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The committee met at 1010 in room 151.

APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE

The Chair (Mrs. Julia Munro): We will begin with an appointment to the subcommittee. Ms. DiNovo?

Ms. Cheri DiNovo (Parkdale–High Park): I move that a subcommittee on committee business be appointed to meet from time to time at the call of the Chair, or at the request of any member thereof, to consider and report to the committee on the business of the committee;

That the subcommittee be composed of the following members: the Chair as chair, Ms. Smith, Mr. Tascona and Ms. DiNovo; and

That the presence of all members of the subcommittee is necessary to constitute a meeting.

Ms. Monique M. Smith (Nipissing): Can we amend that for Laurie?

Ms. DiNovo: I think she's being wise.

The Chair: Thank you very much, Ms. DiNovo. All those in favour? Carried.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair: The second thing is the report of the subcommittee on committee business dated November 30.

Ms. Smith: I move acceptance of the report of the subcommittee.

The Chair: All those in favour? Agreed.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

The Chair: We have a matter of other business. Ms. DiNovo?

Ms. DiNovo: This is at the request of some stakeholders. I know that some of the committee business has already been set. I don't know how vested members are in the agencies we're looking at, but they would like to see us review the OSC. I'm wondering if that can be on the agenda at possibly the next series of sittings of this committee in the new year. It's just a question.

Ms. Smith: My understanding is that early on in the session, we put forward all the agencies that we were going to review. All the parties made their selections and we scheduled them accordingly. Maybe in the future we'll do this again, but for the next round, we already have all our selections.

Ms. Laurie Scott (Haliburton–Victoria–Brock): Are there rules that state there can be substitutions? Which was the third party's choice?

Ms. DiNovo: I assume there is some rotation system in place, but my question was really, are members of the committee vested in the way the agenda has already been set for the next series of sittings? Is there a reason we want to review these particular agencies, or can one of those agencies be substituted if stakeholders request it and we feel they have a point? I'm not vested in this. If the committee really feels strongly about the agenda as set, that's fine with me. But I'll be bringing this up again, probably in the spring, and we'll probably be looking at it in the summer.

The Chair: I'll ask Ms. Grannum to respond.

The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Tonia Grannum): I would just state that your selection was Ontario Power Generation for the next round. If you want to change that, you'd have to ask permission of the committee, because we have now set that. Or you can wait until the next time we do agency reviews, whenever that would be, and we'd start doing our selections then.

Ms. DiNovo: No, I don't want to substitute for OPG.

The Chair: I believe the agencies selected by the committee, as you did quite early in the year, have been contacted—no? Oh, they know. Sorry. The distinction is between being contacted and knowing. They do know they were selected.

Ms. DiNovo: That's fine. I was just checking.

The Chair: Thank you very much. Any other business?

Ms. Smith: Madam Chair, I'm a new member of the subcommittee. Can we just confirm, the subcommittee approved the final draft of the two reports—

The Clerk of the Committee: Of all three.

The Chair: Yes. Those have all been approved. They are in the process of being translated and printed. I think we can expect at least two of the three to be available by December 14.

Ms. Smith: Thank you.

The Chair: Any other questions?

Mr. Michael Gravelle (Thunder Bay–Superior North): Are we meeting next week?

The Chair: No.

Mr. Duguid, welcome to the committee.

Mr. Brad Duguid (Scarborough Centre): Thank you. I'm happy to be here.

The Chair: And Carol.

Mrs. Carol Mitchell (Huron–Bruce): I am a permanent visitor.

The Chair: I was unsure of the official status, whether you were a visitor or now a permanent member.

Mrs. Mitchell: I'm a permanent member, but I have been a permanent visitor.

The Chair: You can understand my confusion.

Mrs. Mitchell: I certainly do. I appreciate that.

Mr. Phil McNeely (Ottawa–Orléans): John Milloy is at the funeral of his aunt this morning. I'm pleased to represent him here. I like the length of these meetings.

Mr. Gravelle: You got a sub out of it, though. He owes you.

The Chair: That's right. Don't tell him how long the meeting was.

There being no other business, we do not have anything on our agenda for next week. I have submitted the requests for the three days to go to the House leaders to determine when we would meet in the intersession. I expect that to be sometime in late February, which was consistent with the message I got from several of you on that.

The meeting stands adjourned.

The committee adjourned at 1017.

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