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**COMITÉ PERMANENT DES
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Lundi 14 février 2022

The committee met at 0900 in room 151 and by video conference.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Good morning. The Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills will now come to order.

We have the following members in the room—I don't see anyone yet—and the following members participating remotely: MPP Coe, MPP Pang, MPP Smith, MPP West and MPP Sandhu.

We are also joined by staff from—

Interjection.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Did I miss anyone?

Mr. Dave Smith: Chair, because there is more than one Smith, I believe that I need to be identified as MPP Smith, Peterborough–Kawartha.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Thank you.

We are joined by staff from legislative research, Hansard, and broadcast and recording.

Please speak slowly and clearly, and wait until I recognize you before starting to speak. Since it could take a little time for your audio and video to come up after I recognize you, please take a brief pause before beginning. As always, all comments should go through the Chair.

We are meeting today, pursuant to standing order 121, for the purpose of considering a motion under the standing order. Pursuant to standing order 121, 30 minutes shall be allotted to debate this motion, at the end of which time the Chair shall put the question. I propose to allot 12 and a half minutes to the government members, 12 and a half minutes to the official opposition, and five minutes to the independent members for debate of this motion. Are there any questions before we begin?

I see that MPP Vincent Ke has joined us. MPP Ke, please identify yourself and your whereabouts.

Mr. Vincent Ke: I'm Vincent Ke, and I'm in Ontario.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): MPP Daisy Wai, please identify yourself and your whereabouts.

Mrs. Daisy Wai: I am in Ontario. I am Daisy Wai.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Thank you. I don't see anyone else.

Would someone like to move the motion? MPP Smith.

Mr. Dave Smith: I move that the committee enter closed session for the purposes of organizing committee

business and that the broadcasting staff be permitted to remain in the closed-session meeting for the purposes of operating the electronic meeting technology.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Before we go to your motion, we have another motion on the agenda, standing order 121. Who is going to move standing order 121?

Mr. Jamie West: Chair, I can move standing order 121.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): MPP West moves standing order 121. Any debate?

Interjection.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Before we go to debate, MPP West, can you read the motion, please?

Mr. Jamie West: The motion filed pursuant to standing order 121: That the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills meet for the purposes of considering committee business in relation to Bill 50, An Act to proclaim Hungarian Heritage Month, and Bill 51, An Act to proclaim the Provincial Day of Service.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Any discussion? If not, I'm going to put the question. All in favour, please raise your hand. Any opposition? The motion is carried.

Other motions? MPP Smith, go ahead.

Mr. Dave Smith: Chair, could I have clarification on that, please? I don't believe we addressed my motion originally—my original motion that we move into closed session.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): MPP Smith, you can move your motion now. At the beginning, we had to move motion 121 so that we can continue our discussion and meeting. The floor is yours; you can move your motion to go to closed session.

Mr. Dave Smith: I'm sorry; could I have clarification on that? Why was it that moving into closed session was not permitted before any other motion?

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): The Clerk will clarify it.

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Isaiah Thorning): For clarification for the committee: Standing order 121 is the authorization that we are meeting under, so that motion needed to be dealt with first before proceeding on to any others.

Mr. Dave Smith: Thank you. I appreciate that.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Are you satisfied, MPP Smith?

Mr. Dave Smith: Not really, but that's fine.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Thank you. Now you can move your motion.

Mr. Dave Smith: I move that the committee enter closed session for the purposes of organizing committee business and that the broadcasting staff be permitted to remain in the closed-session meeting for the purposes of operating the electronic meeting technology.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): MPP Smith moved the motion. Any comments on the motion? MPP West.

Mr. Jamie West: Just the same comment I bring up every time we go into closed session: I believe that as public officials we should be debating in public. I know I can't discuss what happens in closed session, but I don't think there's anything in there that we couldn't debate in front of everybody, that is very sensitive.

I'd like to ask for a recorded vote.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Any other comments? I see none, so I will move to put the question.

Ayes

Coe, Ke, Pang, Sandhu, Dave Smith, Wai.

Nays

West.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): The motion is carried. We are going to enter a closed session now. Just give us a few seconds.

The committee continued in closed session at 0908 and resumed at 1400.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Good afternoon. The Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills will now come to order.

The following members are participating remotely: MPP Coe, MPP Ke, MPP Pang, MPP Dave Smith, MPP Wai, MPP West and MPP Oosterhoff. Did I miss anyone?

