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The committee met at 1300 in committee room 1. **The Chair (Mr. Monte McNaughton):** Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome to the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

The Chair (Mr. Monte McNaughton): Before us today, we have a draft committee report pursuant to standing order 111(b), updating the assignment of ministries and offices to the following policy field committees—it's in the report. Is there any discussion on the report?

Mr. Steve Clark: Chair, this essentially does what we've done in the past, where it assigns the ministries for the standing committees of the House. You've just highlighted all the changes, so—

The Chair (Mr. Monte McNaughton): Really, this is just routine. It's just that some of the ministries have changed names. That's why we've had to do this.

Any further discussion? If not, could we have a mover? Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Wong.

Any further discussion? All in favour? Carried.

One other piece of business: Bill 64 has been referred to this committee, and I'm going to be calling a subcommittee meeting in the days ahead, either by telephone or in person, to make arrangements. If unsuccessful, then we'll come back next week to discuss that.

Mr. Steve Clark: Chair, what is the committee's plan? Is the committee's plan to have a subcommittee meeting, with the plan to meet next week on Bill 64? Or would it be later on this month?

The Chair (Mr. Monte McNaughton): That would be too early.

Mr. Steve Clark: So a couple of weeks, then?

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The Chair (Mr. Monte McNaughton): A couple of weeks.

Mr. Steve Clark: Okay.

Ms. Soo Wong: Mr. Chair, normally you would have the subcommittee determine the dates, times and how many dates for the hearings, that kind of stuff. You have to post it out of respect to the community. They need to come down—because we have our meetings during lunch. I think, out of respect, we need to be doing the right process. The Clerk can advise us.

The Chair (Mr. Monte McNaughton): We're going to have a subcommittee meeting to make arrangements on that, and as I said, if unsuccessful, we'll come back next week.

Mr. Steve Clark: The motion that we just passed does assign different ministries to committees. I've been on this committee on and off for several years. We spent a considerable amount of time at the Legislative Assembly committee on standing order reviews, and we did make some recommendations to the government House leader's office for changes to the standing orders. So I'd like you, as Chair, if the committee agrees, to write to the government House leader and get an understanding of what he's doing, if anything, with those standing order changes. They were easy order changes. I believe there were three, maybe four. All three parties supported them. I think it's appropriate for us to ask Mr. Naqvi what his plan is with those amendments.

The Chair (Mr. Monte McNaughton): Okay. We'll look into it.

Mr. Steve Clark: Thank you.

Mr. Mike Colle: Agreed.

The Chair (Mr. Monte McNaughton): Great. Adjourned.

The committee adjourned at 1303.

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