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The committee met at 1551 in committee room 1.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Clerk Pro Tem: (Mr Doug Arnott): Honourable members, I have received a letter from Gary Stewart, MPP, submitting his resignation as Chair of the Legislative Assembly committee. Therefore, it is my duty to call upon members to elect a Chair from among your number. Could I have a nomination, please?

Mr Jerry J. Ouellette (Oshawa): I would nominate Margaret Marland.

Mrs Margaret Marland (Mississauga South): Oh, do you know what? Do you mind? I asked Caroline to nominate me.

Mr Ouellette: Oh, sorry. I withdraw the nomination.

Mrs Marland: Sorry, Jerry.

Mr Joseph N. Tascona (Barrie-Simcoe-Bradford): He's not going to vote for you now.

Mrs Marland: Can we start it again? I'm sorry, Mr Clerk, could you start the meeting again? I don't want it to show that comment. In fairness, it meant a lot to me to have an opposition member.

Ms Marilyn Churley (Toronto-Danforth): So that's all off the record?

Clerk Pro Tem: Honourable members, it is my duty to call upon you to elect a Chair of the committee. Are there any nominations, please?

Ms Caroline Di Cocco (Sarnia-Lambton): I nominate Margaret Marland to be Chair.

Mr Ted Arnott (Waterloo-Wellington): Mr Clerk, I'd like to second that nomination.

Ms Churley: Wait a minute. I wanted to second the nomination.

Mr R. Gary Stewart (Peterborough): Do we have to start all over again?

Clerk Pro Tem: Are there any further nominations? There being no further nominations, I declare Ms

Marland elected Chair of the Legislative Assembly committee.

The Chair (Mrs Margaret Marland): First of all, I'd like to thank Caroline Di Cocco for the nomination and all members for their support. It's nice to be back with the Legislative Assembly committee, as a matter of fact. It was always one of my favourites. I think the main reason was that it was always the least partisan, and we did a lot of really productive things together as a committee. So I look forward to our doing that in this term.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The Chair: The next order of business is to have nominations for a Vice-Chair, Mr Clerk. Are there nominations for a Vice-Chair?

Mr Tascona: I nominate Gary Stewart as Vice-Chair.

The Chair: Gary Stewart has been nominated. Are there any other nominations? All right, then, all in favour? It's unanimous. Thank you very much, and congratulations, Mr Stewart.

Ms Churley: Did we have any choice in this? Let's be honest. Not that I'm objecting, but—

Mr Stewart: There's always a choice.

Ms Di Cocco: I guess the choice you had was not to sit on the committee.

Ms Churley: That's true.

The Chair: That's true, but don't make that choice.

What else would you like us to do today? Is there any other business that we would like brought before the committee this afternoon?

Mr Tascona: I move adjournment.

The Chair: Moved by Mr Tascona. All in favour of adjournment? Thank you.

The committee adjourned at 1555.

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