Interjection.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): MPP Hogarth. Thank you very much.

There are two private members' public bills on the agenda today that we will consider.

PROVINCIAL DAY OF SERVICE ACT, 2022

LOI DE 2022 SUR LA JOURNÉE PROVINCIALE DU SERVICE

Consideration of the following bill:

Bill 51, An Act to proclaim the Provincial Day of Service / Projet de loi 51, Loi proclamant la Journée provinciale du service.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): We will now commence public hearings on Bill 51, An Act to proclaim the Provincial Day of Service. The member for Whitby shall have 10 minutes to make an opening statement, followed by 20 minutes of questioning and answers, divided into

one round of seven and a half minutes for the government members, seven and a half minutes for the official opposition members, and five minutes for the independent members.

I will now call upon MPP Lorne Coe, who will have 10 minutes for his presentation. MPP Coe, you may begin.

Mr. Lorne Coe: Thank you, Chair, and good afternoon, committee members. I'm humbled to be able to bring forward my private member's bill, Bill 51, the Provincial Day of Service Act, to inspire Ontario residents to show the kind of compassion and generosity that were in abundance following the terrorist attacks of 21 years ago, on September 11, 2001.

The enduring image of that day is not simply falling towers or smoldering wreckage—it's the firefighters running up the stairs as others were running down; the passengers deciding to storm a cockpit, knowing it could be their final act; the volunteers showing up at recruiters' offices across our great country in the days that followed, willing to put their lives on the line.

Ontarians and other Canadians responded to the horrible events of September 11 with kindness and courage, and in the days and weeks that followed, our police officers, firefighters and other first responders joined hands with all Canadians to show our true character, and the best in one another, to help our American friends.

The many acts of generosity demonstrated by Canadians from coast to coast on September 11, 2001, and afterwards serve to remind us all about the importance of humanity and the assistance provided by communities like Whitby, provincial governments like Ontario, businesses in our communities, as well as social service and volunteer agencies.

It's also critical to remember the incredible acts of courage, sacrifice and kindness by Canadians on and following that infamous day. As an example: the efforts of the people of Gander, Newfoundland, who hosted thousands of foreign airline passengers who had been rerouted to Canadian soil following the grounding of passenger flights in the days following September 11, 2001.

Bill 51, the Provincial Day of Service Act, is also meant to honour the selfless service of civilian and military volunteers who continue to stand up in the face of terrorism, and the outpouring of Canadian support in the aftermath of the attacks.

The September 11 terrorist attacks in the United States took the lives of thousands of citizens from 90 countries, including 24 Canadian citizens, 11 of whom were from Ontario. In response, over 40,000 Canadian Armed Forces members would deploy to Afghanistan between 2001 and 2014. More than 150 Canadian soldiers died during the 13-year campaign and thousands were wounded, physically and psychologically.

Bill 51, the Provincial Day of Service Act, will be marked every September 11. My hope, committee members, is that the designation will inspire Ontarians to once more show the same kind of compassion to strangers in need by engaging on that day in charitable activities, fundraisers and community service for worthy causes across the province.

It is a fitting way to pay tribute to the Ontarians who were lost on September 11, 2001, to show continued support for the families of victims, to honour the sacrifices made by those who served in the rescue efforts, and to turn an infamous day into a day of hope marked by a communal outpouring of warmth and generosity.

Maureen Basnicki, the founding director of the Canadian National Day of Service Foundation, who regrettably lost her husband, Ken, in one of the towers in New York City on September 11, 2001, had this to say about Bill 51: “This proposed legislation and the collective effort in preparing it sends a strong message that we will always remember the service and sacrifice that resulted from that tragic day.”

Wounded Warriors Canada, whose head office is situated in my riding, is a remarkable organization that supports ill and injured Canadian Armed Forces members, veterans, first responders and their families. Their thousands of members are also supportive of the Provincial Day of Service Act. Executive director Scott Maxwell said, “Wounded Warriors Canada supports the Provincial Day of Service Act and its goal of helping ensure we remember the September 11 tragedy while, at the same time, honouring the service and sacrifice of our veterans, first responders and their families—and the everyday citizens that go out of their way to make a difference in their communities.”

In closing, while the grotesque events of 9/11 remind us that we're not immune to the threat of terrorism and that we must remain vigilant, they also remind us of the power and resilience of the human spirit and the feats that we can accomplish together—together, Chair.

