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[English]

The Chair (Mr. Rob Merrifield (Yellowhead, CPC)): We'll call the meeting to order.

The first order of business of the committee is to recognize the first report of the subcommittee on Bill C-28. You have it there. It's a great report. You have the report in front of you, so I have presented it to you.

Shall the report be adopted?

Mr. Thomas Mulcair (Outremont, NDP): I'm going to be moving, Mr. Chairman, that this committee not report back to the House today, but instead that this committee agree to hear witnesses on Bill C-28; and that in order to expedite our committee's study, we hold extra FINA meetings on Thursday, December 6, 2007, and Monday, December 10, 2007; and that immediately after the committee finishes hearing witnesses, we move to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-28 and we agree to report the bill back to the House of Commons on or before Tuesday, December 11, 2007.

The Chair: The consideration of that would go against what we talked about with regard to the department that came forward and talked to the committee after the committee's last meeting, suggesting that timing was a considerable problem with regard to that.

We have a motion on the floor.

Mr. Dean Del Mastro (Peterborough, CPC): Mr. Chair, could I speak?

The Chair: Just a minute. We'll hear from Mr. Mulcair first.

Mr. Thomas Mulcair: It's an amendment to the concurrence motion and it's in order.

The Chair: I realize it is, yes.

Mr. Dean Del Mastro: A point of order, Mr. Chair.

We dealt with this last week. The honourable member was not in attendance when we debated this issue and now he brings it back because he wasn't here. If he had been here, perhaps he would have been able to bring this forward.

The Chair: I realize that.

Mr. Dean Del Mastro: I think it's offensive to the rest of the members who were here.

The Chair: We have an amendment here. We're going to vote on that amendment.

(Amendment negated)

The Chair: Shall the report be adopted? I would entertain a motion.

An hon. member: So moved.

(Motion agreed to on division)

The Chair: Shall the chair present the report to the House?

An hon. member: So moved.

(Motion agreed to on division)

The Chair: That's it.

Thank you very much for your time.

We're done. The meeting is adjourned.

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