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Mr. David Sweet

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• (1530)

[*English*]

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin): Honourable members of the committee,

[*Translation*]

I see that we have a quorum.

[*English*]

We must now proceed to the election of the chair. Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the chair must be a member of the government party. I'm now prepared to receive motions to that effect.

Ms. Charlton.

Ms. Chris Charlton (Hamilton Mountain, NDP): I move that David Sweet be chair of our committee; it's a Hamilton thing.

Voices: Oh, oh!

The Clerk: It has been moved by Ms. Charlton that David Sweet be elected as chair of the committee. Are there any further motions?

The committee has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: I declare David Sweet duly elected chair of the committee.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

Ms. Chris Charlton: Can we put out a press release, David? It's the first time I've ever had a motion passed in committee.

Voices: Oh, oh!

The Clerk: Am I to understand that we should proceed to the election of vice-chairs?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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

Mr. Lake.

Hon. Mike Lake (Edmonton—Mill Woods—Beaumont, CPC): I move Chris Charlton.

The Clerk: It has been moved by Mr. Lake that Chris Charlton be elected first vice-chair of the committee.

Are there any other motions?

The committee has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: I declare Chris Charlton 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 motions to that effect.

Madam Quach.

[*Translation*]

Ms. Anne Minh-Thu Quach (Beauharnois—Salaberry, NDP): I nominate Ms. Judy Sgro.

The Clerk: Moved by Ms. Quach that Ms. Judy Sgro be elected second vice-chair of the committee.

[*English*]

The committee has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: I declare the Honourable Judy Sgro duly elected second vice-chair of the committee.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

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

The Chair (Mr. David Sweet (Ancaster—Dundas—Flamborough—Westdale, CPC)): Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for the unbelievable unanimity of the committee. I expect that this will be the case as we move forward.

Madam Charlton.

Ms. Chris Charlton: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

I just want to begin the meeting by saying first of all how pleased I am to now be serving on the committee. As you know, I'm new to the committee, and I look forward to working with all members of the committee.

In particular I want to congratulate you, Mr. Chair, on having just won the chairmanship of our committee.

I know that we're going to be dealing with a number of other motions today. I just want to give you verbal notice before we start that I also will be moving a motion that we only deal with matters in camera in very circumscribed matters. Since we didn't have an opportunity to move those motions in advance because we didn't have a chair, I just want to let you know now that I'll be doing that. I don't know if you'd like me to read the motion into the record, but it would be:

That the Committee may meet *in camera* only for the purpose of discussing:

- (a) wages, salaries and other employee benefits;
- (b) contracts and contract negotiations;
- (c) labour relations and personnel matters;
- (d) draft reports;
- (e) briefings concerning national security; and

That all votes taken *in camera* be recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings, including how each member voted when recorded votes are requested.

Thank you.

● (1535)

The Chair: Thank you, Madam Charlton.

You're going to be serving notice in committee in this regard and you'll be presenting it 48 hours from now. You have the option of doing that, obviously—

Ms. Chris Charlton: I'd be happy to do it today under routine motions if that serves the interests of all of the committee members.

The Chair: Mr. Lake.

Hon. Mike Lake: I would say that the typical way we deal with committee business is to do committee business in camera. That's the way it's been in the eight years that I've been here. It has been shown to be the most productive way to actually function as a committee in the most productive way possible, so I move that we go in camera to conduct our committee business.

The Chair: On Mr. Lake's dilatory motion: all those in favour of the motion?

Ms. Chris Charlton: Can we get a recorded vote on that?

The Chair: I'll leave it in your trustworthy hands, Mr. Clerk.

(Motion agreed to: yeas 6; nays 5)

The Chair: We will be moving in camera now.

I will ask everybody who is not a member of Parliament or staff of a member of Parliament to leave the room while we move in camera.

[*Proceedings continue in camera*]

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