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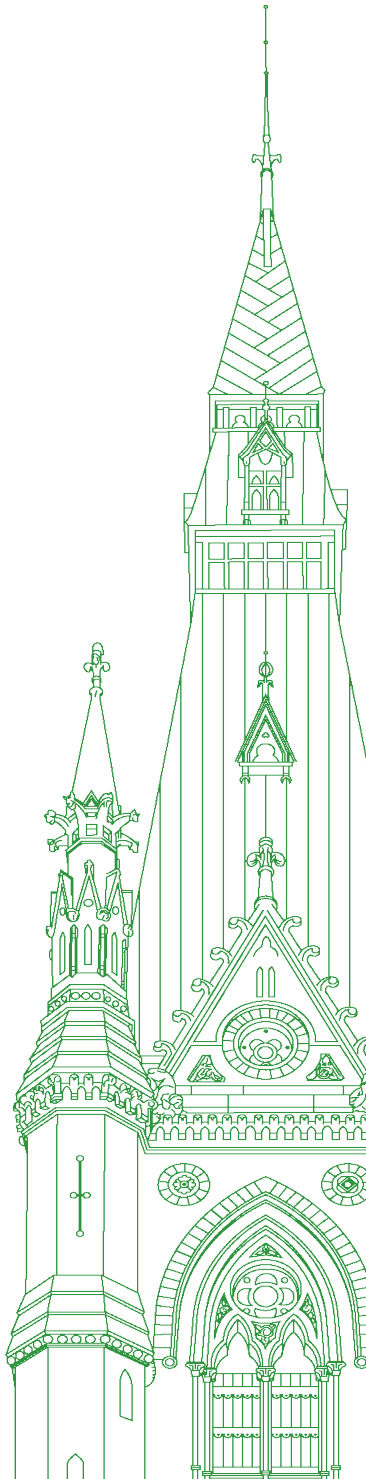
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[*Translation*]

The Chair (Ben Carr (Winnipeg South Centre, Lib.)): Good morning everyone. As always, I hope you had a good weekend.

I want to remind you that we won't be having a meeting on Thursday, because the Minister of Finance and National Revenue will be presenting the budget in the House.

[*English*]

We are going to be going in camera after we finish clause-by-clause, assuming we finish clause-by-clause, which I'm very confident we will, on Bill C-267 in order to deal with our AI report.

Colleagues, we are now at the clause-by-clause stage of Bill C-267. As is common practice, we have a couple of officials who are with us today whose role it is to help provide clarity for members should there be any questions.

From the Department of Industry, we have Chad Mariage, who's the director of small business, tourism and marketplace services. From the Department of the Environment, we have Ainslee Emerson, the senior director of strategic policy and analysis, office of energy efficiency.

Colleagues, as we did with Madam Dandurand's bill a couple of weeks ago, I'm going to go over the process by which we go through clause-by-clause. This is the examination of clauses in the order in which they will appear in the bill. I'll call each clause successively, and each clause is subject to debate and a vote. If there are amendments to the clause in question, I'll recognize the member proposing it who may wish to explain it.

My understanding is, as has been the tradition on this committee much to our mutual benefit, there have been some discussions in advance amongst the parties to be informed of some last-minute changes. I hope the conversations that took place will allow for a seamless transition into those particular line items.

Having said that, there are a couple of formal things that I will go over to begin.

[*Translation*]

I can also confirm that all the audiovisual checks were completed and that everything is working as it should.

[*English*]

Colleagues, pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of clause 1, short title, and of the preamble are postponed. This is our common practice.

(On clause 2)

The Chair: The chair would call clause 2; however, the legislative clerks and I have had a conversation and, since there are amendments to clause 2, the interpretation clause, I suggest that we postpone the study of clause 2 until the end. This will allow us to first consider and then make a decision on amendments that could have an impact on the definitions.

As a reminder, *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, fourth edition, states in section 16.79:

> The interpretation clause of a bill is not the place to propose a substantive amendment to a bill unless other amendments have been adopted that would warrant amendments to the interpretation clause.

This is a fancy way of saying that we're going to just wait on clause 2 until the end so that we have clarity on the other changes that are made in the body of the bill that will make clause 2 clearer to us and more relevant.

Seeing no opposition to that change, I am going to begin with our formal clause-by-clause of the bill.

(Clause 2 allowed to stand)

(On clause 3)

The Chair: Mr. Bardeesy, I suspect you're going to want to move the G-2 amendment.

