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• (0905)

[*English*]

**The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. William Farrell):** Members, I see a quorum.

Your first item of business is election of the chair.

I will now open up the floor to nominations.

Mr. Devolin.

**Mr. Barry Devolin (Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock, CPC):** I'll nominate Norm Doyle.

**The Clerk:** Are there any further nominations?

I declare the nominations closed.

(Motion agreed to)

**The Clerk:** I declare Mr. Doyle duly elected chair of the committee.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear!

**The Clerk:** Now we'll move on to the vice-chairs. The first vice-chair has to come from the official opposition.

I'll open the floor to nominations.

**Hon. Andrew Telegdi (Kitchener—Waterloo, Lib.):** I nominate myself.

**The Clerk:** Mr. Telegdi nominates himself.

Any further nominations?

Madame Deschamps.

[*Translation*]

**Ms. Johanne Deschamps (Laurentides—Labelle, BQ):** I would like to nominate Ms. Folco.

[*English*]

**The Clerk:** Madame Deschamps proposes Raymonde Folco for the vice-chair also.

Are there any further nominations?

Pursuant to Standing Order 106, since more than one candidate has been nominated for vice-chair I'm authorized to preside over the election of vice-chair by secret ballot. Before proceeding, I will briefly explain how the process will be conducted.

Nominations for vice-chair now being closed, I and my colleague, Jacques Lahaie, procedural clerk, will stand at either side of the table and issue ballots to the members. After members have written their

choice on the ballot and deposited it in the box on the table, I will count the votes and announce the successful candidate. If no member receives a majority of the ballots, I will conduct another ballot. The same process may be used for the second vice-chair.

**The Clerk:** I duly declare Andrew Telegdi elected as first vice-chair of the committee.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear!

• (0910)

**The Clerk:** Now we'll proceed to the second vice-chair. I'll open the nominations.

Madame Deschamps.

[*Translation*]

**Ms. Johanne Deschamps:** I nominate Meili Faille.

[*English*]

**The Clerk:** Any further nominations?

I declare the nominations closed.

I declare Madame Faille duly elected, in absentia, as second vice-chair.

I'll invite Mr. Doyle to take the chair.

**Hon. Jim Karygiannis (Scarborough—Agincourt, Lib.):** Doesn't she have to be here to accept the nomination?

**The Clerk:** No.

**The Chair (Mr. Norman Doyle (St. John's East, CPC)):** Thank you very kindly for allowing me to chair the committee again. I look forward to working with the committee, and thank you for your cooperation last time around. I know we're going to make progress this time around as well.

Normally what we would do when we re-establish our committee is adjourn until the following week for our next meeting. But the Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance is in town. So since they are here, and they've travelled a great distance, I think it would be appropriate for us to hear them today. I would ask your permission to proceed to hear the Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance this morning.

Then we'll move on to the agenda that has been prepared by the clerk, which is to go into committee business, which is the second report of the subcommittee on agenda and procedure and the agenda for upcoming meetings.

**Mr. Ed Komarnicki (Souris—Moose Mountain, CPC):** Mr. Chair, just as a matter of order, there were obviously some procedural motions that went into play in the first meeting that dealt with regular committee business in terms of, for instance, the rotation of questions, who's on the steering committee, and so on. In light of the fact that the committee is reconstituted, do we not need to go through those similar types of motions? I had some motions that I wanted to present in that regard. It seems that the committee is reconstituted and is starting afresh. If that's the case, then we would need to redo some of the procedural motions.

**The Chair:** Do you mean a speaking motion? I guess it might be appropriate to do the speaking motion before we have....

I'm informed by the clerk that 48 hours' notice would be required for any changes that would be made to the speaking order of the committee. If you're giving notice of that, Mr. Komarnicki, we can take notice of it and deal with the motion at the next committee meeting.

●(0915)

**Mr. Ed Komarnicki:** I don't want to make a particularly big issue of it. It's a procedural motion, as opposed to a substantive one, so I think it can be dealt with. But there's no reason why we can't deal with it, I suppose, at the next meeting.

**The Chair:** If you want to give notice of it, I think we should move right away to the Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance. After that we can huddle and see what the procedure might be.

Do we have the Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance here right now?

We'll adjourn for a few minutes until the alliance is seated and what have you, and then we'll proceed with our committee.

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