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[The committee met at 09:03.]

The Chair: — Okay, hello everyone. Welcome to the House Services Committee meeting for June 15th, 2020. It's 9:03 a.m. and I would like to welcome the members here. We have in attendance Ms. Beck, Hon. Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hindley, Ms. Lambert, Hon. Mr. Merriman, and Ms. Sproule.

So as you can see, things look a little different in room 8. First due to the size of the committee room, the committee is meeting with quorum only today to ensure that the guidelines for physical distancing are adhered to. Quorum for the Standing Committee on House Services is five. We've got seven, but it's five.

We're here today to discuss the 15th report of the Standing Committee on House Services. Members have received a draft copy of this report last week. So I'll start with, are there any questions in relation to this report? Minister Harrison.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Thanks very much, Mr. Speaker. No questions. I just wanted to put on the record the appreciation that I have and I think all of us have had for the work that's been done by your staff, Mr. Speaker, and yourself. It's been really an unprecedented circumstance and challenge to put together these revised rules for our House sittings and committee sittings over the course of the next three weeks, and I just want to offer a sincere thank you to the professionalism of our LAS [Legislative Assembly Service] staff and your leadership, Mr. Speaker, in putting this all together.

And I want to thank the opposition as well, and Ms. Sproule particularly, for the work that we've been able to put into this and come to an agreement that I think is going to be a very positive thing as we go forward. So thanks.

The Chair: — Ms. Sproule.

Ms. Sproule: — Good morning, Mr. Speaker, committee members. I too would like to express sincere gratitude. These are remarkable times that we're living in and I believe that you have a remarkable staff. And, Mr. Clerk, as well your staff has been absolutely phenomenal in pulling this together on fairly short notice, although I know you've been working hard from the day we adjourned to figure out how this might look.

This is extraordinary times and I think it will be strange, the next three weeks, but I think we'll make it work. I too want to thank the Government House Leader. I believe we've arrived at a very reasonable process for this session, and completion date is coming soon. So thanks again to everyone and yourself, Mr. Speaker, as well for making it happen.

The Chair: — Thank you for those opening comments, both House leaders. I would also like to reiterate my appreciation. I'll have more to say a little later today, but again thanks so much for all the work that got us to this point. And it's day one. There'll be no hiccups. None, none. It'll be just seamless . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Oh that's right. It's on the record, isn't it?

All right. So seeing no questions, I'd ask a member to move the following motion:

That the 15th report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — I so move, Mr. Speaker.

The Chair: — Mr. Harrison has moved the motion. Are the members ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: — Question.

The Chair: — All in favour of the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Any opposed? I declare the motion carried. That concludes our business for today. Thank you, committee members. And I'd now ask for a member to move a motion of adjournment. Hon. Mr. Merriman moves. All those in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — This meeting is adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 09:08.]