● (1105)

Karim Bardeesy (Taiaiako'n—Parkdale—High Park, Lib.): Yes, I'll move the G-2 amendment now.

The Chair: Colleagues, looking at G-2, I believe there is a subamendment that Madam O'Rourke would like to propose.

Madam O'Rourke, I will give you the floor.

Dominique O'Rourke (Guelph, Lib.): Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I'd like to move the following subamendment to G-2. Following the words “Indigenous groups,” we insert the text, “technical experts, manufacturers, importers, distributors, repair businesses”.

This is because the bill would impose new conditions and regulation upon manufacturers and distributors, and we should hear from them. Similarly, we should hear from the repair businesses. These are all recommendations from witnesses, and they make for a fuller, more fulsome and comprehensive framework.

The Chair: Colleagues, it may be a little bit unconventional, but we don't yet have that language officially distributed to the clerk. However, we have it in both official languages as has just been read by Madam O'Rourke.

I'm seeing from the leadership on the Conservative side and government side that there seems to be no concern.

[*Translation*]

Same question for you, Mr. Barsalou-Duval. I see you're fine with it, as well.

[*English*]

Colleagues, I am looking for the adoption of the subamendment as presented just now in both languages by Madam O'Rourke.

Seeing no opposition, the subamendment shall carry.

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

The Chair: We are now on to debate G-2 as amended.

I'm looking for anyone who wishes to speak to G-2.

Seeing none, I'll look for the committee's wishes in regard to its adoption.

I'm only going to call votes, colleagues, if I have reason to believe that there's a desire for these to be recorded. I'm not seeing that yet.

Seeing no opposition, we will treat G-2 as amended and carried.

(Amendment as amended agreed to [*See Minutes of Proceedings*])

The Chair: Colleagues, just for clarity, CPC-1 and LIB-1 cannot be moved now, as we have amended G-2 in such a way that there would be the creation of a line conflict.

Mr. Chambers, I believe you're aware of that fact. CPC-1 cannot be moved, nor can LIB-1.

We are going to move on to G-2.1.

Colleagues, I'm now looking for the approval of G-2.1 in the bill as it was originally written.

Mr. Bardeesy, you'll have to move that.

Karim Bardeesy: I move G-2.1.

The Chair: Is there anyone wishing to speak to this amendment?

Seeing no speakers, we'll go to the vote.

An hon. member: On division.

(Amendment agreed to on division [*See Minutes of Proceedings*])

The Chair: We are now moving on to BQ-2.

[*Translation*]

Would you like to move your motion, Mr. Barsalou-Duval?

Xavier Barsalou-Duval (Pierre-Boucher—Les Patriotes—Verchères, BQ): Yes, I can move BQ-2 quickly.

I think everyone around the table had a chance to read the motion. Basically, the purpose is to make sure that those who repair the products captured in the bill have access to the same information, tools and even software, if necessary, as those who work directly for the original manufacturer. This is to foster true competition. That's what we're proposing in BQ-2.

● (1110)

[*English*]

The Chair: Okay.

[*Translation*]

Thank you, Mr. Barsalou-Duval.

[*English*]

Colleagues, is there anyone wishing to speak to this further? I don't see anyone.

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

The Chair: This brings us to BQ-3.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Barsalou-Duval, I imagine that it's the same for this one and that you'd like to move the amendment. You don't have to explain it, but you can if you wish. You can simply say that you are moving it, if you prefer.

Xavier Barsalou-Duval: All right. I want to move it. I won't explain BQ-3, because the idea is pretty much the same as in the previous amendment.

The Chair: Great. Thank you.

[*English*]

I'm looking for anybody wishing to speak.

Seeing no one, I'm looking for a decision from the committee to approve it. I see no opposition.

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

The Chair: This brings us to BQ-4.

Monsieur Barsalou-Duval, go ahead.

[*Translation*]

Xavier Barsalou-Duval: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I'd like to take a quick moment to explain what this amendment is about.

Both witnesses and people around this table regularly brought something up: Federal consumer protection legislation could interfere with provincial jurisdiction, Quebec's, in particular. Quebec has it own consumer protection act.

The idea behind this amendment is to ensure that the government's framework doesn't interfere with existing measures or hinder the ability of provinces to establish their own frameworks.

The Chair: Very good.

[*English*]

I'm looking for members who wish to speak to this.

Mr. Bardeesy, the floor is yours.

[*Translation*]

Karim Bardeesy: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I always respect the Bloc Québécois's position regarding the rights and jurisdiction of the provinces, but in our view, this amendment is unnecessary.

