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The committee met at 1405 in room 151.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair (Mr. David Oraziotti): Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome back to the Standing Committee on General Government.

We left off with a recorded vote being called for on a subcommittee motion that was before us. The subcommittee report was read into the record, so I'm going to call for a recorded vote.

Mr. Randy Hillier: I know it's on the floor, but I beg for indulgence here for a moment—

Interjection.

Mr. Randy Hillier: No?

The Chair (Mr. David Oraziotti): There's no debate.

Ayes

Albanese, Brown, Johnson, Kular, Levac.

Nays

Bisson, Hillier, Ouellette.

The Chair (Mr. David Oraziotti): The motion is carried, and the subcommittee report is adopted.

Mr. Gilles Bisson: On a point of order: Listen, the government has used its majority in order to decide that we're not going to travel to the north. That's fine. The only problem now is that we're going to have some timing problems trying to arrange whatever little bit of hearings that we have. I'd just like to know what the government plans to do to ensure that we're actually able to even advertise this at this point of the game.

The Chair (Mr. David Oraziotti): There's no further debate on this. That's not a point of order. We'll have to have another subcommittee meeting to deal with anything further. We've got the report.

Mr. Randy Hillier: On a point of order: May I ask the committee, can we actually achieve the dates that have now been adopted and still provide for any advertising for stakeholders to proceed? April 7 is your cut-off date. Can the House get advertising out before that date effectively?

The Chair (Mr. David Oraziotti): Mr. Hillier, I think everyone is aware of the deadlines here as far as the

subcommittee report goes. The ad will go up today. We'll meet these timelines.

Mr. Gilles Bisson: A further point of order after. You can let Mr. Ouellette go first; I'll go after.

Mr. Jerry J. Ouellette: Thank you very much. Being that I'm just coming to the committee now and reading the report of the subcommittee, (5) specifically states that interested parties who wish to be considered to make an oral presentation contact the committee clerk by 12 noon on Thursday, April 7. Is there a cut-off date, though? Does that mean that if anybody contacts the clerk after that period, they will not be allowed to present? Because it does not specifically say that they must contact. This gives an opportunity, if there's time allotted in the spaces, for individuals or groups to present.

The Chair (Mr. David Oraziotti): I think we'll use the practice that's traditional here. Where we can accommodate individuals, we will, but there needs to be some guideline as to dates for individuals to make submissions. We'll do our best to accommodate folks, but these are the dates that the subcommittee has decided on.

Mr. Bisson, is it a point of order?

Mr. Gilles Bisson: Yes. I noticed that the committee gave us all the letters from the various people who wrote in from northern Ontario, asking for hearings to happen in northern Ontario, including Mayor Tom Laughren, Gary Marriott, Ron Vottero. I just want to make sure that they've been tabled—

The Chair (Mr. David Oraziotti): Folks—

Mr. Randy Hillier: Chair, I do have one other point of order, and that is on the subsequent report put forth, that where possible, there be Internet streaming and facilities. I'd like to know if we've heard back—

The Chair (Mr. David Oraziotti): Now that the committee has just passed the subcommittee report, the clerk is going to make every effort to make those accommodations.

Mr. Randy Hillier: But we're not aware of—

The Chair (Mr. David Oraziotti): Well, we've just decided that we're moving ahead with this as of two minutes ago, so we're going to do the best that we can to make those accommodations.

Committee is adjourned. Thank you very much for coming today.

The committee adjourned at 1408.

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