I thank the committee members for the opportunity to speak to Bill 51, the Provincial Day of Service Act. I'm thankful to all committee members, including representation from the opposition, who have spoken in support of Bill 51.

Now, Chair, I'm pleased, through you, to take any questions. Thank you for the opportunity for this deputation this afternoon.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Now we will go to the questioning, and we will start with the official opposition. You have seven and a half minutes.

Mr. Jamie West: I want to start by thanking MPP Coe for bringing this forward.

For a moment, I was worried I was going to be late for this because, while preparing for this, I got into a bit of a rabbit hole on the Internet, reading about Gander, Newfoundland. There is so much that happened during 9/11 and the days that followed. But I think that that is so reflective of who we are as Canadians, that 75 planes were diverted—in a time when people were really, really worried about planes, because those planes were used as, basically, impact vehicles to crash into buildings. We think of the World Trade Center but also the—I want to say CIA building, sorry—other intelligence building that was crashed into as well, or diverted.

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At a time when people were very concerned about where planes were going, it just reflects on what a good

neighbour we were as Canadians to divert 75 planes into Canada, to Gander, as well as the planes that were landed in other places in Newfoundland. I think it also speaks to that inner humbleness that Canadians have—that a lot of people don't know the story of Gander, Stephenville, and Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

MPP Coe, is there anything you would like to bring forward—because I'm not going to use my time. I want to thank you for reminding me of a time when a terrible thing happened and how great people were and how welcoming people were in Canada to people who I'm sure were terrified and worried. Is there anything you'd like to say that you didn't have time to say in your opening remarks?

Mr. Lorne Coe: Thank you for that, MPP West, and thank you for your support in the Legislature for the bill, and that of your colleagues as well.

I have two granddaughters, and I was talking to them about the opportunity I had to present this bill and what it meant to me. There's an aspect that is generational, isn't it? This happened 21 years ago. I spent a better part of a half an hour talking to the girls about what that day was about.

I mentioned, in my opening comments, the military and other first front-line responders. But what this bill does, which is deeply important to me—and it's important to Maureen, and it's important to Scott—is, it's going to help ensure future generations of Ontarians will never forget what happened that day. Future generations will be able to mark that day by demonstrating the compassion and generosity characteristic of so many Ontarians like Maureen who were impacted.

The last time I spoke on this bill in the Legislature—you will remember this, MPP West—it was the wedding anniversary of Maureen and her husband, unfortunately, when I spoke about this.

This involves all of us here this afternoon; it involves our colleagues as well. Decades from now, when, let's say, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario is comprised of an entirely new group of legislators, should this bill pass into law, what is absolutely clear is that the Provincial Day of Service Act will remain, and that will be the legacy of our work here this afternoon. It will be the legacy when we speak on this bill together when it returns to the Legislative Assembly. It will be all of your legacy when you move on to a different chapter in your lives.

Thank you for the question, MPP West, and again, thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement. It's much appreciated.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Any additional comments, MPP West?

Mr. Jamie West: No, I'm going to cede my time. This is pretty straightforward. We all remember where we were when this happened. We all know how important it was. I think there's lots we could talk about, and I would love to talk about our own personal stories, but I think it's pretty straightforward.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Now we will move to the government side. You have seven and a half minutes. MPP Christine Hogarth.

Ms. Christine Hogarth: First of all, I have to thank MPP Coe for your work on this extremely important bill. I remember when I was first working on my election, I met the woman you're speaking about, Maureen Basnicki. At that time, she lived in this riding. She brought this to my attention at that time. So I just want to thank you very much for bringing this forward. Cindy Barkway also lost her husband in that tragic terrorism event in Manhattan. As MPP West stated, we all remember where we were that day. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak on this legislation, when I was in the Legislature when you had second reading.

Our first responders do so much for all of us. Even over the news over this last weekend—our first responders are there on scene in good times and in bad times. They put themselves in harm's way, when we run away.

So this is a great piece of legislation to not only remember the past—because 21 years ago, for us, doesn't seem that long ago, but there are people who weren't born and are now in the workforce who would—as a whole, they were just kids or in school when that happened. So remembering the past and having a day to celebrate the work of our first responders is such a nice way to remember such a tragic day.

Actually, just after 9/11, my friend and I went to New York City and we witnessed what happened there. We saw the hole in the ground. We saw the bent and mangled steel. We saw the buildings that were all black from being burnt. We saw the big American flag that hung on one of the skyscrapers that was partially falling down. It is a memory etched in my mind, and I want to see that memory changed to a celebratory memory due to your piece of legislation, MPP Coe. So congratulations on that.

