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[English]

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Pierre Rodrigue): I see a quorum. We can now proceed to the election of the chair. I'm ready to receive motions to that effect.

Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River, Lib.): I nominate Mr. Allison.

The Clerk: Mr. Lee moves that Mr. Allison be named chair of the committee.

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: I declare Mr. Allison the duly elected chair of the committee.

[Translation]

The second item on the agenda is to elect a vice-chair of the Liaison Committee.

Are there any motions to that effect?

[English]

Mr. Derek Lee: I nominate Yasmin Ratansi to be vice-chair.

[Translation]

The Clerk: Mr. Lee moves that Ms. Ratansi be elected vice-chair of the committee.

Are there other motions to that effect?

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

(Motion agreed to)

[English]

I invite Mr. Allison to take the chair.

The Chair (Mr. Dean Allison (Niagara West—Glanbrook, CPC)): I'll ask everyone to pull out their agendas. We're now at number three on the subcommittee on committee budgets. If you'll notice there, we need to come up with a list of seven names altogether that will sit on the budgetary subcommittee.

The way it's been explained to me—we've done this in the past—it's been four Conservatives and three Liberals.

What we have now is myself as the chair and Ms. Ratansi as the vice-chair. So we'll need to elect an additional five members, of which three will be Conservative and two will be Liberal. So let's move ahead with nominations.

Mr. Merrifield, go ahead.

Mr. Rob Merrifield (Yellowhead, CPC): I would nominate Art Hanger.

The Chair: Thank you very much.

Mr. Hanger, go ahead.

Mr. Art Hanger (Calgary Northeast, CPC): I'll nominate Mr. Merrifield.

The Chair: Thank you very much.

Ms. Marleau is next.

Hon. Diane Marleau (Sudbury, Lib.): I nominate Mr. Lee.

Mr. Derek Lee: I decline.

Hon. Diane Marleau: Mr. Szabo's not here. We'll nominate him.

The Chair: It serves him right for leaving the room. There you go.

Ms. Ratansi, go ahead.

Ms. Yasmin Ratansi (Don Valley East, Lib.): I'd like to nominate Madame Marleau.

The Chair: Okay, I have Madame Marleau.

Mr. Bezan is next.

Mr. James Bezan (Selkirk—Interlake, CPC): I nominate Mr. Tweed.

The Chair: Mr. Tweed is nominated.

Okay, I will give you the list, if we could move the list.

So Mr. Lee, that includes myself, Ms. Ratansi, Mr. Hanger, Mr. Merrifield, Mr. Szabo, Madame Marleau, and Mr. Tweed.

Mr. Lee, you'll move that?

Mr. Derek Lee: I so move.

(Motion agreed to)

The Chair: We'll move along then to our routine motions. Hopefully the routine motions will be a little easier to go through on this committee than they have been on other committees. We'll give it a shot and see how we make out.

Number four is working meals: that the clerk of the committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the committee and the subcommittees.

Do I have a mover?

Mr. Rob Anders (Calgary West, CPC): I so move.

The Chair: Is there any discussion on that?

Mr. Breitkreuz, go ahead.

Mr. Garry Breitkreuz (Yorkton—Melville, CPC): I second it.

The Chair: If there is no other discussion, I'll just ask for the vote.

(Motion agreed to)

The Chair: We will now look at number five, which pertains to the services of the analysts from the Library of Parliament: that the committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

Mr. Kevin Sorenson (Crowfoot, CPC): I so move.

The Chair: Is there any discussion on that?

(Motion agreed to)

The Chair: This is happening just like in a regular committee. That's great to see.

We're now going to move in camera, because we need to look at some of the budgets we have here.

[Proceedings continue in camera]

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