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ASSEMBLÉE LÉGISLATIVE DE L'ONTARIO

COMITÉ PERMANENT DES FINANCES
ET DES AFFAIRES ÉCONOMIQUES

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The committee met at 0900 in room 151.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Lesley Flores): Good morning, honourable members. It is my duty to call upon you to elect a Chair. Are there any nominations? Mr. Saunderson.

Mr. Brian Saunderson: I move that member Ernie Hardeman be appointed as Chair of the committee.

The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Lesley Flores): Does the member accept the nomination?

Mr. Ernie Hardeman: Yes, accepted.

The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Lesley Flores): Are there any further nominations? There being no further nominations, I declare the nominations closed and Mr. Hardeman elected Chair of the committee.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRS

The Chair (Mr. Ernie Hardeman): I do wish all elections were that easy. One minute they start, the next minute they're over.

Thank you all very much, and I appreciate the honour of chairing this committee once again.

"Where the Chair of a standing committee is a member of the party forming the government, the First Vice-Chair shall be a member of the official opposition and the Second Vice-Chair shall be a member of a recognized party in opposition to the government other than the official opposition...."

With that, it is my duty to call upon you to appoint a First Vice-Chair. Is there a motion? MPP Shaw.

Ms. Sandy Shaw: I move that MPP Doly Begum be appointed as First Vice-Chair of the committee.

The Chair (Mr. Ernie Hardeman): Does the member accept?

Ms. Doly Begum: I accept.

The Chair (Mr. Ernie Hardeman): Any further nominations for First Vice-Chair? Any debate? Shall I call the question? All those in favour? All those opposed?

Congratulations, First Vice-Chair.

We go to the Second Vice-Chair. We have a nomination: MPP Saunderson.

Mr. Brian Saunderson: I move that member Rob Cerjanec be appointed as Second Vice-Chair of the committee—and I hope, Rob, I said that right.

Mr. Rob Cerjanec: You did.

The Chair (Mr. Ernie Hardeman): Any debate on the motion? Any further motions? Will the member accept?

Mr. Rob Cerjanec: Yes, I do.

The Chair (Mr. Ernie Hardeman): Then the member is the Second Vice-Chair. Congratulations.

APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE

The Chair (Mr. Ernie Hardeman): The next item on the agenda is the appointment of the subcommittee on committee business. Is there a motion? MPP Saunderson.

Mr. Brian Saunderson: I move that the 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 business of the committee;

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

That the subcommittee be composed of the following members: the Chair as Chair, member Dave Smith, member Doly Begum and member Rob Cerjanec; and

That substitution be permitted on the subcommittee, as required.

The Chair (Mr. Ernie Hardeman): You've heard the motion. Any debate? There is no debate. Shall I call the question? All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. That concludes that business.

We now will go into closed session. We will receive a short briefing from the Clerk and the research officer, so we will stop the proceedings for a minute to close the place down.

The committee recessed at 0904 and later continued in closed session.

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