



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, May 12, 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 by videoconference this day at 4:01 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, Manning, Mégie, Moodie, Omidvar and Petitclerc (11).

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

Participating in the meeting: Joëlle Nadeau, Procedural Clerk, and Lori Meldrum, Administrative Assistant, Committees Directorate; Laura Blackmore and Laura Munn-Rivard, 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, May 4, 2021, the committee began its examination of the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36 of Part 4 of Bill C-30, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 19, 2021 and other measures. (Topic: Divisions 21 and 29)

WITNESSES (by videoconference):

Employment and Social Development Canada:

Frances McCormick, Executive Director, Labour Program;

Charles Philippe Rochon, Senior Analyst, Labour Program;

Lorraine Pelot, Director General, Income Security and Social Development Branch;

Tara Belanger Zahab, Director, Income Security and Social Development Branch.

The chair made a statement.

Ms. Pelot and Ms. McCormick made statements and, together with Ms. Belanger Zahab, answered questions.

At 5 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:03 p.m., the committee resumed.

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WITNESSES (by videoconference):

Employment and Social Development Canada:

Barbara Moran, Director General, Labour Program;

Lori Straznicky, Executive Director, Labour Program;

Sébastien St-Arnaud, Manager, Labour Program.

Ms. Moran made a statement and, together with Mr. St-Arnaud, answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:31 p.m., the committee resumed.

Ms. Moran, Ms. Straznicky and Mr. St-Arnaud answered questions.

At 5:59 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:05 p.m., the committee resumed.

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WITNESSES (by videoconference):

National Research Council of Canada:

Stephen Scott, Director General, Policy, Strategy and Performance;

Christine Jodoin, Director General, Biologics Manufacturing Centre Project.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada:

Darryl Patterson, Director General, Biomanufacturing Strategy Implementation Team.

Mr. Scott made a statement and, together with Ms. Jodoin and Mr. Patterson, answered questions.

At 8:07 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Daniel Charbonneau

Clerk of the Committee