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[English]

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Rémi Bourgault): Honourable members of the committee, I see a quorum.

I must inform members that the clerk of the committee can only receive motions for the election of the chair. The clerk cannot receive other types of motions, cannot entertain points of order, and cannot participate in debate.

[Translation]

We can now proceed to the election of the chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the chair must be a member of the government party.

[English]

I'm ready to receive motions for the election of the chair.

Go ahead, Mr. McGuinty.

Mr. David McGuinty (Ottawa South, Lib.): Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

I'd like to nominate Mr. Leon Benoît as chair of the committee.

The Clerk: It has been moved by Mr. McGuinty that Mr. Leon Benoît be elected chair of the committee.

Are there any further motions?

Mr. Royal Galipeau (Ottawa—Orléans, CPC): I'd like to move that we close nominations.

The Clerk: Are there any further motions for chair of the committee? I see none.

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: I declare the motion carried and Mr. Benoît duly elected chair of the committee.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

The Clerk: Before I invite Mr. Benoît to take the chair, if the committee wishes, we'll now proceed to the election of the vice-chairs.

[Translation]

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

I am now ready to receive motions for the first vice-chair.

Mr. Claude Gravelle (Nickel Belt, NDP): I nominate Peter Julian.

[English]

The Clerk: It has been moved by Mr. Gravelle that Mr. Peter Julian be elected first vice-chair of the committee.

[Translation]

Mr. Royal Galipeau: I move that nominations be closed.

(Motion agreed to)

[English]

The Clerk: I declare the motion carried and Mr. Julian duly elected first vice-chair of the committee.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

The Clerk: Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the second vice-chair must be a member of an opposition party other than the official opposition.

I'm now prepared to receive a motion for the second vice-chair.

Mr. Jamie Nicholls (Vaudreuil-Soulanges, NDP): I nominate David McGuinty.

[Translation]

The Clerk: It has been moved by Mr. Nicholls that David McGuinty be elected second vice-chair of the committee.

Mr. Royal Galipeau: Under the circumstances, I must move that nominations be closed.

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: I declare the motion carried and Mr. McGuinty duly elected second vice-chair of the committee.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

[English]

The Clerk: I now invite Mr. Benoît to take the chair.

The Chair (Mr. Leon Benoît (Vegreville—Wainwright, CPC)): Thank you.

Mr. Claude Gravelle: Can I ask the chair a question?

The Chair: Monsieur Gravelle, go ahead.

Mr. Claude Gravelle: I'd like to know how many robocalls you made to get this election.

• (1105)

The Chair: It was substantive. It was a substantial number, yes. You saw the campaigning before the meeting. It was tough campaigning.

I'd like to thank you all for electing me to this position again, and I congratulate the two vice-chairs.

I want to congratulate two members of this committee who got married over the summer. Mr. Trost, and I understand Mr. Julian too, got married, so congratulations to both of you.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

The Chair: I don't know what it is about this committee, but any single people ought to be a little cautious, I guess, and be very careful. Great.

There's no further business for this committee. We were here strictly to elect the chair and the vice-chairs. The next meeting will deal with future business, so if you'll come prepared to deal with that next Tuesday, we'll determine the future of this committee at least for the next few months.

We have a new analyst. I'd like to introduce Milana Simikian. Welcome to our committee. It's great to have you, and we're looking forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Go ahead, Monsieur Galipeau.

Mr. Royal Galipeau: In the spirit of the smooth running of this meeting today, I'd like to propose adjournment.

The Chair: This meeting is adjourned.

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