



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Friday, April 30, 2021
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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of March 30, 2021, the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance met this day by videoconference at 12:14 p.m. [ET], the chair, the Honourable Percy Mockler, presiding. This meeting is considered to have taken place in the parliamentary precinct.

Members of the committee present by videoconference: The Honourable Senators Boehm, Deacon (Ontario), Downe, Duncan, Forest, Galvez, Klyne, Lankin, P.C., Loffreda, Marshall, Mockler, Richards and Smith (13).

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

In attendance: Vincent Labrosse and Ericka Dupont, Procedural Clerks, Committees Directorate; Sylvain Fleury and Shaowei Pu, 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, April 20, 2021, the committee continued its examination of Bill C-14, An Act to implement certain provisions of the economic statement tabled in Parliament on November 30, 2020 and other measures.

APPEARING (by videoconference):

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, P.C., M.P., Minister of Finance.

WITNESSES (by videoconference):

Hotel Association of Canada:

Susie Grynol, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business:

Tabatha Bull, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Federation of Independent Business:

Daniel Kelly, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

Alla Drigola, Director, Parliamentary Affairs and SME Policy.

Employment and Social Development Canada:

Atiq Rahman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Learning Branch;

Steven Côté, Executive Director, Skills and Employment Branch.

Western Economic Diversification Canada:

Barbara Motzney, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Strategic Direction.

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency:

Daryell Nowlan, Vice-President, Policy, Programs and Communications.

Health Canada:

Greg Loyst, Director General, Policy and Regulatory Strategies Directorate;

Karen Stewart, Executive Director, Financial Management, Chief Financial Officer Branch;

Jocelyne Voisin, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch;

Hilary Flett, Executive Director, Health Systems and Data Strategic Policy, Covid-19 Testing, Contact Tracing and Data Strategy Secretariat.

Department of Finance Canada:

Trevor McGowan, Director General, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch;

Lesley Taylor, Senior Director, Social Tax Policy, Tax Policy Branch;

Marie-Pier Martin, Director, Economic Development, Business Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch;

Nicolas Moreau, Director General, Funds Management Division, Financial Sector Policy Branch;

Nick Leswick, Assistant Deputy Minister, Economic and Fiscal Policy Branch.

Ms. Grynol, Ms. Bull, Mr. Kelly and Ms. Drigola each made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:02 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 3 p.m., the committee resumed.

The minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:13 p.m., the Honourable Senator Deacon (*Ontario*), replaced the Honourable Senator Lankin, P.C., as a member of the committee.

At 4:17 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 4:31 p.m., the committee resumed.

It was agreed that the committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-14.

With leave and pursuant to rule 12-20(4), it was agreed that the committee group clauses according to the seven parts identified in the bill, when appropriate.

It was agreed that the title stand postponed.

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

It was agreed that Part 1, which contains clauses 2 to 5, carry, on division.

It was agreed that Part 2, which contains clause 6, carry, on division.

It was agreed that Part 3, which contains clause 7, carry, on division.

It was agreed that Part 4, which contains clause 8, carry, on division.

It was agreed that Part 5, which contains clauses 9 to 11, carry, on division.

It was agreed that Part 6, which contains clauses 12 to 14, carry, on division.

It was agreed that Part 7, which contains clauses 15 to 19, carry, on division.

It was agreed that the schedule carry.

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

It was agreed that the title carry.

It was agreed that the bill carry, on division.

After debate, it was agreed that Bill C-14 be reported without observations to the Senate.

At 4:57 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Maxime Fortin

Clerk of the Committee