The bill seeks to create a national framework that brings together all the players in the system. We just had an amendment to make that fact clear. We don't feel this amendment is necessary to achieve the purpose of the bill. The way I read the bill, it fully respects provincial and territorial jurisdiction.

[*English*]

The Chair: I'm looking for any other members who might wish to speak to proposed amendment BQ-4.

Mr. Chambers, the floor is yours.

Adam Chambers (Simcoe North, CPC): I will just say that it's not a bad idea to reinforce the differences in jurisdiction.

For me, personally, I respect the Bloc amendment in this regard.

The Chair: Thank you, Mr. Chambers.

Colleagues, are there any further speakers?

Given that I know we don't have unanimous consent on this one, I am going to ask the clerk to call the vote on BQ-4.

(Amendment negatived: nays 6; yeas 5 [*See Minutes of Proceedings*])

(Clause 3 as amended agreed to)

The Chair: We've had lots of changes this morning, colleagues, so I'm just catching up to my versions here.

(Clauses 4 and 5 agreed to)

(On clause 2)

The Chair: Colleagues, this brings us back to the beginning and to clause 2.

We had an amendment, which was BQ-1. I'm going to give everybody a minute to find that sheet.

Hopefully everybody has a copy of BQ-1 in front of them.

[*Translation*]

I imagine that, once again, you would like to move your amendment.

● (1115)

Xavier Barsalou-Duval: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

This is something that was discussed at length with the witnesses who appeared before the committee on the bill. The idea is to add vehicles to the definition of “electronic product”. The fact is that we are seeing more and more electronic products in vehicles, and many of the witnesses seemed to want the bill to apply to vehicles as well.

That's the intent behind the amendment. I hope everyone will support it.

The Chair: Thank you, Mr. Barsalou-Duval.

[*English*]

I'm looking for any members who may wish to speak.

I see Madam O'Rourke, followed by Mr. Bardeesy.

Dominique O'Rourke: Thank you, Chair.

I certainly support the right to repair for vehicles, but I think it's outside the scope of this private member's bill. We heard that from the mover of this private member's bill, who was keeping it to home appliances and electronics, so that's one thing.

If we were to look at the broader auto repair sector, then we would need to really be talking with Transport Canada, which does the rules around vehicle safety. We would have to talk to Environment Canada around emissions. We'd have to talk to Industry Canada about what this means for the sector.

The independent repair shops and the Automotive Industries Association raised some concerns about the current model, and that is an important and separate conversation, but we shouldn't conflate the two.

Public safety on our roads is very critical, and there are lots of issues we can talk about there. We can talk about the shortage of auto technicians, which the Canadian Automobile Dealers Association has been advocating about. They would love to bring in more temporary foreign workers to do that work. We recognize that there are challenges. The Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association also wrote in to flag a number of concerns. We can have the conversation, but it should be a fulsome one, and we need to do it properly for road safety in this country.

The Chair: Go ahead, Mr. Bardeesy.

Karim Bardeesy: [*Inaudible—Editor*]

The Chair: You're okay.

Mr. Chambers, do you want to speak to this?

Adam Chambers: It's recognized that the government's position will likely mean that the amendment will fail but, if I heard correctly, it sounds like in principle they agree that right to repair is a worthy discussion to have on automobiles.

This is perhaps for a different discussion, but I would recommend that the committee consider writing the Competition Bureau to have them consider refusal to deal with the new powers that they've been given. It sounds like there's consensus in principle around the table that automobiles should be considered in right to repair. The new powers that the Competition Bureau has have yet to be used in this forum. I would recommend that we consider writing the Competition Bureau as a committee, unanimously supported, for them to review this new section and their new powers in light of the automobile request that the Bloc has made, which I think is reasonable and supported by most Canadians.

● (1120)

The Chair: I'm looking for any other members who may wish to speak to this amendment.

Similar to BQ-4, knowing that we do not have unanimity, I'm going to ask the clerk to call the vote on this particular amendment.

(Amendment negatived: nays 6; yeas 5 [*See Minutes of Proceedings*])

The Chair: We are going to move to our next amendment.

Mr. Bardeesy, I imagine you're going to want to move G-1.

Karim Bardeesy: I'll move G-1 and speak to it briefly.

The Chair: You don't have to, but you're welcome to.

Karim Bardeesy: This just provides some further clarity and definition in an existing act that helps us scope the products that are covered under the act, I think in a very useful way. It uses an existing piece of legislation.

