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The Chair (Mr. Dan Ruimy (Pitt Meadows—Maple Ridge, Lib.)): Welcome, everybody, to a new session, a new life. We're all energized. We're all excited.

We have some new members with us.

Mary Ng, welcome to INDU.

On this side, we have a whole new lineup. We have Maxime, Matt Jeneroux, and Jim Eglinski. Of course, Bob, you're back. I mean Brian's back. Bob. I have a Bob Masse in my riding.

Mr. Brian Masse (Windsor West, NDP): You won't be forgetting my name after meeting one.

The Chair: Before we go in camera to do committee business, we have one order of business to do and that regards the vice-chair.

Do you have a script for me?

Hon. Maxime Bernier (Beauce, CPC): She's in charge of the election.

The Chair: Yes, she's in charge. I have nothing to do with it.

The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Danielle Widmer): Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the first vice-chair must be a member of the official opposition. I am now prepared to receive motions for the first vice-chair.

Mr. Matt Jeneroux (Edmonton Riverbend, CPC): I nominate Maxime Bernier for vice-chair.

Hon. Maxime Bernier: Thanks, Matt. I appreciate it.

The Clerk: It has been moved by Matt Jeneroux that Maxime Bernier be elected as first vice-chair of the committee.

Are there any further motions?

Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: I declare the motion carried and Maxime Bernier duly elected the first vice-chair of the committee.

Congratulations.

Hon. Maxime Bernier: I have to deliver a speech now.

I just want to, first of all, let you know that I'm very pleased to be here, to be back in this portfolio and, in my role as critic, I will be very positive, as you know. I like this portfolio because I was industry minister before. I was on the committee before the leadership race, and now I'm back.

Dan, you were the chair at that time. You're still the chair, and I think we'll have fun working together, but also, we have to be efficient and that will be the two goals that we'll have in mind.

The Chair: Thank you for those words.

We will take a minute to go in camera, and then we can start discussing our future business.

[Proceedings continue in camera]

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