member for Belfast-

Pownal Bay.

**Wilbur MacDonald(PC):** Mr. Chairman, I think the honourable member's remarks are okay too but at the same time it is the general procedure that such documents as Mr. Carruthers has given to government should be tabled in the Legislature, discussed in the Legislature and let the Legislature decide what committee, where it goes or what happens. I prefer to wait until that happened and then I do have a question.

**Richard Brown(L):** (Indistinct)

**Wilbur MacDonald(PC):** I know your rule is right there. I have a question for the Chairman. Did you say that in the committees all motions do not have to be seconded?

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** That is correct.

**Wilbur MacDonald(PC):** When did this come into being? I've been around here a long time. I never heard tell of that before.

**Marian Johnston(Committee Clerk):** That's in the rule book.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Yes, it is in the rule book, I'm assured by the Clerk of Committees.

**Wilbur MacDonald(PC):** I'll not argue with the chair or the clerk.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** We have a motion on the floor and would anyone like to have that motion read to the committee? Ms. Johnston, if you would.

**Marian Johnston(Committee Clerk):** The motion is to add to the agenda the review of the report of Justice Carruthers on proportional representation.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Those in favour of the motion say aye?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Contrary say nay.

**Committee Members:** Nay.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** The nays have it.

Motion defeated.

**Richard Brown(L):** Mr. Chairman, I have another item for the agenda if I may.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Yes, member for Charlottetown-Kings Square.

**Richard Brown(L):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again Rule 8(1) allows the committee to study things that it deems necessary. I also think we should be studying the, we should be looking in light of the grant degrees or the Holland College Act amendments, that we should be looking all of post-secondary education in terms of funding. And I would move, Mr. Chairman, that this committee do an intensive review on the adequacy of and the necessity of post-secondary funding in Prince Edward Island.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** All right, would the member care to elaborate further on that motion or should we open it up for further discussion?

**Richard Brown(L):** The Holland College Act is a significant piece of legislation. We should be seeing in context of how much this is going to cost government or going to cost Islanders in terms of this legislation. But if we're going to look at Holland College granting it we should also be looking at the funding of all post-secondary education facilities in Prince Edward Island and see how best we can structure that funding to make it the best for the students of Prince Edward and the cheapest for the students of Prince Edward Island and in light of that Bill we should be studying in a broader context total funding in this area.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Further discussion? Yes, Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs.

**Hon. Elmer MacFadyen(PC):** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I certainly don't want to be seen as challenging the member from Charlottetown-Kings Square on every issue that he brings forward but Budget Cabinet does have the authority in regards to the allocation of funding to various departments and the funding that goes with education in the province falls under the minister of education and I believe that it would be wrong for this committee to look at funding at this stage in regards to dealing with the specific issue and I would refer back to my previous comment where we are

dealing with two specific issues which is the retail sale of tobacco products and *An Act to Amend the Holland College Act*. And the purpose of the *Act to Amend the Holland College Act* is looking at Holland College in regards to applied degrees and I would not be able to support a motion dealing with funding to post-secondary education and universities. I believe that is covered through the Department of Education and is part of the process with Budget Cabinet.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Further discussion on this motion? Member for Glen Stewart-Bellevue Cove.

**Dr. David McKenna(PC):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree with the Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs. I think that would be a very arduous task for the committee to look at right now because that is presently going on with Budget Cabinet as he says and with the Department. I think we want to look at the task at hand, you know, strictly the financing of the Holland College, whether we could even afford the program, something we haven't even looked at yet. So I think we look at the business plan first and go from there and do that task first and maybe later on we can look at the other process down the road. But for now this is enough to start the committee in my opinion.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Member for Belfast-Pownal Bay.

**Wilbur MacDonald(PC):** I think that what we should do is go ahead with the two motions, No. 4 and 5. We don't know where *An Act to Amend the Holland College Act* in our discussions is going to take us. So if you would hold your motion until we get those things discussed and see where it takes us. Right at this point we don't know how far we're going to get into *The Holland College Act* or so on. So why don't we do that and see how we get along and then we can move further on if we have the time. I presume that we have to report back to the Legislature in the spring and that will be here before we know it. Let's get these two things discussed and see if we can get a resolution on both of them and refer it back to the House and if we have time we can discuss other things. But I think our mandate is clear to us as Motion No. 24 and Motion No. 19. Why don't we go ahead and get them done with rather than be trying to put too much on our table and end up not getting either

one of them done?

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

**Hon. Robert Ghiz(L):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the Honourable Member from Charlottetown-Kings Square raises a good point and that is we're just not here to discuss issues that are referred to us by the Legislature but we're here to discuss issues that are important to Islanders in general and for that reason that's why we're allowed to add different issues to the agenda and, you know, the Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs raises the point, well, this is what the Legislature referred to us but at the same time we have to be dealing with issues that are important to Islanders right now and I believe that this issue is very important to Islanders right now, along with the other issue and I don't think . . . I respect the member from Belfast-Pownal Bay that, yes this in fact might come up at some point. So I don't view it as a negative just by approving that this could be something that we could look at into the future. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Concluding discussion the member for Charlottetown-Kings Square.

