



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, March 17, 2021

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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of December 17, 2020, the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day by videoconference, at 4:33 p.m. [ET], the chair, the Honourable Mobina S. B. Jaffer, presiding. This meeting is considered to have taken place in the parliamentary precinct.

Members of the committee present by videoconference: The Honourable Senators Batters, Boisvenu, Boniface, Campbell, Carignan, P.C., Dalphond, Dupuis, Jaffer, Keating, Mégie, Pate and Tannas (12).

Other senator present by videoconference: The Honourable Senator LaBoucane-Benson (1).

Participating in the meeting: Joëlle Nadeau, Procedural Clerk, Committees Directorate; Michaela Keenan-Pelletier and Julian Walker, 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 Thursday, February 11, 2021, the committee began its consideration of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Judges Act and the Criminal Code.

APPEARING (by videoconference):

The Honourable David Lametti, P.C., M.P., Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

WITNESSES (by videoconference):

Department of Justice Canada:

Nathalie G. Drouin, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General of Canada;

Toby Hoffmann, Acting Director and General Counsel, Judicial Affairs Section;

Melissa Moor, Counsel, Judicial Affairs Section;

Gillian Blackell, Senior Counsel and Team Lead, Criminal Law Policy Section.

The chair made a statement.

The minister made a statement, and together with Ms. Drouin, answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:57 p.m., the committee resumed.

Ms. Moor, Ms. Blackell and Mr. Hoffmann answered questions.

At 6:29 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Mark Palmer

Clerk of the Committee