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[English]

The Chair (Mr. Gary Goodyear (Cambridge, CPC)): Colleagues, let's bring our meeting to order.

The committee is resuming dealing with the motion to concur in the first report of the subcommittee on private members' business regarding Bill C-482, which was presented to the committee on Thursday, December 6.

At the last meeting I chose to take some time to consider some of the discussions that were taking place around the table. My first priority was to respect the privilege of Madame Picard, in looking at the Standing Orders. I know that members have had some discussions, and they may wish to simply move forward on a vote on this issue. That is the discussion I'm hearing.

What I'm going to suggest is a little bit off the beaten path, if you will. Is that what the members wish to do? Can I see that the members wish to do that?

Thank you, members, for that great cooperation. Then I think we'll proceed to calling the question at this point.

The question is, shall the report of the subcommittee on private members' business be concurred in?

Are you asking for a motion to be read? I'll read it straight out. The first report is very short:

Pursuant to Standing Order 92(1)(a), the subcommittee has agreed that Bill C-482, an act to amend the Official Languages Act (Charter of the French Language) and to make consequential amendments to other acts, should be designated as non-votable, on the basis that it contravenes the criterion that bills and motions must not clearly violate the Constitution Acts, 1867 to 1982, including the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Shall the report be concurred in?

Mr. Scott Reid (Lanark—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington, CPC): Mr. Chairman, I think we should have a recorded vote on this, if you don't mind.

The Chair: A recorded vote, certainly.

(Motion negated: nays 7; yeas 3)

The Chair: Any other business today?

Hon. Dominic LeBlanc (Beauséjour, Lib.): Merry Christmas, Mr. Chairman.

The Chair: Thank you very much.

The meeting is adjourned.

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