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[Translation]

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Hugues La Rue): Hello everyone.

I see we have a quorum. We can therefore proceed with the election of the chair.

[English]

I must inform committee members that the clerk of the committee can only receive motions for the election of the chair. The clerk cannot receive other types of motions, cannot entertain points of order, nor participate in debate.

We can now proceed with the election of the chair. Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the chair must be a member of the official opposition.

[Translation]

I'm ready to receive motions for the chair.

[English]

Hon. Peter Kent (Thornhill, CPC): Thank you, Clerk.

I would put the name of Bob Zimmer into nomination, please.

Mr. Raj Saini (Kitchener Centre, Lib.): Somebody nominate Peter Kent. It should be a race.

Mr. Nathaniel Erskine-Smith (Beaches—East York, Lib.): If I had a red Tory, I wouldn't know what was going on.

[Translation]

The Clerk: It has been moved by Peter Kent that Bob Zimmer be elected chair of the committee.

[English]

Are there any further motions?

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: I declare the motion carried and Mr. Bob Zimmer duly elected chair of the committee.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

The Chair (Mr. Bob Zimmer (Prince George—Peace River—Northern Rockies, CPC): Thank you.

Thank you, Peter, for the nomination.

The Clerk: Before inviting Mr. Zimmer to take the chair, if the committee wishes, we could also proceed with the election of the second vice-chair which is vacant at the moment.

The Chair: Yes, please.

Mr. Nathan Cullen (Skeena—Bulkley Valley, NDP): I'm not sure about your decision.

Mr. Frank Baylis (Pierrefonds—Dollard, Lib.): We're Liberals.

Mrs. Mona Fortier (Ottawa—Vanier, Lib.): We're one-tenth.

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

I'm now ready to receive a motion for the second vice-chair.

Mr. Erskine-Smith.

Mr. Nathaniel Erskine-Smith: I would move that it be Nathan Cullen.

The Clerk: Thank you.

Mr. Nathaniel Erskine-Smith: Almost Wayne Long.

The Clerk: It has been moved by Mr. Erskine-Smith that Mr. Cullen be elected second vice-chair of the committee.

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

(Motion agreed to)

The Clerk: I declare the motion carried, and Mr. Cullen duly elected the second vice-chair of the committee.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

•(1535)

Mr. Nathan Cullen: I have some thoughts I put together.

[Translation]

The Clerk: I'll now give the floor to Mr. Zimmer.

[English]

The Chair: I have a few comments, folks.

I'm glad to be here and thanks for the nomination, Mr. Kent. I've chaired a lot of different groups and organizations and committees on the Hill and I look forward to chairing this committee as well.

With that, I will adjourn the meeting.

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