



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, March 18, 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, in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, and with videoconference at 10:30 a.m. [ET], the chair, the Honourable Mobina S. B. Jaffer presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Batters and Boisvenu (2).

Members of the committee present by videoconference: The Honourable Senators, Boniface, Boyer, Campbell, Dalphond, Dupuis, Frum, Jaffer, Keating, Mégie and Tannas (10).

Other senator present by videoconference: The Honourable Senator Pate (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 continued its consideration of Bill C-3, An Act to amend the Judges Act and the Criminal Code.

WITNESSES (by videoconference):

Canadian Bar Association:

Paul J. Calarco, Member, Criminal Justice Section.

Indigenous Bar Association:

Jean Teillet.

National Judicial Institute:

The Honourable C. Adèle Kent, Chief Judicial Officer.

Center for Research-Action on Race Relations:

Fo Niemi, Director General.

Criminal Lawyers Association:

Annamaria Enenajor, Criminal Defence Lawyer;

Megan Savard, Criminal Defence Lawyer, CLA Director.

National Association of Friendship Centres:

Christopher Sheppard, President;

Jocelyn Formsma, Executive Director.

The chair made a statement.

Justice Kent, Mr. Colarco and Ms. Teillet each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:34 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:41 a.m., the committee resumed.

Mr. Niemi, Ms. Enenajor, Ms. Savard, Mr. Sheppard and Ms. Formsma each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:50 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Mark Palmer

Clerk of the Committee