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The committee met at 0901 in committee room 1.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Good morning, members. I would like to call this meeting of the Standing Committee on the Interior to order.

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

On the agenda is committee business. Are there any motions?

MPP Yakabuski.

Mr. John Yakabuski: Yes, I have a motion. I move that committee enter closed session for the purposes of organizing committee business.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Any discussion? MPP Vanthof.

Mr. John Vanthof: I'm not going to make a big deal out of this, but just for the record, there's no real reason to put this motion to make this a closed meeting. It actually increases the public's distrust of this process. It's an organizational meeting for a bill we all support, and I hope that we get maximum public participation.

So we're going to lose this vote, but we see absolutely no reason why this meeting needs to go into closed session.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Any further discussion? *Interjections.*

Mr. John Vanthof: Recorded vote, please.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): Recorded vote. I'm going to put the question.

Ayes

Bresee, Gallagher Murphy, McGregor, Sarrazin, Dave Smith, Yakabuski.

Nays

Bourgouin, Vanthof.

The Chair (Mr. Aris Babikian): The motion is carried. Now we are going to go into closed session; just give us a couple of minutes. We will take a break for two minutes.

The committee recessed at 0904 and later continued in closed session.

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