**Richard Brown(L):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With all due respect to the Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs, parliaments and legislatures appropriate the money for government. We can talk about Budget Cabinet. Budget Cabinet puts a plan together but it is the legislature that appropriates the money to government to run government. So therefore I'd like to correct that. I think it's very important that we discuss it. A lot of items with UPEI and Holland College are being discussed currently with this Act and a number of other things that are occurring and I think that it's appropriate that this committee look at it right away, put it on its agenda and discuss it because I think it's an important issue for Islanders. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Further discussion, Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs.

**Hon. Elmer MacFadyen(PC):** I stand to be corrected but I believe the issue in regards to the authority in regards to the spending of money does in fact come through the budget process. It is

approved, each budget, and voted on the floor of the House but the allocation of money is really what's allocated through the authority of the Legislature. There was debate on the issue whether the Legislative Assembly had the authority to overrule Budget Cabinet and I believe that the decision was that Budget Cabinet had the final say in regards to what money was allocated for various departments.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** We have a motion on the floor for the committee to consider and I will ask the Clerk of Committees to read back that motion please.

**Marian Johnston(Committee Clerk):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The motion reads, "Be it resolved that this committee do an intensive review of the adequacy of post-secondary education funding in this province".

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** That is the motion. Those in favour say aye.

**Committee Members:** Aye, aye.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Those contrary say nay.

**Committee Members:** Nay.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** The nays have it. The motion is defeated. Now, we have been talking here and I believe this began when we were trying to see if we could get a motion to adopt the draft agenda as it currently stands and we have had a couple of motions trying to amend that draft agenda. We have a motion from the member for Belfast-Pownal Bay to approve the draft agenda.

**Wilbur MacDonald(PC):** I guess I have to wait until my light comes on, do I? I so move.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** So moved by the member. Those in favour say aye.

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Hon. Elmer MacFadyen(PC):** Mr. Chairman?

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Question from the Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs.

**Hon. Elmer MacFadyen(PC):** Could the Clerk Assistant explain what it means by tutorial regarding new audio system?

**Marian Johnston(Committee Clerk):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We've had the tutorial. It is just the explanation of how the system was going to work.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** And we thought that, actually I suppose it should have gone first, but you're right. We changed it around a bit so that we could assure the good orderly operation of our committee. So we have a motion and I believe we started the vote, those in favour of adopting the agenda as it is say aye.

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Contrary nay. The ayes have it. Draft agenda is there. Now, down to the actual discussion of our business plan relating to Motion No. 24 and as you can see from that motion we're looking at the retail sale of tobacco products very broadly. We're trying to solicit the views of Prince Edward Island residents regarding the sale of those tobacco products. And I would like to open up the floor for discussion and think it might be quite appropriate if we could begin the discussion with the member who certainly got this ball rolling here, Charlottetown-Kings Square.

**Richard Brown(L):** Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I felt in the debate during *The Pharmacy Act* amendments in the Legislature that it was important that we look at or we ban, my opinion is we ban the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies. We've seen and studies have indicated a number of pharmacies across this country are not selling tobacco products. I think that this motion was put forward by the Premier and by the Minister of Health and I look forward to the discussions on it and the presentations by anyone. I would think that we would go to advertising on it and invite people in to make presentations to it.

But before that is done, Mr. Chairman I think that any documentation or any studies that have been done by the Department of Health with regards to this should be tabled before this committee and we should have as much documentation as possible before the discussions start, before anybody makes a presentation. It was on the radio one

day, the Pharmacy Association of Prince Edward Island, indicated that they did make a presentation or they did request government to ban this in years gone by and I was quite interested by the person's comments and I'd like to see what they did present to government and when they did present and their arguments for or against it.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** May I just interject here and ask the committee's feelings about the idea of inviting someone from government to actually come here prior to all the submissions being received and to update us on the factual lay of the land, if you will, regarding the current sale of tobacco products on Prince Edward Island? Would that be agreeable to committee members?

**Richard Brown(L):** Excellent idea.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Belfast-Pownal Bay member.

**Wilbur MacDonald(PC):** I think that's a good idea and what we should do first is get all the information we can before we go public and the motion also says that we should hold public hearings across the province so I think that's very important too, that we go to the different areas of the province, and get all the information that we can before we start. Whether that comes from government or maybe . . . I guess that's probably the first place to go to, is to get all the information from government.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** It might be appropriate at this juncture if we could pass out the draft advertisement that the Clerk of Committees has put together and this is a draft of the advertisement that would be placed into the various Island newspapers and the proposed dates are on page 2 and the different publications are also listed there. But perhaps if I could give you a moment or two to just read over this draft advertisement and perhaps you have comments or questions relating to it afterward.

**Hon. Robert Ghiz(L):** I have a question.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Yes, Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

**Hon. Robert Ghiz(L):** Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, I notice it says and I think the member from Belfast-Pownal Bay raised it, that we'll travel

across the province with hearings. I take it what we'll probably do is wait to hear if there's organizations across the province that want to appear before us and then we'll accommodate them by then going to those places. Because I think it would be a bit of a waste of perhaps time and resources if we just kind of showed up in Tignish and then nobody showed up.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** It has been suggested as well that following the receipt of all the people wanting to submit and the date I believe here is January 30<sup>th</sup>, well again there may be some late entries to that over the weekend and whatever, maybe we could get together the following Thursday as a suggestion from the chair because Thursday apparently is supposedly a pretty good day, Monday being constituent day, Tuesday being Cabinet day. But the following Thursday after the 30<sup>th</sup> of January to review . . .

