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[Translation]

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. André Gagnon): Honourable members, I think we have a quorum. Pursuant to Standing Order 107, we will proceed with the election of a chair.

[English]

Good afternoon to all.

I am now open to take motions for the chair.

Mr. James Bezan (Selkirk—Interlake, CPC): I'd like to nominate Dean Allison.

The Clerk: Mr. Bezan proposes Dean Allison as the chair. There are a lot of seconders.

Are there any other motions?

An hon. member: I move that nominations cease.

The Clerk: It seems there are no further nominations.

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

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: Congratulations, Mr. Allison.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

The Clerk: It is also my duty to proceed to the election of the vice-chair. I'm open for motions for the vice-chair.

An hon. member: Who was the vice-chair last year?

The Clerk: Ms. Ratansi was the vice-chair.

Mr. Paul Szabo (Mississauga South, Lib.): I'd like to nominate Mr. Murphy.

The Clerk: Mr. Szabo proposes Mr. Murphy as vice-chair. Are there any other motions?

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

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: Congratulations, Mr. Murphy.

I now invite the chair of the committee to take his place.

Thank you.

The Chair (Mr. Dean Allison (Niagara West—Glanbrook, CPC)): Okay. We don't have a heavy agenda today. We have a couple of requests and budgets we need to look over. We do need to look at striking the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets, so we're

going to need five other members for that. I'm going to take names from the floor for that.

I have a proposal from Mr. Preston to be on the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets. What we have is a chair, vice-chair, and five other members. I have Mr. Preston.

Go ahead, Mr. Szabo.

Mr. Paul Szabo: Are there no guidelines regarding party distribution on the members? We do have a Bloc member and an NDP member who are on this committee, are they not?

The Chair: Not on the subcommittee. They are members of the whole; they're not voting members.

I have one name there.

Mr. Rajotte.

Mr. James Rajotte (Edmonton—Leduc, CPC): I'd like to propose Mr. Tweed for the subcommittee.

The Chair: Okay, Mr. Tweed and Mr. Benoit.

Mr. Lee.

Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River, Lib.): I propose Mr. Szabo for the subcommittee.

The Chair: It looks like we need one more.

Mr. Tweed.

Mr. Merv Tweed (Brandon—Souris, CPC): I nominate David Sweet.

The Chair: Okay, sweet David. All right.

That's five members. I'm going to put the motion forward then:

That pursuant to Standing Order 108(6), the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets be established to approve committees' budget requests, and that the subcommittee be composed of the chair, the vice-chair, and five other members being Mr. Joe Preston, Mr. Merv Tweed, Mr. Leon Benoit, Mr. Paul Szabo, and Mr. David Sweet.

Can I ask someone to move that? Mr. Bezan, okay.

(Motion agreed to)

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The Chair: Let's move to working meals, "That the clerk of the committee be authorized to make the necessary—"

Mr. Derek Lee: So moved.

The Chair: Thank you, Mr. Lee.

(Motion agreed to [See *Minutes of Proceedings*])

The Chair: All right, thank you. You guys are good.

(Motion agreed to [See *Minutes of Proceedings*])

Number five, "That the committee retain, as needed...". Thank you. Do I have someone to move that?

The Chair: Okay, that is all of the official business. Now we're going to move in camera.

Mr. Tweed so moves.

[*Proceedings continue in camera*]

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