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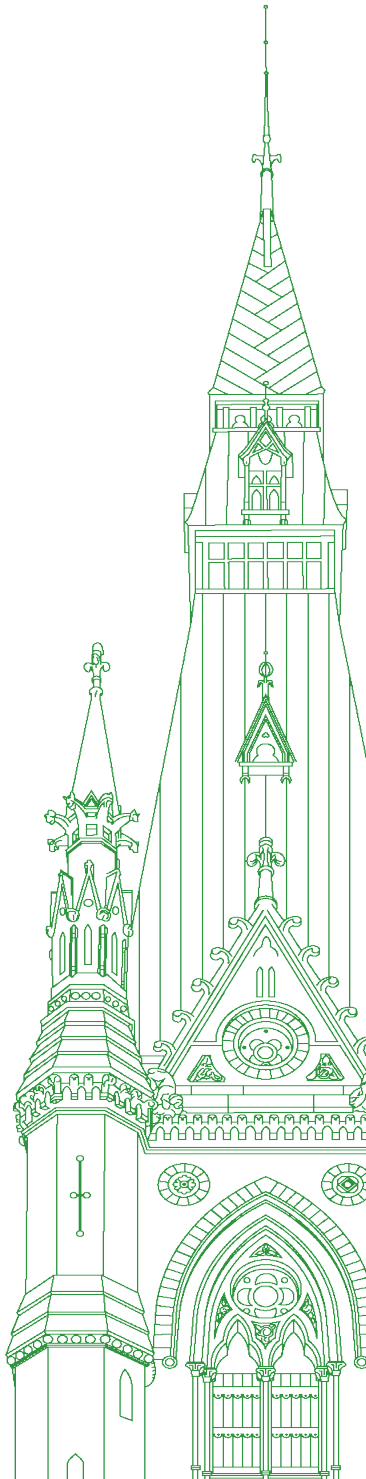

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● (1200)

[*English*]

The Acting Joint Chair (The Honourable Scott Tannas): Good morning, colleagues. I see we have quorum. I call this meeting to order.

This is a hybrid meeting and I'd like to remind members of the committee to please keep their microphones muted at all times unless recognized by name by the chair. Should any technical challenges arise, particularly in relation to interpretation, please signal this to the chair or the clerk and we will work to resolve the issue.

Finally, I'd like to remind all participants that Zoom screens should not be copied, recorded or photographed.

My name is Senator Scott Tannas. I'm from Alberta and I am the joint chair of this committee. Today we are meeting as there is a vacancy in the House joint chair following Mr. Dhaliwal's departure from this committee. It was a pleasure chairing this committee alongside Mr. Dhaliwal, and I wish him well in the work he will undertake in his other roles.

With that, it is now time to elect the next joint chair of this committee. I'll turn it over to our joint clerk from the House.

The Joint Clerk of the Committee (Graeme Truelove): Thank you, Mr. Joint Chair.

Honourable members of the committee, pursuant to Standing Order 106(3)(a), as the joint clerk of the committee, I will now preside over the election of the joint chair from the House of Commons.

I must inform members that the joint clerk of the committee can only receive motions for the election of the chair. Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the chair must be a member of the government party. I am ready to receive motions for the chair.

Mr. Beech.

Hon. Terry Beech (Burnaby North—Seymour, Lib.): I would love to nominate Madam Linda Lapointe.

Thank you.

The Joint Clerk (Graeme Truelove): It has been moved by Mr. Beech that Ms. Lapointe be elected as joint chair of this committee.

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

(Motion agreed to)

The Joint Clerk (Graeme Truelove): I declare the motion carried and Ms. Lapointe duly elected joint chair of the committee. I now invite her to take the chair.

The Joint Chair (Linda Lapointe (Rivière-des-Mille-Îles, Lib.)):

Thank you very much, Senator.

[*Translation*]

To my fellow committee members, I'd like to say thank you.

It will be a pleasure to co-chair the committee with Senator Tannas and to work with each of you. I'm very happy to work closely with the senator and to advance the committee's work.

The Library of Parliament plays an essential role in our work as parliamentarians, and I'm pleased to contribute to the committee's work.

I'd also like to thank the clerks and analysts, because without them, our job would definitely be more difficult. We need their help.

[*English*]

I'm very happy to work with all of you and with my co-chair.

Thank you again for your trust. I look forward to working together.

[*Translation*]

Thank you.

[*English*]

The Joint Chair (Hon. Scott Tannas):

Colleagues, if the committee is in agreement, I invite the clerk to proceed with the election of the vice-chairs.

Joint Clerk, please go ahead.

The Joint Clerk (Graeme Truelove): Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the first vice-chair must be a member of the official opposition.

I am now prepared to receive motions for the first vice-chair.

● (1205)

Ted Falk (Provencher, CPC): I put forward Chris Lewis.

The Joint Clerk (Graeme Truelove): It has been moved by Mr. Falk that Mr. Lewis be elected as first vice-chair of the committee.

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

(Motion agreed to)

The Joint Clerk (Graeme Truelove): I declare the motion carried and Mr. Lewis duly elected first vice-chair of the committee.

[*Translation*]

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the second vice-chair must be a member of an opposition party other than the official opposition.

I am now prepared to receive motions for the second vice-chair.

The Acting Joint Chair (Linda Lapointe): I believe Xavier Barsalou-Duval, of the Bloc Québécois, should be nominated as second vice-chair.

[*English*]

Ron McKinnon (Coquitlam—Port Coquitlam, Lib.): I so move.

[*Translation*]

The Joint Clerk (Graeme Truelove): It has been moved by Mr. McKinnon that Mr. Barsalou-Duval be elected as second vice-chair of the committee.

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

(Motion agreed to)

The Joint Clerk (Graeme Truelove): I declare the motion carried and Mr. Barsalou-Duval duly elected second vice-chair of the committee.

[*English*]

The Joint Chair (Hon. Scott Tannas):

Colleagues, this was the only item on the agenda for today.

Are there any other items members would like to bring forward before we adjourn?

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