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Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs (PROC)

44th Parliament, 1st Session

Meeting 133

🕒 Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 11:00 a.m. to 1:03 p.m.

📍 [Room 225-A, West Block](#)

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Presiding

[Ben Carr](#), Chair (Liberal)

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Members of the Committee present



LiberalBen CarrTerry DuguidHon. Mona FortierMark GerretsenRyan Turnbull**NDP**Lindsay Mathyssen**Conservative**Luc BertholdBlaine CalkinsMichael CooperEric Duncan**Bloc Québécois**Marie-Hélène Gaudreau**Acting Members present**

- Chandra Arya for Sherry Romanado (Liberal)
- Ken McDonald for Mark Gerretsen (Liberal)

In attendance**Library of Parliament**

- Andre Barnes, Analyst
- Laurence Brosseau, Analyst

Question of Privilege Related to Cyber Attacks Targeting Members of Parliament**Witnesses****House of Commons**

- Eric Janse, Clerk of the House of Commons
- Stéphan Aubé, Chief Executive Administrator
- Michel Bédard, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel
- Patrick McDonnell, Sergeant-at-Arms
- Jeffrey LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk, Procedure
- Benoit Dicaire, Chief Information Officer

Pursuant to the order of reference of Thursday, May 9, 2024, the committee resumed consideration of the question of privilege related to cyber attacks targeting members of Parliament.

Eric Janse made a statement and, with Benoit Dicaire et Michel Bédard, answered questions.

At 11:45 a.m., the meeting was suspended.

At 11:53 a.m., the meeting resumed.

Motion

Michael Cooper moved, — That, in relation to its Order of Reference of Thursday, May 9, 2024, regarding the prima facie contempt concerning the People's Republic of China's cyber attack against members of Parliament, the committee:

a) make the following interim report to the House:

“Your committee wishes to express its displeasure with the refusals to give evidence by the Minister of National Defence and his predecessors, the President of the King’s Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Emergency Preparedness, and the President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Transport, who each held responsibility for the Communications Security Establishment at times material to the question of privilege which the House referred to your committee on Thursday, May 9, 2024, concerning the People’s Republic of China’s cyber attack against members of Parliament.”;

b) re-invite the Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence, to appear before the committee for two hours and insist that he appear within two weeks of the adoption of this motion;

c) issue a summons to Dan Rogers, Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, to appear before the committee for one hour, at a date and time to be determined by the Chair, within two weeks of the adoption of this motion, provided that he be permitted to be accompanied by officials within his organization who are relevant to the Committee’s study;

d) issue a summons to Caroline Xavier, Chief of the Communications Security Establishment, to appear before the committee for one hour, at a date and time to be determined by the Chair, within two weeks of the adoption of this motion, provided that she be permitted to be accompanied by officials within her organization who are relevant to the committee’s study;

e) instruct the analysts to include, in the draft report, content which is drawn from the evidence which was heard in camera, including the documents produced in response to the order adopted by the committee on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, provided that this content be appropriately marked in the draft so that the committee may determine which, if any, of the information to include in its report to the House, and, therefore, which information will be added to the committee’s public evidence, and,

f) authorize the clerk to share electronically with any witness who appeared in camera a copy of the transcript of their in camera evidence, notwithstanding the committee’s routine motion related to in camera proceedings, for the purpose of the witnesses providing the committee, within two weeks of the adoption of this motion, their recommendations, with explanations, for redactions to protect security-related information, to assist the committee in determining which, if any, of the in camera information to include in its report to the House; and

g) prioritize completing this study, notwithstanding any previous decision of the committee, and not proceed to any further business until the committee’s report is tabled in the House.

Debate arose thereon.

At 12:18 p.m., the meeting was suspended.

At 12:30 p.m., the meeting resumed.

Debate on the motion continued.

At 1:03 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Holke
Clerk of the committee