I don't really have a question. I just want to thank you for remembering our first responders and the work they do. I want to give a shout-out for all the work that our first responders do and thank them for their service. Over the last couple of years, it has been even more difficult. I want to thank everyone for their service to the people—and not just them, but their families, for the sacrifices that they had to make. So I just wanted to comment and say thank you.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Any comments, MPP Coe?

Mr. Lorne Coe: I extend my thanks to MPP Hogarth, who is the parliamentary assistant to the Solicitor General, and who was an enormous help in helping me construct the content of this legislation.

It's really a privilege in bringing forward this legislation, of sharing Maureen Basnicki's strength and story with not only the committee members here today but other people who might be watching and those who were watching when we spoke in the Legislative Assembly on second reading. Her husband was taken from her on that cruel day, and throughout the course of bringing this bill forward, I really found myself humbled by the strength with which she and her son Brennan have advocated so long, so long, for a provincial day of service. This is a day, in my view, to be characterized by triumph over a very sad, sad tragedy.

I spoke of legacy in my earlier response to MPP West's question. These are building blocks. This is a generational bill. This will be a generational bill that others will look at, when we are long gone from the Ontario Legislature, and think what an important piece of legislation this was—the courage and strength that's exemplified in this legislation and informed by Maureen and her son and the long-term impact this will have on so many lives, many of whom are still mourning—not only Maureen's family, but those others from Ontario who died on that tragic day.

Thank you, MPP Hogarth, for your comments. Thank you for your support.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Any other comments or questions from the government side? You have two minutes and 22 seconds. MPP Daisy Wai, go ahead.

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Mrs. Daisy Wai: I am just as touched.

Since I have very little time, I am not going to repeat what MPP Coe and MPP Hogarth have said.

What sorts of activities does MPP Coe envision that Ontarians would engage in on September 11, on this Provincial Day of Service, please?

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): MPP Coe, go ahead.

Mr. Lorne Coe: Thank you, Chair, and through you: Thank you, MPP Wai, for your question.

I'll bring it back to my riding. In some ways, my riding is very similar to MPP Smith's riding: I've got a rural component, and I've got a metropolitan sort of city component—it's a town; if I ever called Whitby a city I'd get in trouble. Notwithstanding that, we have local soup kitchens where I would envision there will be, as there are now, volunteers who would be participating in the local soup kitchens to help their brothers and sisters from the community—because, in the end, we are our brothers' keepers and our sisters' keepers, aren't we? The soup kitchen does provide an opportunity for that.

There's volunteering in activities at local churches, of which we've got many here in my riding, and I know that's true across communities. Also, there are going to be public service organizations like the Rotary Club that I belong to and the Lions Club that I belong to, which will also raise money for well-deserving organizations in our community. In the course of doing that, all of their actions will be taken on September 11, and they'll be solemn and respectful of the sacrifices that I spoke to in my introductory comments. All of their intentions will be taken to build up the community even further, but they'll never lose sight of the solemnness—

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): MPP Coe, unfortunately the time is up. Thank you very much.

Mr. Lorne Coe: Thank you, Chair, for the opportunity. Thank you, committee members, for your ongoing support.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Because we are ahead of our schedule, I want to ask the committee members if they are ready to move on to the next item on the agenda. Yes.

HUNGARIAN HERITAGE MONTH
ACT, 2022

LOI DE 2022 SUR LE MOIS
DU PATRIMOINE HONGROIS

Consideration of the following bill:

Bill 50, An Act to proclaim Hungarian Heritage Month / Projet de loi 50, Loi proclamant le Mois du patrimoine hongrois.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): We will now commence public hearings on Bill 50, An Act to proclaim Hungarian Heritage Month. The member for Mississauga–Lakeshore shall have 10 minutes to make an opening statement, followed by 20 minutes of questions and answers divided into one round of seven and a half minutes for the government members, seven and a half minutes for the official opposition members, and five minutes for the independent members. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I will now call upon MPP Rudy Cuzzetto to deliver his remarks.

MPP Cuzzetto, you have 10 minutes for your presentation. You may begin.

Mr. Rudy Cuzzetto: Thank you to the committee for the opportunity to examine Bill 50, on Hungarian Heritage Month, today, and thank you to all the members who spoke in support of the bill at the second reading.

