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[English]

The Joint Chair (Senator Percy Downe): Colleagues, order, please.

It's 12 noon. There's a quorum. I've been advised that quorum is six people representing the House and the Senate, and we have that.

I'm going to turn the election over to the clerk.

The Joint Clerk of the Committee (Mr. Paul Cardegna): Honourable members, I see a quorum. I'm prepared to accept nominations for the position of House of Commons co-chair of the committee.

Senator David Tkachuk (Saskatchewan, CPC): I nominate Royal Galipeau.

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Paul Cardegna): We have a nomination by Senator David Tkachuk of Mr. Royal Galipeau.

Are there any other nominations for the position of co-chair of the joint committee?

No other nominations being heard, I declare Royal Galipeau duly elected co-chair of the joint committee.

The Joint Chair (Senator Percy Downe): That's great, colleagues.

Are you finished?

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Paul Cardegna): We have to do the position of vice-chair for the House of Commons.

Are there any nominations for the position of vice-chair?

[Translation]

Mr. Gérard Asselin (Manicouagan, BQ): I think Mauril Bélanger would be interested.

[English]

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Paul Cardegna): Do we have any nominations for the position of vice-chair? The committee doesn't have to proceed with the election now.

[Translation]

Did you nominate someone, Mr. Asselin?

Mr. Yvon Lévesque (Abitibi—Baie-James—Nunavik—Eeyou, BQ): Mauril's name was mentioned.

The Joint Clerk (Mr. Paul Cardegna): Are there any other nominations?

[English]

I declare Mauril Bélanger elected vice-chair of the committee.

[Translation]

Mr. Gérard Asselin: So, the Bloc does serve a useful purpose after all!

[English]

The Joint Chair (Senator Percy Downe): Congratulations to the co-chair and the vice-chair.

We have no other business unless someone has an issue to raise. I would remind everyone of the e-mail that had gone out about the plan for the fall for various meetings. If you don't have a copy, we have a copy here.

Is there any other business?

Madam Bennett?

Hon. Carolyn Bennett (St. Paul's, Lib.): I have to admit that I didn't see the proposed meetings, but somewhere on the agenda I think this committee should have a look at the use of technology by committees in this Parliament. Since the very important study from the subcommittee on persons with disabilities, to Michael Kirby's use of technology in mental health, we've been in a very—shall we say—stalling mode. I think that looking at other jurisdictions, like what was presented at the Library of Parliament congress a year ago, would be important for us to get this Parliament into this century.

The Joint Chair (Senator Percy Downe): I will raise that with the new co-chair, who has just arrived.

Congratulations.

• (1205)

The Joint Chair (Mr. Royal Galipeau): Thank you very much. I hope it's as easy as this in Ottawa-Orléans next time.

The Joint Chair (Senator Percy Downe): There are no guarantees, but we'll see.

Yes?

[Translation]

Mr. Gérard Asselin: Mr. Chair, I ask that you follow the agenda. We elected the chair and the vice-chair. Therefore, I move that the committee now adjourn.

[English]

The Joint Chair (Senator Percy Downe): Is that agreed?

Voices: Agreed.

The Joint Chair (Senator Percy Downe): We'll see you on November 4. There's lunch as well. The meeting is adjourned.

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