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Mr. Gauthier: You will get no argument from me, Mr. Chairman, on that one.

The Vice-Chairman: Then what we should do, I guess, is have a motion to the effect that the subcommittee on travel be chaired by Mr. Gris  with Mr. Murphy and Mr. Gauthier as members, with a clear understanding that there would be alternates sitting in for them if necessary.

Mr. Murphy: I understand that that would be for all subcommittees.

An hon. member: Yes, that is right.

The Vice-Chairman: Moved by Mr. Joncas.

Motion agreed to.

The Vice-Chairman: Having dealt with that I now want to move on to some of these other items that I notice some of my colleagues want to get into. What was the one that Mr. Gris  asked? Oh yes, the one having to do with the Chairman and the vice-chairman. I apologize.

Gentlemen and Mr. Gauthier, now do you have any objection to the chairman and the vice-chairman being *ex officio* in all the subcommittees?

An hon. member: No, sir.

The Vice-Chairman: It is moved by Mr. Gris .

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Murphy: I had a question as you were going through the subcommittees. You explained why we left the other ones, but why did we leave the staff and constituency matters?

The Vice-Chairman: To my knowledge there is nothing in front of that committee right now, is there Mr. Clerk?

The clerk is saying that there may be three or four items in front of it, but I suggest to you that I have asked my colleagues—having had some experience here—I have asked my colleagues to make motions and they will be made shortly on two very important subcommittees. It seems to me that they are of such importance that we should deal with them fairly soon.

You will know there has been a task force formed on the reform of the House. This committee as much as any committee, except perhaps the Procedure and Organization Committee, is involved in what goes on in the House of Commons and I think that this committee should have a subcommittee to make representations if they feel that is the case.

Second, you will be aware that the Prime Minister has appointed a commission, as indeed he must do, to deal with the salaries and pensions of Members of Parliament. In the past this committee has dealt and made representations to that commission. I think those are two subcommittees that for the moment have a great deal of importance and I think the thought—at least that I had and I certainly bow to the wishes of the committee—the thought that I had was that we should deal with those and then form subcommittees on other items as we need them.

[Translation]

M. Gauthier: Monsieur le pr sident, ce n'est pas moi qui vous contredirai.

Le vice-pr sident: Il me faudrait une motion portant que le sous-comit  des voyages, ou d placements, sera pr sid  par M. Gris  et aura pour membres M. Murphy et M. Gauthier. Il est bien entendu que ceux-ci pourront  tre remplac s par des substituts, le cas  ch ant.

M. Murphy: Et cela vaut pour tous les sous-comit s.

Une voix: Oui, exactement.

Le vice-pr sident: La motion est propos e par M. Joncas.

La motion est adopt e.

Le vice-pr sident: Cela dit, nous allons passer   des sujets que certains de mes coll gues d sirent aborder. Qu'est-ce que M. Gris  avait demand ? Ah oui,   propos du pr sident et du vice-pr sident. Excusez-moi.

Messieurs, monsieur Gauthier, est-ce que vous avez des objections   ce que le pr sident et le vice-pr sident soient membres d'office de tous les sous-comit s?

Une voix: Non, monsieur.

Le vice-pr sident: La motion est propos e par M. Gris .

La motion est adopt e.

M. Murphy:   propos des sous-comit s, j'avais une question   poser. Vous avez expliqu  pourquoi nous n'avions pas parl  des autres, mais pourquoi n'avons-nous pas parl  des questions de personnel et de circonscription?

Le vice-pr sident: Que je sache, pour l'instant, ce sous-comit  n'est saisi d'aucune affaire, n'est-ce pas, monsieur le greffier?

Le greffier me dit que ce sous-comit  est peut- tre saisi de trois ou quatre choses, mais en me fondant sur mon exp rience, j'ai demand    mes coll gues de pr parer des motions, et ils le feront d'ici peu   propos de deux sous-comit s tr s importants. Ces questions sont d'une importance telle que nous devons nous en occuper d'ici peu.

Vous devez savoir qu'un groupe de travail sur la r forme de la Chambre a  t  mis sur pied. Ce Comit , comme n'importe quel autre comit ,   l'exception peut- tre du Comit  de la proc dure et de l'organisation, s'int resse   ce qui se passe   la Chambre des communes et devrait donc demander   un sous-comit  de faire des d marches, le cas  ch ant.

Deuxi mement, vous devez savoir que le premier ministre a nomm  une commission—il  tait d'ailleurs tenu de le faire—pour  tudier les salaires et les pensions des d put s. Par le pass , ce Comit  a toujours fait valoir son opinion devant cette commission. Voil  donc les deux sous-comit s qui ont une importance particuli re en ce moment, et j'avais pens  que nous pourrions commencer par ces deux-l , pour cr er plus tard d'autres sous-comit s, si le besoin s'en fait sentir.