



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, February 11, 2021

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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of November 17, 2020, the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources met this day by videoconference at 10:01 a.m. [ET], the chair, the Honourable Paul J. Massicotte, presiding. This meeting is considered to have taken place in the parliamentary precinct.

Members of the committee present by videoconference: The Honourable Senators Anderson, Black (Alberta), Carignan, P.C., Cordy, Galvez, Massicotte, McCallum, Miville-Dechéne, Patterson, Simons, Verner, P.C. and Wells (12).

Other senator present by videoconference: The Honourable Senator Ravalia (1).

Participating in the meeting: Barbara Reynolds, Procedural Clerk, and Shaila Anwar, Principal Clerk, Committees Directorate; Sam Banks and Ross Linden-Fraser, Analysts, Parliamentary Information and Research Services, Library of Parliament.

Also present: The official reporters of the Senate.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, the committee continued its consideration of Bill S-3, An Act to amend the Offshore Health and Safety Act.

WITNESSES (by videoconference):

Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers:

Paul Barnes, Director, Atlantic Canada and Arctic.

Newfoundland and Labrador Oil & Gas Industries Association:

Charlene Johnson, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Association:

Dr. Kenneth LeDez, Vice President.

Natural Resources Canada:

Timothy Gardiner, Senior Director, Offshore Petroleum Management, Strategic Petroleum Policy and Investment Office.

Department of Justice Canada:

Jean-Sébastien Rochon, Deputy Director and Senior Counsel, Natural Resources Canada Legal Services.

The chair made a statement.

Mr. Barnes, Ms. Johnson and Dr. LeDez each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:05 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:11 a.m., the committee resumed.

It was agreed that the committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill S-3, An Act to amend the Offshore Health and Safety Act.

Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Rochon were invited to the table and answered questions from time to time.

It was agreed that the title stand postponed.

The chair asked whether clause 1 shall carry.

The Honorable Senator Wells moved:

That Bill S-3 be amended in clause 1, on page 1, by replacing line 15 with the following:

“repealed on the expiry of seven years after the day”.

After debate, the question being put on the motion in amendment, it was adopted.

It was agreed that clause 1, as amended, carry.

The chair asked whether clause 2 shall carry.

The Honorable Senator Wells moved:

That Bill S-3 be amended in clause 2, on page 2, by replacing line 3 with the following:

“repealed on the expiry of seven years after the day”.

After debate, the question being put on the motion in amendment, it was adopted.

It was agreed that clause 2, as amended, carry.

The chair asked whether clause 3 shall carry.

The Honorable Senator Wells moved:

That Bill S-3 be amended in clause 3,

(a) on page 2,

(i) by replacing line 7 with the following:

“December 31, 2021, then”,

(ii) by replacing line 25 with the following:

“section (1) are repealed on December 31, 2021, un-”;

(b) on page 3, by replacing line 12 with the following:

“section (1) are repealed on December 31, 2021, un-”.

After debate, the question being put on the motion in amendment, it was adopted.

It was agreed that clause 3, as amended, carry.

It was agreed that the title carry.

It was agreed that the bill carry as amended.

The committee discussed observations.

After debate, it was agreed that observations be appended to the committee’s report on the bill.

It was agreed that the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be empowered to approve the final version of the observations being appended to the report taking into consideration today's discussion and with any necessary editorial, grammatical or translation changes as required.

It was agreed that Bill S-3 be reported with amendments and with observations to the Senate.

At 12:07 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Chantal Cardinal

Clerk of the Committee