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[English]

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Jeffrey LeBlanc): Honourable members, I see that there's a quorum present.

Welcome to the first meeting of the Liaison Committee.

My name is Jeffrey LeBlanc. I'm the Clerk of the Committee.

Your first order of business today is to elect a chair. I am now prepared to receive a motion to that effect.

Mr. Chong.

Hon. Michael Chong (Wellington—Halton Hills, CPC): I move that Mr. Allison be a candidate for chair.

The Clerk: It's been moved by Mr. Chong that Mr. Allison be elected chair of the committee. Are there any other motions?

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

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: If the committee wishes, we can proceed now to the election of the vice-chair. I am prepared to receive a motion to that effect.

Mr. Preston.

Mr. Joe Preston (Elgin—Middlesex—London, CPC): I'd like to nominate David Christopherson as vice-chair.

The Clerk: It's been moved by Mr. Preston that Mr. Christopherson be elected vice-chair.

Are there any other motions? Seeing none, is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: Congratulations to both of you.

An hon. member: It's a good strong ticket.

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

The Chair (Mr. Dean Allison (Niagara West—Glanbrook, CPC)): If I could just send everyone to the proposed agenda, the next order of business will be the subcommittee and committee budgets. Then we need to go through routine motions and dispense.... No, actually, we're going to go through the whole agenda, and we have a couple of budget items we'll look at after that.

We're going to start with the subcommittee and committee budgets. We realize that we need the chair, the vice-chair, and five other members. I'm going to start accepting names from the floor.

Mr. Preston.

Mr. Joe Preston: I would like to nominate Larry Miller. He's not here today, but he has told me that he would like to remain on the subcommittee for budgets, so I will put his name forward.

The Chair: Thank you very much.

Mr. Warkentin.

Mr. Chris Warkentin (Peace River, CPC): I nominate Mr. Preston.

The Chair: Mr. Dusseault.

Mr. Pierre-Luc Dusseault (Sherbrooke, NDP): I nominate Pat Martin.

The Chair: Okay. That's three that we have right now.

Mr. Brown.

Mr. Gordon Brown (Leeds—Grenville, CPC): I nominate Phil McColeman.

The Chair: Thank you very much. That's four.

Mr. Preston.

Mr. Joe Preston: I don't mean to take all of the votes, but Mr. Warkentin did such a great job on this committee the last time too, and he's really learned to pronounce only two-letter words rather than three—

Voices: Oh, oh!

Mr. Joe Preston: —so I would like to put forward Chris Warkentin's name.

The Chair: All right, and our question will be, what are you like when you're drinking...?

Voices: Oh, oh!

The Chair: We have five members. Are there any others?

I'll call the question for the slate of five that we have. All those in favour?

(Motion agreed to)

The Chair: We're going now move to routine motions: first, that the clerk of the committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the committee and its subcommittee. Are we all in favour of that?

(Motion agreed to)

The Chair: Thank you very much.

Next: that the committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the chair—

Mr. Royal Galipeau (Ottawa—Orléans, CPC): Mr. Chair?

The Chair: Yes, sir.

Mr. Royal Galipeau: I raise the question, please. I understand that we're in camera now.

The Chair: That is correct.

A voice: No.

Mr. Royal Galipeau: We're not in camera?

The Chair: No, we're in public now.

Mr. Royal Galipeau: Thank you.

The Chair: Okay.

Second: 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. All in favour?

(Motion agreed to)

The Chair: Thank you very much.

All right. We'll now move in camera.

[Proceedings continue in camera]

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