



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, May 27, 2020

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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of April 11, 2020, the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day by videoconference at 11:30 a.m. [ET], the chair, the Honourable Chantal Petitclerc, presiding. This meeting is considered to have taken place in the parliamentary precinct.

Members of the committee present by videoconference: The Honourable Senators Dasko, Forest-Niesing, Griffin, Kutcher, Manning, Martin, Mégie, Moodie, Omidvar, Petitclerc, Plett, Poirier and Seidman (13).

Other senators present by videoconference: The Honourable Senators Black (Ontario), Cormier, LaBoucane-Benson, Lankin, P.C., Miville-Deschêne, Munson, and Pate (7).

Participating in the meeting: Keli Hogan and Joëlle Nadeau, Procedural Clerks, Committees Directorate; Laura Munn-Rivard and Sonya Norris, Analysts, Parliamentary Information and Research Services, Library of Parliament; Ben Silverman, Communications Officer, Communications Directorate.

Also present: The official reporters of the Senate.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Friday, April 17, 2020, the committee continued its study on the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WITNESSES (by videoconference):

Unifor:

Jerry Dias, National President.

Migrant Workers Alliance for Change:

Syed Hussan, Executive Director.

Union of Canadian Correctional Officers:

Jeff Wilkins, National President.

Canadian Support Workers Association:

Miranda Ferrier, President, Canadian Support Workers Association, Ontario Personal Support Workers Association.

Workers' Action Centre:

Deena Ladd, Executive Director.

Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec:

Daniel Boyer, President.

The chair made a statement.

Mr. Dias, Mr. Wilkins and Mr. Hussan made statements and answered questions.

At 12:05 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:12 p.m., the committee resumed.

At 1:36 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 3:32 p.m., the committee resumed.

Mr. Boyer, Ms. Ferrier and Ms. Ladd made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed that the committee proceed in camera to discuss a draft agenda (future business).

At 5:23 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:24 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee proceeded in camera to consider a draft agenda (future business).

At 6 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Daniel Charbonneau

Clerk of the Committee