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[Translation]

The Clerk of the Committee (Simon Larouche): Honourable members of the committee, I see a quorum.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3)(a), as clerk of the committee, I'll preside over the election of the chair and the vice-chairs.

[English]

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

We can now proceed to the election of the chair.

[Translation]

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

I'm ready to receive motions for the chair.

Ms. Vandenberg has the floor.

[English]

Anita Vandenberg (Ottawa West—Nepean, Lib.): I nominate Ahmed Hussen.

The Clerk: Ms. Vandenberg proposes that Ahmed Hussen be elected as chair of the committee.

Are there any other motions?

I will put forward the motion that Mr. Ahmed Hussen be elected as chair of the committee. Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: Mr. Ahmed Hussen is now chair of the committee. I invite him to come forward.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

The Chair: Thank you very much, members, for your confidence in me.

I will now turn back to the clerk to proceed with the election of the vice-chairs.

Thank you.

The Clerk: Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the second vice-chair must be a member of the opposition party other than the official opposition. I'm now prepared to receive motions.

Go ahead, Mr. Aboultaif.

Ziad Aboultaif (Edmonton Manning, CPC): I nominate MP Chong for the vice-chair position.

The Clerk: Mr. Aboultaif moves that Michael Chong be elected second vice-chair of the committee.

Are there any further motions?

A voice: It's the first vice-chair—

The Clerk: It's first vice-chair. I apologize.

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

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: Mr. Chong is now the first vice-chair of the committee.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

The Clerk: Thank you.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the second vice-chair must be a member of the opposition party other than the official opposition. I'm now prepared to receive motions for the second vice-chair.

Go ahead, Mr. Oliphant.

[Translation]

Hon. Robert Oliphant (Don Valley West, Lib.): It's a difficult choice to make.

I'm delighted to nominate Alexis Brunelle-Duceppe as second vice-chair.

[English]

The Clerk: Mr. Oliphant moves that Mr. Alexis Brunelle-Duceppe be elected second vice-chair of the committee.

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

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: Mr. Brunelle-Duceppe is now second vice-chair.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

The Chair: Colleagues, we'll now proceed to the routine motions.

Does a member want to move the routine motions?

Go ahead, Mr. Oliphant.

Hon. Robert Oliphant: I'm happy to move the routine motions in whole. They're not numbered, but it's from "Document Distribution" through to "Maintenance of Order and Decorum".

Is that appropriate?

The Chair: Yes, that's appropriate.

Mr. Chong, go ahead.

Hon. Michael Chong (Wellington—Halton Hills North, CPC): Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I'm fine with doing that. I'd just like to make sure we're working off the same document. Which document is it?

The Chair: In response, this is the document that was distributed by the clerk last Friday, after the outcome of the agreement between the leadership of the parties.

Hon. Michael Chong: Understood.

Just to clarify, Mr. Oliphant has moved.... I'm confused about which routine motions he has moved.

Can he restate what he has moved?

Hon. Robert Oliphant: I moved that the routine motions be accepted, from "Analyst Services"—I was trying to avoid the analysts, you know—through to "Maintenance of Order and Decorum".

Hon. Michael Chong: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

On my intervention, I support this motion, and I encourage all members to support it.

The Chair: Thank you very much.

I'll now turn to Mr. Brunelle-Duceppe.

[*Translation*]

Alexis Brunelle-Duceppe (Lac-Saint-Jean, BQ): Thank you.

I wanted to make sure that these are the motions moved by the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, as agreed to by all parties. If so, if this is indeed the document, then yes, we're in agreement and ready to adopt it.

[*English*]

The Chair : Yes, I'm informed that this is the case. This is the document that was distributed to all members at the outcome of the agreement between all the parties.

Mr. Abouttaif, go ahead.

Ziad Abouttaif: We have to reference the document called "Routine Motions, 45th Parliament, 1st Session". In addition, we could reference the date and the time that we received the email or that the email was sent. I think it would be good to have that reference.

• (1115)

Hon. Robert Oliphant: Apparently, it was at 4:41 p.m. on June 13. My document just mentioned standing committee routine motions for the first session of the 45th Parliament. I would add that it was received on June 13 at approximately 4:40 p.m. Who knows whether someone was 30 seconds late?

The Chair: Can we vote to adopt these routine motions?

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

The Chair: Thank you.

I open the floor to members for any other committee business. Otherwise, I will move adjournment.

I'll recognize Monsieur Brunelle-Duceppe.

[*Translation*]

Alexis Brunelle-Duceppe: Mr. Chair, since it's adopted, I think that the first step is to invite the analysts to sit down with us now that they're authorized to do so.

The Chair: Thank you.

Mr. Chong, the floor is yours.

[*English*]

Hon. Michael Chong: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I suggest that it's too early to plan our fall sittings as a committee. I suggest that when we first come back after the summer recess, we establish our first meeting as a planning meeting so that we can lay out a calendar for the entire fall.

I would also suggest, in light of that, that we adjourn.

The Chair: Are members in agreement with the suggestion to designate our first meeting upon returning in the fall as a planning meeting?

I sense consensus; therefore, we'll make note of that and adjourn this meeting.

Thank you very much. The meeting is adjourned.

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