**Hon. Robert Ghiz(L):** Those things you were just talking about, Mr. Chairman, we have no idea what you're talking about. But every day is good for us, Mr. Chairman. I'd just like to make that noted that the Opposition is open. Every day is a constituency day.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Okay, so we'll determine that date but sometime after the 30<sup>th</sup> to review as you mentioned, Leader of the Opposition, the submissions and then discover whether or not it would appropriate to go to Prince Country, Kings County, where, what parts, etc. Yes, Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs .

**Hon. Elmer MacFadyen(PC):** I guess I concur with the idea of knowing who wants to do a presentation before we schedule meetings. But I also would hope that the Legislative Assembly could obtain some information from the Pharmaceutical Association in regards to the number of pharmacies that presently handle tobacco sale in their pharmacies. Because some pharmacies have different, they have changed the practice in regards to not selling it and I for one am not aware of what ones are or what ones are not.

**Hon. Robert Ghiz(L):** I think a briefing from the Department of Health would answer those questions that the wise Honourable Chairman raised earlier. That would be the purpose of your briefing, would it not?

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Yes, it would be to get the factual lay of the land for that. But I also would remind committee members that this resolution talks about the retail sale of tobacco products. It doesn't necessarily restrict our discussions or our considerations or those of Islanders to strictly pharmacies. There are a lot of other issues out there that I've come to discover in recent weeks that people have concerns about in terms of the display of tobacco products even in corner stores. So there's a whole lot of other issues that could come to light here so let's not restrict our thinking only to pharmacies as well.

Do we have a motion or could I encourage a motion? Yes, Leader of the Opposition, go head.

**Hon. Robert Ghiz(L):** Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and I believe you raised the point earlier but just for the record I would also like to thank the member from Charlottetown-Kings Square for raising this in the legislature because I believe it is an important issue and I know that the motion here is signed by the Premier and the Minister of Health, which I respect, but at the same time I would just like to be on the record as thanking the member from Charlottetown-Kings Square for raising this important issue.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Thank you very much, Leader of the Opposition, and that's why I deemed it appropriate that we should begin our discussions here today with that member. I am still encouraging a motion for the acceptance of these advertisements.

**Richard Brown(L):** So moved, Mr. Chairman.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** So moved by the member for Charlottetown-Kings Square. All those in favour of moving ahead with the advertisement in the paper as the tentative schedule is there please say aye. Yes, a question?

**Hon. Robert Ghiz(L):** I notice that we're going to be advertising (dans la voix acadienne (*indistinct*) en français) in La Voix Acadienne (*indistinct*) in French.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** (Oui) Yes,

**Hon. Robert Ghiz(L):** ( Merci beaucoup) Thank you very much.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** They will be in French and English. All those in favour say aye?

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Contrary nay? Ayes have it. So Clerk of Committees . . . yes, member for Glen Stewart-Bellevue Cove.

**Dr. David McKenna(PC):** In addition to that I wonder if we should send a separate letter to the Pharmacy Association just to inform them that's happening. I mean just in case they don't pick it up in the paper. I think the idea of the whole thing came from *The Pharmacy Act*. I think we should send a letter to the Chairman of the Association or whatever, the President of the Association.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Without a formal motion is that agreeable to committee members?

**Committee Members:** Yes, yes.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** All right. So be it. We have discussed, committee members, the idea and I think I sense agreement around the table that there should be someone within government who's got a pretty good handle on the issue of the factual lay of the land in terms of tobacco usage on Prince Edward Island. We can make efforts through the Clerk of Committees to discover who that person is and invite that person to come and present this information to us. The question I would pose to the committee is what would be an appropriate date to do that and I can say right now that we don't have to wait until January 30<sup>th</sup> or the deadline. This can be done whenever this person is available and whenever committee members are available. Could we set a date on that? Yes, member for Belfast-Pownal Bay?

**Wilbur MacDonald(PC):** Mr. Chairman, can we do it in a week's time?

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Sounds good to me. That would be the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. Is that agreeable to committee members?

**Hon. Robert Ghiz(L):** Excellent.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Same time, same place. Very well. Thank you very much. I appreciate your cooperation on this matter. Yes,

member for Glen Stewart.

**Dr. David McKenna(PC):** Mr. Chairman I thought you may also want to enquire from the Smoke Free Alliance. They might have all kinds of information that you might be able to provide, would you think. They're not strictly government perse. They're individuals in the community and they have done presentations in the past to the Queens Region Health Board and other groups around the province so they may have a lot of information.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** I believe that they may be making a presentation. As a matter of fact they did contact me and I've discussed it. Yes, they're going to. Very interested in being part of it. Does the committee want to see those people next week? Would you like to see these people next week or wait until the submissions are in?

**Wilbur MacDonald(PC):** Mr. Chairman?

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Yes.

