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[English]

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Jean-François Lafleur): Good morning, honourable members of the committee. I see a quorum. We can now proceed to the election of the chair.

I am now ready to receive motions for the election of the chair.

Mr. Atamanenko, over to you.

[English]

Mr. Alex Atamanenko (British Columbia Southern Interior, NDP): I'd like to nominate Gerry Ritz.

[Translation]

**The Clerk:** It is moved by Mr. Atamanenko that Mr. Ritz be elected as chair of this committee.

Are there any other motions?

As there are no other nominations for the position of chair of this committee, is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

(Motion carried)

[English]

I declare Mr. Ritz the duly elected chair of the committee.

Congratulations.

[Translation]

Before inviting Mr. Ritz to take the chair, we will elect the vice-

I am now ready to receive nominations for the position of first vice-chair; that person must be a member of the official opposition. [*English*]

Hon. Wayne Easter (Malpeque, Lib.): I nominate Paul Steckle. [Translation]

**The Clerk:** It is moved by Mr. Easter that Mr. Steckle be elected as the first vice-chair of this committee.

[English]

Are there any further motions?

Mr. Larry Miller (Bruce—Grey—Owen Sound, CPC): I don't have any further motions, but I wonder about procedure. On the first motion, do we not need a motion that nominations be closed?

The Clerk: No, we did not.

Mr. Larry Miller: Okay, that answers it.

**The Clerk:** Mr. Miller, for the proceedings, if there are no more motions.... I asked whether there were any other motions, and there were none.

Mr. Larry Miller: No, I'm fine. Thank you.

[Translation]

**The Clerk:** Returning to Mr. Easter's motion, it is moved by Mr. Easter that Mr. Steckle be elected as the first vice-chair of this committee

[English]

Are there any further motions?

Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

(Motion agreed to)

I declare Mr. Steckle the duly elected first vice-chair of the committee. Congratulations.

We will now proceed to the election of the second vice-chair, the vice-chair from the opposition parties other than the official opposition.

[Translation]

I am now ready to receive nominations for the position of second vice-chair.

Mr. Jean-Yves Roy (Haute-Gaspésie—La Mitis—Matane—Matapédia, BQ): I move that Mr. André Bellavance be nominated.

**The Clerk:** It is moved by Mr. Roy that Mr. Bellavance be elected as the second vice-chair of this committee.

[English]

Are there any further motions?

Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

(Motion agreed to)

[Translation]

**The Clerk:** I declare the motion carried and Mr. Bellavance duly elected as the second vice-chair of this committee.

Congratulations.

[English]

I would now like to invite Mr. Ritz to take the chair, please.

The Chair (Mr. Gerry Ritz (Battlefords—Lloydminster, CPC)): Thank you, gentlemen, for that vote of confidence.

We'll continue. Procedure now calls for us to adjourn this particular meeting; it has to be a stand-alone situation. I have to remove the gallery at this point too, as we go in camera to discuss our calendar, so that we can actually have you folks back in a few minutes.

Would you just clear the room for this short period?

Thank you.

This meeting stands adjourned.

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