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• (1205)

[English]

The Joint Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Chad Mariage): Honourable members,

[Translation]

senators, good afternoon. My name is Chad Mariage. I am the joint clerk of this committee, on the House side.

We are here to elect a joint chair from the House of Commons, pursuant to Standing Order 106(2).

I must point out that, as the clerk, I cannot entertain points of order or anything else. I am only authorized to receive motions for the election of the joint chair and vice-chairs.

[English]

That said, I am now ready to receive motions for the election of the joint chair on the House side.

Madam Hughes.

Mrs. Carol Hughes (Algoma—Manitoulin—Kapusksing, NDP): I'll nominate Monsieur Galipeau.

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Chad Mariage): Madam Hughes moves that Monsieur Royal Galipeau be elected joint chair of the committee.

Are there any other motions? Seeing none, is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

(Motion agreed to)

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Chad Mariage): I declare Monsieur Galipeau duly elected joint chair of the committee.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

The Joint Chair (Mr. Royal Galipeau (Ottawa—Orléans, CPC)): I want to thank the members of the committee. I only wish it were that easy in Ottawa—Orléans.

Voices: Oh, oh!

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Chad Mariage): Before I invite Monsieur Galipeau to take the chair, is it the pleasure of the committee to proceed with the election of vice-chairs?

I'm now ready to receive motions for first vice-chair of the committee, who must be a member of the official opposition.

Monsieur Patry.

[Translation]

Mr. Claude Patry (Jonquière—Alma, NDP): I nominate Carol Hughes for vice-chair.

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Chad Mariage): It has been moved by Mr. Patry that Ms. Hughes be elected as first vice-chair of the committee.

Are there any further motions?

The Joint Chair (Mr. Royal Galipeau): I object, as I would like to be the one to nominate her.

Mr. Claude Patry: I agree to withdraw my motion so that Mr. Galipeau can move it instead.

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Chad Mariage): It has therefore been moved by Mr. Galipeau that Ms. Hughes be elected as first vice-chair of the committee.

(Motion agreed to)

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Chad Mariage): I declare Ms. Hughes duly elected as first vice-chair.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

[English]

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Chad Mariage): Now, for the second vice-chair, who must be a member of the opposition other than the official opposition, I'm ready to receive a motion to that effect.

Madam Hughes.

Mrs. Carol Hughes: I'll propose Carolyn Bennett.

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Chad Mariage): Madam Hughes moves that Ms. Bennett be elected second vice-chair of the committee.

Are there any other motions?

Monsieur Galipeau.

The Joint Chair (Mr. Royal Galipeau): I propose that we close the nominations.

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Chad Mariage): Thank you.

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

(Motion agreed to)

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Chad Mariage): Congratulations, Dr. Bennett. I declare you second vice-chair of the committee.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Chad Mariage): I invite Monsieur Galipeau to take his seat.

•(1210)

The Joint Chair (Mr. Royal Galipeau): The agenda today has one item. We've looked after that item.

I want to congratulate the two vice-chairs who were elected with me.

At the call of the co-chairs, we will convene a meeting, but at this time you're free to go on with your other obligations and activities today.

Dr. Bennett.

Hon. Carolyn Bennett (St. Paul's, Lib.): Thank you, and congratulations.

I think it would be prudent for us to call on the Parliamentary Librarian to present her plan for the year, and perhaps also an update on Vision 2020, in terms of resources to parliamentarians, the international process that I believe Mr. Nanos was consulting on. I think this committee is really advisory to the Parliamentary Librarian, and it would be important that we have a meeting.

I think a lot of us were concerned that this committee didn't meet at all last year.

The Joint Chair (Mr. Royal Galipeau): Dr. Bennett, the agenda for today has been resolved.

We need unanimous consent in order to carry on. Since I don't consent, there is no unanimous consent. We will adjourn.

Both co-chairs will take your comments under advisement—

Hon. Carolyn Bennett: Will there be a steering committee meeting?

The Joint Chair (Mr. Royal Galipeau): —and we will get back to you.

Hon. Carolyn Bennett: Will we have a steering committee meeting of the co-chairs?

The Joint Chair (Mr. Royal Galipeau): We will get back to you.

Hon. Carolyn Bennett: Last year we weren't included in anything the co-chairs decided, including not to meet at all.

The Joint Chair (Mr. Royal Galipeau): Thank you, Dr. Bennett.

Senator Eaton.

Senator Nicole Eaton (Senator, CPC): I propose that we adjourn.

The Joint Chair (Mr. Royal Galipeau): We're adjourned.

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