**Wilbur MacDonald(PC):** We have to get used to these microphones here. We always just went back and forth with no . . . but anyway, Mr. Chairman, why don't we next week, when we meet with the government, that should only take an hour, and meet with the Smoke Free and get started on it. Let's not waste too much time. When we have a meeting we might as well have a two hour meeting.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

## **Tape No. 2**

**Honourable Robert Ghiz (L):** Just for the record, I am in favour of banning it in the pharmacies, as of right now. But that's why we're having these committees so we can hear from them but I believe that what we're looking for next week is kind of an independent, unbiased sort of view of the whole issue. But before we go into hearing both sides of the story, and I believe that the Smoke Free Alliance will be one that will be very biased towards one way in particular so if we want to basically have the time to allow our brains to absorb all the information we're going to hear next week so that we can go in with all this unbiased information, maybe we should have a little break

but it makes no difference to me.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Well you know I feel very much the same way. I'm not allowed to express opinions but I would have to agree with the member, the Leader of the Opposition. There was some consideration given by the Chair to having some kind of an information package available here for members but on sober second reflection, I decided very much as the member said, that really the information coming from that source that has a very strong stated bias on this issue cannot be considered to be neutral, factual homework. But I would suspect that having someone within government with that factual lay of the land would be appropriate and helpful to the committee members.

So on the 15<sup>th</sup>, then we would restrict our submission to that government representative, is that fair? Alright, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Is there any further business that we need to arrange regarding Motion No. 24? I would offer that out. I think we sort of got the basics covered. Our advertisement will be headed to the papers in both official languages. Our first factual meeting is set up for January 15<sup>th</sup>, our background meeting. Perhaps we should agree on a meeting time following the 30<sup>th</sup> of January to look over the submissions that have been presented and make decisions on whether or not we should be having meetings in all three counties or more. I mean, anyone wish to offer suggestion on a date following the 30<sup>th</sup>?

**Dr. David McKenna (PC):** We would get a package of all the submissions right after that or we just wait till they submit to us, what's the protocol there?

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** The Clerk of Committees, could you explain that to us?

**Marian Johnston (Committee Clerk):** Yes, you'll get a package of submissions if they come in, in written form. What I'm expecting is that we will have a number of people who wish to come in and make an oral presentation and will bring support material with them. So you would receive that at the meeting. I expect you will not have an awful lot by the end of January.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** And something

else to be noted as well that even though there may not be a whole lot of submissions, say from any particular county or area of the province, the presence of the committee there in that area may prompt people to come forward on a very impromptu basis. You know, they don't necessarily have to have this all pre-arranged. If they wake up in the morning and they feel the committee's in town and they have something to say, then maybe they can just show up and we could be accommodating to them. I don't believe we have to have prior notice, do we, Clerk of Committees?

**Marian Johnston (Committee Clerk):** We normally have to have prior notice, Mr. Chair. We have been directed to travel.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Right, we normally, you've heard that, give prior notice but we have been directed to travel, so yes, could we, February the 5<sup>th</sup>, again a Thursday morning.

**Honourable Robert Ghiz (L):** . . . directed to travel though, under the premise that there is someone to go listen to.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** One would assume, yes.

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** Mr. Chairman.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Well, yes, member for Belfast-Pownal Bay?

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** I remember one time we all went to O'Leary and we had a five-minute presentation so I think it's pretty important to have somebody there if we're going to travel. It doesn't look very good if everybody—whatever committee it is and nobody show up, you know.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Well perhaps this is something we could discuss even further on that meeting following the deadline for submissions.

**Honourable Elmer MacFadyen:** I would suggest that we make—to hear who wants to present to the committee and at that point, determine what plan of action the committee is going to take.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Very well, point well taken. February 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. be a good time to review our submissions? Could we

have a motion on that if anyone finds that agreeable, we could discuss it?

**Marian Johnston (Committee Clerk):** (Indistinct)

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Yes, the Clerk has made a good suggestion here because if we, moving along further when we discuss the Motion No. 19, and our business plan for that, the deadline will be the 6<sup>th</sup> of February for submissions, could be, could be the 6<sup>th</sup> of February depending on the will of the committee for the Holland College submissions. So the idea then being that if we were to meet in the following week, sometime from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>, then we could, as they say, two birds with one stone.

So again, we will be looking at that period. How about Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of February?

**Honourable Elmer MacFadyen:** Not good for me.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Not good for the Honourable Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs. The 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday?

**Honourable Elmer MacFadyen:** Treasury Board.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Treasury Board.

**Honourable Elmer MacFadyen:** (Indistinct).

**Honourable Robert Ghiz (L):** If these cabinet committees weren't in place, we'd have more time for these committees to meet. I'd just like to raise that point. Government—we survived the last 120 years without these cabinet committees and I think the province probably ran maybe a little bit better but anyway, that's something (Indistinct) and I'll end right there.

**Honourable Elmer MacFadyen:** (Indistinct).

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Alright, the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, agreeable, Thursday morning, 10:00 o'clock. Alright.

**Honourable Members:** Agreeable.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Alright, so be it.

Now we can move on, I believe, yes, the member for Glen Stewart-Bellevue Cove.

**Dr. David McKenna (PC):** Basically, just in case we're doing two things that day, I wonder should we start a little earlier that morning? Like 8:00, I have no problem starting an hour earlier or half. .

