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[English]

**The Chair (Mr. Kevin Sorenson (Crowfoot, CPC)):** Good morning, everyone. Welcome to meeting 78 of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security, Tuesday, March 26, 2013.

Today we are doing clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-51, amendments to Canada's witness protection program. In the final half hour or the final 15 minutes, however long it's going to take, our intentions are to go to committee business which will be in camera.

The first chore that we have this morning is the clause-by-clause study.

We're joined by Julie Mugford, director of research and national coordination, organized crime division, Department of Public Safety. Welcome back. We have as well Inspector Greg Bowen, officer in charge, witness protection operations with the RCMP. Welcome. We have Susan Alter, senior counsel with the Department of Justice.

These witnesses are here to assist us if we need it. I also will note that we have not received any amendments to Bill C-51, so my intentions are to move through this fairly quickly.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of clause 1, the short title, is postponed until the end of clause-by-clause consideration.

Because there have been no amendments that have been brought forward, I would like to call the question on clause 2 through clause 24 rather than doing them individually. I will call that right now.

(Clauses 2 to 24 inclusive agreed to)

**The Chair:** Shall the short title carry?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**The Chair:** Shall the schedule carry?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**The Chair:** Shall the title carry?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**The Chair:** Shall the bill carry?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**The Chair:** Shall the chair report the bill to the House?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

I want to thank the departmental folks for appearing and giving us aid this morning. We appreciate it. One never knows how the clause-by-clause will go, and we do appreciate the unanimity here today on this bill. You have appeared before our committee as we've looked through the witness protection program. Thank you for doing that. Thank you for being here today again.

We will suspend momentarily. We will go in camera and then we will proceed to committee business.

[Proceedings continue in camera]

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