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The committee met at 1303 in committee room 1.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Trevor Day): Honourable members, it is my duty to call upon you to elect a Chair. Are there any nominations? Mr. Clark?

Mr. Steve Clark: I would like to nominate Monte McNaughton as the Chair of the committee.

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Trevor Day): Mr. McNaughton, do you accept the nomination?

Mr. Monte McNaughton: I do.

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Trevor Day): Are there any further nominations? Seeing no further nominations, nominations are closed. Mr. McNaughton is duly elected as Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The Chair (Mr. Monte McNaughton): It is my duty to entertain a motion for Vice-Chair. Are there any motions? Mr. Clark?

Mr. Steve Clark: I would like to nominate Jack MacLaren as Vice-Chair of the committee.

The Chair (Mr. Monte McNaughton): Any other motions? Hearing none, a motion has been made by Mr. Clark to appoint Mr. MacLaren as Vice-Chair. Any debate? Are the members ready to vote?

Shall the motion carry? Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE

The Chair (Mr. Monte McNaughton): I'd like to recognize Mr. Mantha.

Mr. Michael Mantha: I move that Mr. Clark replace Ms. Scott on the subcommittee for committee business.

The Chair (Mr. Monte McNaughton): Any debate on the motion? Are the members ready to vote?

Shall the motion carry? Carried.

Any further business? Mr. Clark and then Ms. Wong.

Mr. Steve Clark: Chair, I know that the committee has been dealing by motion with e-petitions, and I know that the research staff have done a tremendous job with the documents, so I just ask that the new members of the committee be given those documents so that they can review them.

The bigger question, Chair, is to the government. They have a majority on this committee. We've met many times about the e-petition issue—it's a priority, I think, for all three parties—so I would ask, either at this committee or at the subcommittee, that the government table its intentions for a time frame for us to close debate on e-petitions and be in a position to make recommendations on how to move forward.

I think it's very important that we have some closure but I recognize that the government may have additional experts, that they wish to table information. But I really do believe that we've had a really good debate so far in this committee and we should be very close or at least within a few weeks of having report writing on how we're going to move forward.

So I'd like to put that on the table and would ask that the other two parties support that concept moving forward. I look forward to the government tabling that document, either with the committee or the subcommittee, within the next week.

The Chair (Mr. Monte McNaughton): Thank you, Mr. Clark. Any further discussion? I recognize Ms. Wong.

Ms. Soo Wong: Mr. Chair, I'm happy to have this conversation through the subcommittee and I'm going to move adjournment of this committee.

The Chair (Mr. Monte McNaughton): Ms. Wong has moved adjournment of the committee. Shall the motion carry? Carried. Adjourned.

The committee adjourned at 1306.

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