**Marian Johnston (Committee Clerk):** That meeting will just be (Indistinct).

**Dr. David McKenna (PC):** Oh, yeah, I just want to get—I'm keen to work (Indistinct). . .

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** What is the will of the committee on that?

**Honourable Members:** 10:00 o'clock.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** 10:00 o'clock, it is. Alright, very well. So now we move on to the other part of our agenda today and it is discussion of a business plan relating to Motion 19, referencing Bill No. 28, *An Act to Amend the Holland College Act*. Is there, we also have I believe, a draft ad for this that's now being distributed. If you'd like to take a moment to scan that ad. See if there's any changes you feel are necessary.

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** Mr. Chairman. . .

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Member for Belfast-Pownal Bay?

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** I just wondering if we should in the ad mention anything about the purpose of reviewing the Act is to give Holland College the opportunity to, what do they call that degree?

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Applied.

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** Applies degrees, should that be mentioned in the. . .?

**Honourable Elmer MacFadyen:** It's in the bill.

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** It's in the bill but I don't know. . .

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** The bill doesn't say very much in terms of people getting an

understanding of what an applied degree is. All it says is subsection 12(1) to offer applied degree programs as approved by the Minister under the regulations.

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** Under the, Mr. Chairman again, under the referral, does that mean we can review the whole Act? Or do we go to the legislation as it was tabled in the Legislature? The referral says, be it resolved that *An Act to Amend the Holland College Act* be referred to the Standing Committee on Social Development. And then when you go to Bill No. 28, the particular, I guess the particular part where applied degrees is what we're really looking at, I guess. And if that's the case, then the draft ad indicates that we're going to do the whole Act, I would think if we're just going to concentrate on applied degrees that it maybe should be in the draft, in the ad in the paper.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** The member for . . .

**Dr. David McKenna (PC):** Bill No. 28 really only applies to the applied degree part, isn't it? That's all the bill is talking about.

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** Yeah, but the referral says the *Holland College Act*.

**Dr. David McKenna (PC):** (Indistinct Comments) I have a copy of the Act, it says here, the first line.

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** Motion No. 19 says, be it resolved that the Bill, *An Act to Amend the Holland College Act* be referred to the Standing Committee on Social Development for its consideration and report during the spring 2004 sitting.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** But this is *An Act to Amend the Holland College Act*, not the *Holland College Act*, but jut the act that amends it to allow for applied degrees.

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** Well I guess what I'm saying is, if we don't qualify it in the paper, we could have people coming before us trying to change the whole act or something?

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Could we put a suggestion there maybe by putting another phrase

in that opening sentence, to consider Bill No. 28, *An Act to Amend the Holland College Act*, which would provide for the, which will provide the college the ability to grant applied degrees?

(Indistinct Comments)

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Would that be fine? I think we necessarily require a motion on that, but oh, by the way, we do have the committee's agreement, okay, that's fine, alright, okay. So with that change to the draft of the advertisement, let's talk a little bit about, I think we've discovered that we're going to be looking at both submissions, submissions for both items that the committee's been asked to deal with on February 12<sup>th</sup>, was it? Yes, the deadline is the 6<sup>th</sup> of February and the 12<sup>th</sup>, we'll be sitting down to review them and to continue with our business plan.

Any other items that we should be looking at?

**Marian Johnston (Committee Clerk):** Do you want (Indistinct). . . ?

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Oh yes, this is a good—in the same way that we have laid out a factual background or plan to, for the other previous matter on tobacco sales. What is the committee's feeling on having someone or persons from Holland College come to the committee prior to the deadline of the 6<sup>th</sup> of February and explain to the committee in detail and answer the committee's questions regarding applied degrees?

**Richard Brown (L):** Do it on the same date, is that. . . ?

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Member for Charlottetown-Kings Square?

**Richard Brown (L):** Mr. Chairman, thank you very much. This is a government bill, introduced by the government. I would assume that it has gone through the Legislative Review Committee because it is a government bill, approved by the executive. I would hope that we'd get all the documentation that has been presented to cabinet or to the legislative committee that saw this bill come to the floor, cabinet committee, that saw this bill come to the floor, be presented to this committee also because we shouldn't have two.

This committee has been empowered by the Legislature to review this act. It's a government bill so it should have been already reviewed by cabinet or the Legislative Review Committee and we should have the same documentation as that committee had. So I think that should be presented to this committee also.

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** Mr. Chairman?

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Yes, member for Belfast-Pownal Bay?

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** I was wondering if maybe the minister or the deputy minister come forward with all the information that they have and get us the background information. We have to have it neutral in a sense. We don't want somebody coming before us and say, you know, from government this is what we're going to do and all that. Because it's referred to us to make some decision and report back. So maybe somebody from government, whether that's the minister, the deputy minister with all the information and present it to us. It saves a lot of time and gives us a lot more information.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs?

**Honourable Elmer MacFadyen:** I believe that the people that are proposing to government to amend the act to be able to grant more degrees should do a presentation to the committee. They should outline and answer any questions that the committee members may have in relation to what they're putting forward. I don't have any problem with the—I think that as far as the Legislative Review Committee, they would have had a written proposal. They would have asked the legal counsel to draft a bill and it would have been what was tabled in the House but I believe that the Holland College people that are promoting the bill should, in fact, come before the committee to give their particulars in regards to why they're asking for it.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Further discussion? Member of Charlottetown-Kings Square.

