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The committee met at 0900 in room 151.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

The Chair (Hon. Ernie Hardeman): Good morning. I call this meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs to order.

As always, please wait to be recognized by the Chair before speaking. All questions and comments must go through the Chair.

On the agenda this morning is committee business. Are there any motions? MPP Allsopp.

Mr. Tyler Allsopp: I move that the committee enter closed session for the purpose of organizing committee business.

The Chair (Hon. Ernie Hardeman): Any debate on the motion? If not, all those in favour? Opposed? Motion is carried.

We're going to have a break for a minute to have everybody organize for not being here.

The committee recessed at 0902 and later continued in closed session.

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