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• (1530)

[English]

**The Chair (Mr. Scott Simms (Coast of Bays—Central—Notre Dame, Lib.)):** Hello everyone. It's February 18, and welcome to a meeting of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans.

Today we're doing committee business. As we all know, as the committee operates, we take in legislation as it comes to us, whatever is referred to us from the House. We also look at estimates—some of our senior members will know what I'm talking about—plus the report on plans and priorities. We'll do that as well.

In the meantime we need a frank discussion as to what we would like the committee to do in conjunction with the operations of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. We need to look at what it is we would like to see as priorities over the coming while.

I would like to get into some of those issues, maybe some suggestions and the like.

Does everybody have the briefing book that was sent to you by Thai, our analyst? It's a briefing book on the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans, on past activities, including the functions of the committee and that sort of thing. I think it was sent—how long ago was that—two weeks ago?

**A voice:** I sent it out a couple of weeks ago.

**The Chair:** Okay. David sent it out a couple of weeks ago.

I would like to refer to this for a few moments, if you have it. If not, I'll read what I have here.

For committee business we can discuss this right now. If there are any suggestions, please feel free to interrupt me at any time, which I'm sure you will.

Mr. Morrissey.

**Mr. Robert Morrissey (Egmont, Lib.):** Since we're new, could we move in camera to have a discussion prior to—

**The Chair:** Do you want to move in camera for committee business?

Are you moving that as a motion?

**Mr. Robert Morrissey:** If that's what's required.

**The Chair:** Okay.

We'll have to take a vote on that. We don't have to have a recorded vote. We can have a vote by show of hands, but we do immediately have to go to a vote when that motion is put forward.

(Motion agreed to)

**The Chair:** Okay. We'll suspend for a few minutes to go in camera.

[*Proceedings continue in camera*]

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