**Richard Brown (L):** Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I agree 100 per cent with the minister and I think when we go to advertising for

submissions on this bill. Like the public should have access to that information that has--presented to government in order for them to make their presentation. If we're going to advertise, have submissions, in order to have the people that are coming here to say, you know, like the honourable member across from me said, we don't want them coming in for every bill or everything in the *Holland College Act*. If somebody calls up and says. Okay, I'm interested in Bill 28, what is the documentation government has so I can make a better presentation to, in my opinion, to the committee. And I think all information should be made available to the public in order for the public to make a proper presentation. Then they can come to this committee and say, okay, your background information said this and said this and said this. I disagree or I agree, instead of them just coming and saying, make a great presentation, spend a lot of time putting a presentation together and we're sitting here as a committee and say, oh you're wrong. This is right and that's right.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** May I pose a question? May I pose a question and I don't have the answer to it? I really don't. But is the documentation that will be presented to Legislative Review Committee, a quasi cabinet document? Does it come with certain privileges attached to it that it is confidential at that stage. It's because it comes there as a legislative proposal and it gets refined and it gets back and altered and amended and one thing and another before it finally gets approval for printing.

I am wondering, this is sort of like working documents, if you will, and at that stage of the game, I don't know. Are these documents privileged documents of cabinet? And I don't know if anyone, any of our committee members can answer that. I mean, if they are, then obviously it presents a problem in terms of putting that documentation on the table. Remember, pardon me, the Leader of the Opposition?

**Honourable Robert Ghiz (L):** Yeah, but then at the same time, if anyone here on this committee sat on that Legislative Cabinet Review Committee, how could they be sitting on this committee at the same time and be independent?

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** You raise an interesting question.

**Honourable Robert Ghiz (L):** This is why this cabinet committee is pretty much a farce, but anyway.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Alright, do we have then any kind of a motion forward here? We began by talking about the documentation. The Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs spoke about bringing in the representatives of Holland College. Which shall we deal with first? The member for Charlottetown-Kings Square?

**Richard Brown (L):** Mr. Chairman, I will move that all documentation pertaining to this act that has been presented to government be made public in order for the public to understand why this act is being—has been proposed by government and is now being reviewed by the committee. That gives the public a greater understanding to what the implications of these changes are and I think we would have much better presentations in terms of that.

Let's take, example, environmental assessments that are done. Governments or some independent body does environmental assessments. First, they make those documentation available to the public, and then they go to public hearings, like you did with your energy stuff. There was some documentation put forward before, you know, on energy, winds and windmill, having all this power. And then the public has a greater understanding what the purpose of the bill is and we're not wasting the public's time by presenting cases and coming here with a totally different presentation to that was intended in the first place.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** The member for Belfast-Pownal Bay?

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** I think most of that information could be obtained from the Department of Education because the minister made the proposal so I think if you go to the Department of Education, you'd get that information.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** No, but I think what the motion addresses is the materials that were presented to the Legislative Review Committee, is that correct?

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** No, he's asking for government, whatever, and I think you would get it from the Department of Education and I would

think that the Clerk could get that for us.

**Richard Brown (L):** The background.

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** The background, I agree. They need the background information.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Yes, Leader of the Opposition?

**Honourable Robert Ghiz (L):** I'm going to have to ask for a ruling on an issue here. And first, I'll ask you a question, are you a member of the Legislative Cabinet Review Committee?

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** I am.

**Honourable Robert Ghiz (L):** I view it as somewhat perhaps there might be somewhat of a, I'm not sure, I'll be careful here because I'm not sure if I can use the word 'conflict' or just perhaps there should be something here that isn't exactly the way it should be working when in fact, you're privy to the confidential documents that come into government with regards to legislation that we're reviewing in this committee. And in fact, then you being chair of this committee, having knowledge of the government documents that are private, therefore your independence might be questioned on some of these matters here.

So I would ask perhaps the Clerk to review that. I mean, I'm sure this must have been done in the past so there must be a document that says that because it's quite obvious that there could be some instances here where your independence would be questioned.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** I know, we do have a, pardon me—I will take that under advisement, Leader of the Opposition, but we do have a motion on the floor, I believe, and that was in the form of a motion from the member for Charlottetown-Kings Square and I believe again, you were--just to reiterate, you want the documents that were placed before Legislative Review Committee to be placed before this committee, is that correct?

**Richard Brown (L):** Yes.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** That's the jest of your motion?

**Richard Brown (L):** Yes, Mr. Chairman, and to be made available.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Okay, the Honourable Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs?

**Honourable Elmer MacFadyen:** I would like to comment to the comment that the Leader of the Opposition has made in regards to perceived conflict. I guess having served on the Legislative Review Committee myself in the capacity as chair, the information that comes before the committee is the legislative proposal that outlines the reasons as to why the bill is being put forward. That's why I suggested that possibly it would be better to have Holland College people who presented the information to Legislative Review, to present to the committee and inform the public that they're doing a presentation to outline the details of why they feel applied degrees should be granted by the university. That way, the public has the option to have the information available the same as what was given to Executive Council.

