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[*Translation*]

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin): Honourable members of the committee, I see a quorum.

[*English*]

We can now proceed to the election of a chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(2). The chair must be a member of the government party.

I am ready to receive motions for the post of chair.

Madam Charlton.

Ms. Chris Charlton (Hamilton Mountain, NDP): I nominate David Sweet. That's Hamilton solidarity.

The Clerk: It has been moved by Madam Charlton that David Sweet be elected chair of the committee.

Are there any further motions?

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: Before inviting Mr. Sweet to take the chair, if the committee wishes, we may now proceed to the election of vice-chairs.

Hon. Judy Sgro (York West, Lib.): I nominate Chris Charlton.

The Clerk: The first vice-chair must be a member of the official opposition.

Are there any further motions?

It has been moved by Ms. Sgro that Chris Charlton be elected as first vice-chair of the committee.

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the second vice-chair must be a member of the opposition party other than the official opposition.

I am now prepared to receive a motion for the second vice-chair.

Hon. Mike Lake (Edmonton—Mill Woods—Beaumont, CPC): I move Judy Sgro—

Mr. David Sweet (Ancaster—Dundas—Flamborough—Westdale, CPC): Due to the complexity, I didn't have a chance to weigh in on that.

The Clerk: It has been moved by Mr. Lake that Judy Sgro be elected as second vice-chair of the committee.

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: Mr. Sweet.

•(1535)

The Chair (Mr. David Sweet (Ancaster—Dundas—Flamborough—Westdale, CPC): Thank you very much, colleagues. I appreciate the trust and confidence.

That was a very slim victory, Madam Sgro. I'm just amazed that you slipped by on that one.

Hon. Judy Sgro: I know I was going to have some real competition.

The Chair: Without any unanimous consent for anything else, that's the end of our business. We'll have our first business meeting next week.

The meeting is adjourned.

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