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[English]

The Chair (Ms. Filomena Tassi (Hamilton West—Ancaster—Dundas, Lib.)): We will come to order.

John, I'm new at this, as you may be able to determine.

Mr. John Nater (Perth—Wellington, CPC): I'm new as well.

Mr. David de Burgh Graham (Laurentides—Labelle, Lib.): I chaired this meeting once, and you can't do any worse than I did, so don't worry about it.

Mr. John Nater: I've already promised David I'm going to have a 12-hour discussion on non-votable items.

The Chair: You're capable of it, too. I've seen you in action.

Before we begin, let me say that Arnold Chan has been getting beautiful testimonies, but this is the first meeting at which this committee has gathered without Arnold here as a representative.

Let me acknowledge that we know we're going to miss him. So many wonderful things, from all sides of the House, have been said about him, but his voice will be missed. I'll speak for myself and say—and I know for David, who has worked closely with Arnold, as well—that we hope we can carry on the wonderful things Arnold has taught us. If I can do that, then I will know I have succeeded. He will continue to be missed.

This is our ninth meeting of the Subcommittee on Private Members' Business of the Standing Committee on Procedure and

House Affairs. We have on the agenda the determination of non-votable items, pursuant to Standing Order 91.1(1).

What we are looking at today is Bill S-236, which I believe all of you have seen on your agenda.

Is there any discussion or concern with respect to this particular item?

David.

Mr. David de Burgh Graham: We are aware of the bill on this side and find the bill to have no problems and to be votable. We're ready to accept it as is.

The Chair: Thank you.

Is the same view held by others?

Okay. I have agreement among all those present.

I will read out the formal part, that the subcommittee present a report listing the item that it has determined should not be designated non-votable and recommending that it should be considered by the House.

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Chair: We have consensus, and we have no items that are non-votable.

The meeting is adjourned.

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