I don't believe in my term of serving on the Legislative Review Committee that any information came to the committee that was not—that would be of a confidential nature that wouldn't be necessarily available by having the same presenter present the same documents at the committee. The only thing that happens is that they do put forward, the department puts forward a request that comes in from Holland College in regards to an outline of the legislative proposal and then they would send it onto legal counsel to draft the bill and then the bill would come back to Legislative Review and Legislative Review would review the material and determine whether the bill goes to print or not. And then the bill would come back to Legislative Review to review the bill.

There's nothing secretive in regards to the document but I agree with the comment earlier that because it is a committee of cabinet that the documents that go there may not be available to be circulated to the committee. But the same purpose could be obtained by having Holland College staff present the same information to the committee as was presented to the same committee.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** The Honourable Leader of the Opposition?

**Honourable Robert Ghiz (L):** I'm willing to bet 100 per cent that Holland College is going to want to make a presentation on this anyway and they're going to be considered one of the bias groups with regards to this and that's why we're looking for someone from government to come in and give us both sides of the story because you would presume before legislation was brought forward in the House that government bureaucrats would have been—they would know what the consequences will be for UPEI, what the consequences will be for Holland College and then they would come to make some sort of a decision based on neutrality. And I believe that that's why we want someone here from government to come in. Holland College will come in and make their presentation. So I'm just looking for someone from government to come in and give us what the positives are and the negatives for both Holland College and UPEI and the general public and students.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** The Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs?

**Honourable Elmer MacFadyen:** Thank You, Mr. Chair. I do believe that the Department of Education would be obligated to come to present to the committee when we're dealing with a bill that deals with the education system within the province but I also believe that Holland College who have a vested interest in regards to changing the legislation to be able to grant applied degrees would also be a presenter to this committee.

**Honourable Robert Ghiz (L):** Exactly, but the point we're trying to make is we'd rather education come in here first, give us the full background so that we can think about it and then we'll hear from Holland College.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Alright now, pardon my interruption but neither member here is addressing the actual motion that has been presented specifically by the member for Charlottetown-Kings Square and that motion is that the documentation presented to Legislative Review Committee be presented to this committee as well. Do we have further discussion on this motion? The member for Belfast-Pownal Bay?

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** Mr. Chairman, maybe the motion—to my mind, the motion is not quite right. I think the motion should be that government

present to this committee all documentation that's available to government and I imagine it comes from the Department of Education and present that to us and whatever, you know, I presume it would be unbiased or whatever and then we could discuss that.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** The member for Charlottetown-Kings Square, is that the way you interpret your motion as well?

**Richard Brown (L):** Yes, Mr. Chairman.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** So you're not, I'm incorrect then, you're not specifically asking for the documents that were presented to Legislative Review Committee to be presented to this committee. You are asking that the government present whatever documents it has related to this proposal?

**Richard Brown (L):** First of all, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I want to thank you because you've set up a good process here that—I've been on committees before where we'd come in and the public was making presentation. We had no documentation beforehand. You've set a good precedent here where you say, look, let's get some background information first before we go to the public. I think that's a great idea and with that idea, I think that we should be given the presentation, I guess, by the Minister of Education that why this bill was put to the floor and why this bill is going public and at that time, the Minister of Education should give the same presentation that was given to the committee or to cabinet to put this bill together in the first place. And if that includes the minister's documentation, then that should be tabled at that time. Like I agree with your process here.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** So given the amount of discussion we've had on this issue at this point, I would ask and prevail upon the Clerk of Committees to—if she could fashion what she interprets this motion to be and see if it's agreeable to the member for Charlottetown-Kings Square.

**Marian Johnston (Committee Clerk):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman, well perhaps I won't be able to read back the exact motion, but my understanding is and I'll ask the committee members for clarification, you would like the Clerk to invite the

minister and/or the deputy minister of Education to appear before this committee with all documentation relating to the legislative proposal which will be filed with the committee and available to the public prior to the public making their presentations.

**Richard Brown (L):** That's a correct interpretation because the more the public's informed about what the proposed legislation is about, the better the presentations, the better this committee can do its job in that.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Further discussion on this motion as reiterated by the Clerk of Committees? All those in favour of the motion, say aye? Contrary nay. Motion passed.

Member for Glen Stewart-Bellevue Cove?

**Dr. David McKenna (PC):** In addition to that, I think it would be prudent that we send a separate letter to the University of Prince Edward Island president informing him that we're having these hearings so that he can probably be—in case he doesn't read this in the papers as well—just to get—because they're the only degree granting institution in the province at this time. So I think it's good to have a separate letter for them as well.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Agreed? Agreed. Now one moment, are we okay on our schedule? I would think, we're going to do both on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Alright, now the good point the Clerk makes to me is that on the 12<sup>th</sup>, when we're going to be examining the business plan, for both of the issues we're going to be facing that we would invite the minister to join us on the 12<sup>th</sup> or prior to, the 12<sup>th</sup> of February? That would be a Thursday.

**Marian Johnston (Committee Clerk):**  
(Indistinct)

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** What about January 15<sup>th</sup>?

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** January 15<sup>th</sup>?