This is an important bill that would recognize a community that has contributed so much to Ontario. If Bill 50 is passed, Ontario would become the first province in Canada to proclaim Hungarian Heritage Month. It would be celebrated every October, along with the Hungarian Republic Day on October 23. This is the day the Hungarian uprising began in 1956 and the day Hungary became a democratic republic in 1989.

There are about 164,000 people of Hungarian descent in Ontario, including 1,100 in Mississauga–Lakeshore. I am very proud to bring forward this bill on behalf of the Hungarian Canadian community.

I have a lot of personal connections to Hungarians in Mississauga–Lakeshore and across the province of Ontario. My family doctor, who practised for 42 years in Mississauga–Lakeshore, was the first face that I ever saw because he delivered me when I was a baby at the Mississauga Hospital. As well, my constituency office sits where his office was many years ago, so I am still in my doctor's office today when I'm speaking to you.

Peter Munk at the Peter Munk Cardiac Centre—12 years ago, I had my mechanical heart valve put in at that hospital. If it wasn't for that hospital, I would not be here today.

Tamás Buday—a Hungarian Canadian canoeer—and I worked together when I was property manager at the Mississauga Canoe Club and at regattas at the Welland Canal, which was built by many Hungarian immigrants who came to Canada.

Paul Szabo, former Liberal MP for Mississauga–Lakeshore, inspired me to run in the last provincial election and is a big supporter of mine.

Frank Hasenfratz, former parts supplier and the owner of Linamar—I worked for Ford for 31 years, and many of his parts came into the plant where I worked.

These stories are similar to many others from other immigrant communities—just like Iggy Kaneff from Bulgaria, who built Mississauga; and our famous President of the Treasury Board and now finance minister, Peter Bethlenfalvy, who I worked for when I was his parliamentary assistant at the Treasury Board.

I also want to thank everyone who helped with research on drafting of this bill: the legislative counsel office; the Hungarian consul general, who helped with this bill very much; Ministers Parm Gill and Peter Bethlenfalvy.

Hungarians have done a lot for this country, for the province of Ontario and, personally, for myself. I owe a great thanks to many Hungarian Canadians who have contributed so much to this province. These people deserve to be honoured. If this bill is passed, we will honour all people of Hungarian descent who have come to Ontario.

I want to thank all of you for your support today. I'm here for any questions you would like to ask me.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Now we will move to the questioning, and we will start with the government side this time. MPP Pang.

Mr. Billy Pang: Thank you, MPP Cuzzetto, for your sharing.

As an immigrant myself, I always appreciate the opportunity to learn more about the stories of other multicultural communities and the many immigrants and refugees who have helped to build this province.

Can the member elaborate on how and why Ontario needs to celebrate Hungarian Heritage Month?

Mr. Rudy Cuzzetto: Thank you, MPP Pang, for that question.

I think it's very important to talk about everyone's heritage. I find it so important and so building of this province and our culture altogether. I look at my own background of Italian descent—I was born here. It's so important to learn about people's cultures. I think it enriches this whole province and makes Ontario the place that everybody wants to be.

Mr. Billy Pang: Thank you for your great answer.

As a first-generation immigrant, I always not only appreciate my own culture; I also like to celebrate the other cultures.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): MPP Smith.

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Mr. Dave Smith: MPP Cuzzetto, one of the things that comes to my office about this is some questions about why you would put this forward. As you've mentioned, you're of Italian descent. Usually, when someone comes forward and says that they want to have a heritage month, they want to have a heritage month about their own heritage. There have been people who have said to me that they don't understand why you want to celebrate the heritage of Hungarians when you're Italian, and that it just doesn't seem to make any sense. Could you explain why you thought this was important to put forward? I'd like to be able to respond to some of my constituents and let them know that this really was something that you saw a need for and you're addressing a need.

Mr. Rudy Cuzzetto: Thank you, MPP Smith, for that question.

First of all, celebrating everyone's heritage is very important here in Ontario. But I've been touched—as I said, the first person I saw when I was born was my Hungarian doctor, Dr. Farkas, because he delivered me. Peter Munk—if it wasn't for the Peter Munk Cardiac Centre, I wouldn't be here today, because that's where I had my mechanical heart valve replaced. If it wasn't for Paul Szabo, a former Liberal Hungarian MP, with his consulting me and helping me through the last election, I would never have been elected. And then I look at Frank Hasenfratz, the first person to sell parts to Ford Motor Co., where I worked for 31 years. And then Peter Bethlenfalvy—we can't forget Peter—the best finance minister that Ontario has ever had. Even Jamie West is smiling at that one there. These are all Hungarians who have touched me very closely.