The Chair: Thank you, Mr. Bardeesy.

Is there any opposition? I see none.

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

(Clause 2 as amended agreed to)

The Chair: Shall the short title carry?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

(On the preamble)

The Chair: Now we'll go to the preamble.

Mr. Bardeesy, I imagine you're going to want to present G-3.

Karim Bardeesy: That's correct. I'll move G-3.

The Chair: Colleagues, G-3 is a very small amendment.

I'll read it out just for clarity.

[*Translation*]

The amendment proposes that Bill C-267, in the preamble, be amended by replacing line 15 on page 1 with the following:

in Canada in order to promote standards of

[*English*]

Does anybody wish to speak to this?

Mr. Barsalou-Duval.

[*Translation*]

Xavier Barsalou-Duval: I'd like the member who moved the amendment to explain why it was put forward. In concrete terms, what does this amendment do?

The Chair: Hold on, Mr. Barsalou-Duval. There was a problem with the interpretation. Please give us a moment.

I'm going to say a few words in French to see whether it's working. Yes, it's working.

Mr. Barsalou-Duval, please start over.

Xavier Barsalou-Duval: Thank you.

As I was saying, Mr. Chair, I would just like the member to explain the rationale behind the amendment.

I understand that the member wants to remove the word “minimum” from “standards of durability and repairability”, but what's the difference between “standards of durability and repairability” and “minimum standards of durability and repairability”? What's the point of removing the word “minimum”? I'd like to know the explanation.

The Chair: Members aren't required to provide an explanation.

Nevertheless, it's up to you, Mr. Bardeesy. You can provide some clarification if you like.

● (1125)

Karim Bardeesy: Yes, I will.

The only place where the bill talks about minimum standards is subparagraph 3(2)(c)(i). In the bill, the reference to minimum standards is very narrow, applying only to the useful life of products. It doesn't apply to the entire bill, so that's why we proposed amending the preamble. The bill, as a whole, isn't proposing minimum standards for products.

The Chair: All right. Thank you, Mr. Bardeesy.

[*English*]

Is there anybody else who would like to speak to this or ask a question?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Barsalou-Duval, go ahead.

Xavier Barsalou-Duval: Beyond the policy standpoint, I'd like to know whether removing the word “minimum” would result in any technical changes. We have department officials here today, so this is a good chance for them to explain that.

The Chair: You have the floor, Mr. Barsalou-Duval, so that's no problem.

[*English*]

Officials, if you would like to offer your perspective with respect to Mr. Barsalou-Duval's question, the floor is yours.

[*Translation*]

Chad Mariage (Director, Small Business, Tourism and Marketplace Services, Department of Industry): Thank you, Mr. Chair.

I'll try to answer, but my colleague may have more information to provide afterwards.

Basically, removing the word “minimum” provides more flexibility and avoids putting unnecessary limits on standards. There are two choices when it comes to standards: either they exist or they don't. Establishing minimum standards would be overly limiting. That's the reason the amendment has been proposed. I should also point out that the reference to minimum standards had also been removed from G-2, which I believe the committee adopted. Therefore, this would also be consistent with the amendment you adopted earlier.

I'm not sure whether my colleague has anything to add.

The Chair: Do you have any further comments, Mr. Barsalou-Duval?

Xavier Barsalou-Duval: No.

The Chair: Very good.

[*English*]

Colleagues, seeing no further speakers for proposed amendment G-3, I'm looking for whether or not there is unanimous support.

There is not, so I'm going to ask for a recorded vote.

I know it's on division on your side, Mr. Chambers, but just to be exceptionally formal, as I believe our colleague from the Bloc has indicated, it's important that we just have that recorded.

(Amendment agreed to: yeas 10; nays 1)

The Chair: Shall the preamble as amended carry?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Shall the title carry?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Shall the bill as amended carry?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

An hon. member: On division.

The Chair: Shall the chair report the bill as amended to the House?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Shall the committee order a reprint of the bill as amended for the use of the House at report stage?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: Colleagues, that brings us to the end of clause-by-clause. I appreciate your collegiality.

Thank you to our officials for being here.

Thank you very much to our legislative clerks who did an excellent job, sometimes under tight timelines, of making sure we were prepared to undertake our parliamentary responsibilities.

I'm going to suspend for about five minutes to allow us to turn over to deal with the AI report, which I don't imagine will take us very long.

[*Proceedings continue in camera*]

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