



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Friday, June 11, 2021

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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of March 30, 2021, the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day by videoconference at 2:02 p.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 Black (*Ontario*), Bovey, Dasko, Forest-Niesing, Frum, Kutcher, Mégie, Mockler, Moodie, Pate, Petitclerc and Simons (12).

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

Participating in the meeting: Andrea Mugny, Procedural Clerk, Lori Meldrum and Jamey Irwin, Administrative Assistants, Committees Directorate; Laura Blackmore and Laura Munn-Rivard, 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 Thursday, May 27, 2021, the committee continued its examination of Bill C-220, An Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (bereavement leave).

The chair made a statement.

It was agreed that the committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-220.

It was agreed that the title stand postponed.

It was agreed that clause 1 carry.

It was agreed that clause 2 carry.

It was agreed that the title carry.

It was agreed that the bill carry.

It was agreed that the chair report Bill C-220 to the Senate.

At 2:06 p.m., pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, May 6, 2021, the committee began its examination of Bill S-211, An Act to establish International Mother Language Day.

WITNESSES (by videoconference):

The Honourable Senator Mobina S. B. Jaffer, sponsor of the bill.

Pro-active Education for All Children's Enrichment:

Dr. Monjur Chowdhury, Founding Executive Director.

National Association of Friendship Centres:

Jocelyn W. Formsma, Executive Director.

The Honourable Senator Jaffer, Dr. Chowdhury and Ms. Formsma made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed that the committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill S-211.

It was agreed that the title stand postponed.

It was agreed that the preamble stand postponed.

It was agreed that clause 1, which contains the short title, stand postponed.

It was agreed that clause 2 carry.

It was agreed that clause 3 carry.

It was agreed that clause 1, which contains the short title, carry.

It was agreed that the preamble carry.

It was agreed that the title carry.

It was agreed that the bill carry.

It was agreed that the chair report Bill S-211 to the Senate.

At 3:12 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 3:15 p.m., the committee resumed.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, the committee began its examination of Bill C-237, An Act to establish a national framework for diabetes.

WITNESSES (by videoconference):

Sonia Sidhu, Member of Parliament for Brampton South, sponsor of the bill.

Diabetes Canada:

Kimberley Hanson, Executive Director, Federal Affairs.

Ms. Sindhu made a statement.

At 3:18 p.m., the Honourable Senator Mégie replaced the Honourable Senator Pate as a member of the committee.

Ms. Hanson made a statement and, with Ms. Sindhu, answered questions.

It was agreed that the committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-237.

It was agreed that the title stand postponed.

It was agreed that the preamble stand postponed.

It was agreed that clause 1, which contains the short title, stand postponed.

It was agreed that clause 2 carry.

It was agreed that clause 3 carry.

It was agreed that clause 4 carry.

It was agreed that clause 1, which contains the short title, carry.

It was agreed that the preamble carry.

It was agreed that the title carry.

It was agreed that the bill carry.

It was agreed that the chair report Bill C-237 to the Senate.

At 3:55 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Daniel Charbonneau

Clerk of the Committee