I'm proud to celebrate everyone's culture—not just Hungarian culture or Italian culture or Korean culture—in this province of Ontario.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Any other questions from the government side? You still have three minutes. No? Once, twice, gone.

Now we move to the official opposition side. MPP West.

Mr. Jamie West: MPP Cuzzetto, I didn't realize we were the first province to do this, so congratulations on that.

You talked about working in the auto plants. I used to work at the smelter before being elected. Often, I would meet with Alex Daroczi, who was on shift with me, who retired just last year. He would joke about how I no longer do any real work, so I'll be very happy to tell him, once this passes final reading, that we are able to proclaim Hungarian Heritage Month, for the month of October. I think Alex will appreciate having his name in the Hansard.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): MPP Cuzzetto, do you want to comment?

Mr. Rudy Cuzzetto: I just want to thank MPP Jamie West for his support of this bill.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Any other comments?

We conclude the public hearing on Bill 50.

We are scheduled to examine the clause-by-clause items of these two bills at 3 o'clock. I was wondering if the committee members would like to wait until 3 o'clock or if they would like to move on and finish the clause-by-clause immediately. All in agreement? Thank you very much. We will move to the clause-by-clause examination.

PROVINCIAL DAY OF SERVICE
ACT, 2022

LOI DE 2022 SUR LA JOURNÉE
PROVINCIALE DU SERVICE

Consideration of the following bill:

Bill 51, An Act to proclaim the Provincial Day of Service / Projet de loi 51, Loi proclamant la Journée provinciale du service.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): We will commence clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 51, An Act to proclaim the Provincial Day of Service. Are there any comments or questions on any section of the bill? I see none.

There are no amendments to sections 1 to 3 of the bill. I propose that we bundle them. Does the committee agree? I see agreement.

Is there any debate on sections 1, 2 and 3? No. I'm going to put the question on sections 1 to 3, which are bundled together. All in agreement, please raise your hands. Any opposition? Sections 1 to 3 are carried.

Now I'm going to put the question in regard to the preamble. Does the preamble carry? Any debate? No. All in favour, please raise your hands. Any opposition? The preamble is carried.

Now we move to the title. Shall the title of the bill carry? Any debate? No. All in favour, please raise your hands. Any opposition? I see none. The title is carried.

Shall Bill 51 carry? Any debate? I see none. All in favour of Bill 51, please raise your hands. Any opposition? I see none. Bill 51 is carried.

Shall I report the bill to the House? Any questions? Any comments? I see none. All in favour, please raise your hands. Any opposition? There is no opposition, so I will report the bill to the House.

HUNGARIAN HERITAGE MONTH
ACT, 2022

LOI DE 2022 SUR LE MOIS
DU PATRIMOINE HONGROIS

Consideration of the following bill:

Bill 50, An Act to proclaim Hungarian Heritage Month / Projet de loi 50, Loi proclamant le Mois du patrimoine hongrois.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Now we move to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill 50, An Act to proclaim Hungarian Heritage Month. Are there any comments or questions on any section of the bill? I see none.

Once again, I'm going to ask the committee for their agreement. Since there are no amendments, shall I bundle sections 1 to 3 together? Does the committee agree? All in favour? Thank you.

Any questions or comments on sections 1, 2 or 3? None. So I'm going to put the question. All in favour of sections 1, 2 and 3, please raise your hands. Any opposition? Great. Sections 1, 2 and 3 are carried.

Shall the preamble carry? Any debate on the preamble? I see none. All in favour, please raise your hands. Any opposition? I see none, so the preamble is carried.

We move to the title. Shall the title carry? Any comments or questions on the title? I see none, so I'm going to put the question. All in favour of the title, please raise your hands. Any opposition? I see none. The title is carried.

Shall Bill 50 carry? Any questions or comments? I see none. All in favour of Bill 50, please raise your hands. Any opposition? I see none. Bill 50 is carried.

Shall I report the bill to the House? Any questions or comments? All in favour, please raise your hands. Any opposition? I see none. I will report Bill 50 to the House.

There being no further business, this committee stands adjourned. Thank you very much.

The committee adjourned at 1442.

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