**Wilbur MacDonald (PC):** We only have the one presentation on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Who do we have? We're going to have--on the tobacco thing—that would only take an hour, wouldn't it? Why don't we have the preliminary for both motions?

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Of course, we can

request the minister or deputy and/or deputy minister to do that but then again, they have their schedule is also—you know, alright, as a request for the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Honourable Robert Ghiz (L):** But if the minister can't make it, include a deputy or director in charge. . . we're just looking for background information.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Very well, very well, it shall be done then. The invitations will be issued. Member for Charlottetown-Kings Square?

**Richard Brown (L):** Again, I maybe repeating myself but I think it's an excellent idea to meet with the departments before we meet with the public and that this committee then issue a like a—here's the background information to this, what we're studying and anybody that wants to make a presentation can go to the Clerk and pick it up. I think it's an excellent idea.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Yeah, it could even be posted on the web site, I'm assured.

**Richard Brown (L):** Yeah, I think it's great, Mr. Chairman, because I've been around this block once before.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** So just to review here now and regarding the dates. Has anyone got their pocket calendars handy here? It would be so we're all functioning from the same page. Would the Clerk of Committees review for us our commitments for the near future on both of these points in terms of the dates? It's going to take the Clerk a moment to get all this together. [Inaudible Comments] Yes, but it doesn't hurt to make sure that there's no misunderstandings here as we leave this chamber or this room today. That's right.

**Honourable Elmer MacFadyen:** Is it safe to say our meetings will be held on Thursdays?

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** It certainly looks that way. It certainly looks that way, minister.

**Honourable Robert Ghiz (L):** It's safe to say that the Opposition is open to any day.

**Wayne Collins (PC) (Chair):** Yes, and that's been noted here as well today. We certainly find

that most agreeable. The Clerk of Committees, could you please update us and I would ask you for your attention here, please, and if there's anything amiss here, please let us know. Clerk of Committees?

### **Tape No. 3**

**Marian Johnston(Committee Clerk):** Just to summarize what we've done today, committee members, we're going to be submitting a series of advertisements to the papers and we have a series of meetings lined up and this is what we've got on our agenda. On Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 o'clock we'll be getting background information from experts on both issues. I will issue those invitations and I'll start with the minister and deputy minister and I will have to find out the name of the person regarding the tobacco sales but I will hunt that down and invite that person here.

On Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup> you'll see the first of the ads appear in the Guardian and the Journal Pioneer in English only in those papers. On Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup> you'll see the second ad on the retail sales repeated in the Guardian and the Journal Pioneer. On Wednesday of that week, that's January 21<sup>st</sup>, it will appear in the Eastern Graphic and the West Prince Graphic in English and La Voix in French. On the 24<sup>th</sup> we will have that ad on Holland College, the legislation regarding Holland College in the Guardian and in the Journal Pioneer. That will be repeated on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>. On the following Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> it will appear in the Graphics and La Voix in French again.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> we have decided that's our deadline for public submissions on the tobacco issue. Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, that's the next Friday, we've decided that's our deadline for the Holland College submissions. We're going to meet again as a committee to discuss the results of those ads on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February and I expect that the following week we will meet again to hear the first of the public submissions on both issues.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Member for Charlottetown-Kings Square.

**Richard Brown(L):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In light of the budget restraints and the requests to save money, is there any way that these ads could be combined together and put out as one ad

saying the Standing Committee is going to meet on this issue and this issue? Would it be cheaper or is it mandatory that we have to have separate ads on separate days?

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** I don't know if it's mandatory or not but you're talking about combining the ads for both together.

**Richard Brown(L):** Yes.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** There's a danger of confusing people too, that we're overloading, oh yes, that this is about that and this ad and that date and whatever. But if the Clerk would like to elaborate on that please?

**Richard Brown(L):** Just interested in saving some money.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Yes, because this has been done in the past.

**Hon. Robert Ghiz(L):** The Legislature is different though from (Indistinct)

**Marian Johnston(Committee Clerk):** However, ever mindful of the committee's desire to save money, this is a restricted ad campaign and is about a thousand dollars less than what a committee has done in the past so indeed we are saving money.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Member for Belfast-Pownal Bay.

**Wilbur MacDonald(PC):** Madam Clerk, you didn't mention January 15<sup>th</sup> in your summarizing.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** I believe we did.

**Marian Johnston(Committee Clerk):** Yes, we've got January 15<sup>th</sup>, that's when we'll have the background experts in for both.

**Wilbur MacDonald(PC):** 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**Marian Johnston(Committee Clerk):** Yes.

**Wilbur MacDonald(PC):** Okay. So we just have the two dates, January 15<sup>th</sup> and February 12<sup>th</sup> right now.

**Marian Johnston(Committee Clerk):** That's right. At the moment that's correct, yes. But I will, of course, be sending out all the information to you.

**Wilbur MacDonald(PC):** Okay.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Is there any further business any members would like to bring forward? The chair will entertain a motion then to adjourn the committee's work today.

**Dr. David McKenna(PC):** So moved.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** So moved by the member for Glen Stewart-Bellevue Cove. All in favour say aye.

**Committee Members:** Aye.

**Wayne Collins(PC) Chair:** Contrary nay. Ayes have it. Meeting adjourned.