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[*English*]

The Chair (Mr. Joe Preston (Elgin—Middlesex—London, CPC)): We'll call the meeting to order. We will stay in public because we have one election to run. I will turn it over to our clerk because she must preside over those.

The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Michelle Tittley): Hello.
[*Translation*]

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the first vice-chair must be a member of the official opposition.

I am now prepared to receive motions for the election of the first vice-chair.

Ms. Nycole Turmel (Hull—Aylmer, NDP): It is my pleasure to nominate Alexandrine Latendresse for the position of vice-chair of this committee.

[*English*]

An hon. member: What a great choice.

[*Translation*]

The Clerk: Moved by Ms. Turmel that Ms. Latendresse be elected first vice-chair of the committee.

[*English*]

Are there further motions?

Mr. Tom Lukiwski (Regina—Lumsden—Lake Centre, CPC): I just want to hear her speech.

An hon. member: It's the high point of the day.

Mr. Tom Lukiwski: Exactly. I want to know, are we going to be making the right choice? I don't know. What's her platform? What does she plan to do in case you're not here, Joe?

The Chair: And what is your position on the egg salad sandwiches?

Some hon. members: Oh, oh!

The Chair: That's a crucial one to know. I've got to have a vice-chair who will support me.

Good. She's already making promises.

Good. Two vice-chairs.

An hon. member: Somebody who will campaign for better coffee will have my vote.

The Chair: Sorry. I didn't mean to turn this....

[*Translation*]

The Clerk: Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

[*English*]

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: I declare the motion carried and Madame Latendresse duly elected as first vice-chair.

The Chair: Excellent. Now we've got a good working committee.

We're moving on. We have committee business, so with the permission of the committee we'll go in camera now. Do I have to suspend to go in camera?

Do you have another thing?

Mr. Tom Lukiwski: I think—correct me if I'm wrong, and I'll defer to the clerk on this one—we have to present a motion to appoint a chair of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business.

The Chair: I'm willing to accept a motion.

Mr. Tom Lukiwski: I move that, pursuant to Standing Order 91.1 (1), Mr. Dave MacKenzie be appointed chair of the subcommittee.

The Chair: All right. Mr. MacKenzie used to sit with us.

Mr. Tom Lukiwski: For those of you who don't know, Harold used to be the chair. Harold will not be chairing the committee any more. He's stepping down; it's too much for him.

Some hon. members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Tom Lukiwski: From our side, it has to be a government member, so we're putting Mr. MacKenzie's name forward.

The committee deals with all private members' bills that come forward, to determine whether they're votable or non-votable.

The Chair: Is there approval of that motion by the committee?

(Motion agreed to)

The Chair: I'm seeing all in favour. Great, that's unanimous.

Now I will suspend just for a moment while we go in camera to discuss our report.

[*Proceedings continue in camera*]



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