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The committee met at 0901 in room 151.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Katch Koch): Good morning, honourable members. Welcome to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. My name is Katch Koch. I'm the Clerk of your committee. To my left, we have Susan Viets, who is the research officer assigned to help the committee in research work.

It is my duty to call upon you to elect a Chair, and pursuant to standing order 117(c) and the sessional paper that was tabled on November 24, 2011, the Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs must be a member of the government. Are there any nominations? Ms. Wong.

Ms. Soo Wong: Mr. Clerk, I'm going to be nominating Kevin Flynn to be the Chair of this committee.

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Katch Koch): Mr. Flynn has been nominated. Are there further nominations? There being no further nominations, I declare the nominations closed and Mr. Flynn elected Chair of the committee.

Mr. Michael Prue: If I could, Mr. Chair, usually it's customary to ask the nominee whether he will accept. Did he indicate that in advance to you? I think it should be part of the record.

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Katch Koch): Yes.

Mr. Michael Prue: Okay, he did. Thank you.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Katch Koch): In the absence of the Chair, I will now proceed to the election of the Vice-Chair. Are there any nominations?

Mr. Peter Shurman: Mr. Clerk, I nominate Ms. Wong to be appointed as Vice-Chair of this committee.

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Katch Koch): Ms. Wong, do you accept the nomination?

Ms. Soo Wong: Yes.

The Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Katch Koch): Are there further nominations? There being no further nominations, I declare the nominations closed and Ms. Wong elected Vice-Chair of the committee.

APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE

The Vice-Chair (Ms. Soo Wong): The third item on the agenda is the appointment of the subcommittee on committee business. Can I hear if there's any motion on this particular item?

Mr. Monte McNaughton: Madam Chair, 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 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, Ms. Damerla, Mr. Shurman and Mr. Prue; and

That substitution be permitted on the subcommittee.

The Vice-Chair (Ms. Soo Wong): Thank you, Mr. McNaughton. Are there any comments or suggestions regarding this motion?

Mr. Peter Shurman: I think they're great people.

The Vice-Chair (Ms. Soo Wong): It's 5 after 9. Is everybody ready for the vote, to call the question?

All those in favour? Opposed? Carried. Okay, that's good.

Anything else? That's it. Any other business? No?

Mr. Michael Prue: I would like to suggest that the subcommittee meet as soon as possible, because if this committee is going to go on the road or hear deputations in advance of the budget, we need to do that post-haste, so if I could suggest that the subcommittee could meet this morning or this afternoon in order to finalize those details. We should do it, because by waiting till next week, we may not be able to accomplish the committee's goals.

Ms. Dipika Damerla: Agreed.

The Vice-Chair (Ms. Soo Wong): Okay. Mr. Shurman, I see your hand.

Mr. Peter Shurman: It's not agreed unless I say so.

Interjections.

Mr. Peter Shurman: No, I'm quite happy to meet. I just wanted to bring to the Chair's attention the fact that this afternoon would be impossible. I'm quite prepared to stay on, once we declare this phase of the meeting closed, and discuss that.

The Vice-Chair (Ms. Soo Wong): Okay. I see that there is interest expressed by Mr. Prue and Mr. Shurman

to remain for the subcommittee, to continue for the subcommittee work. We could adjourn this committee and then go forward for the subcommittee to do their own

activity. Is that good with everybody? Okay, that's great. Thank you.

The committee adjourned at 0907.

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