

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, November 30, 2023 (62)

[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Commerce and the Economy met this day at 11:29 a.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Pamela Wallin, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Cardozo, Clement, Gignac, Loffreda, Marshall, Martin, Massicotte, Miville-Dechêne, Petten, Ringuette, Wallin and Yussuff (12).

Participating in the meeting: Brett Howard and Adriane Yong, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, November 2, 2023, the committee began its consideration of Bill S-1001, An Act to amalgamate The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Ottawa and The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation for the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall, in Ontario, Canada.

WITNESSES:

Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Ottawa:

Richard Pommainville, Chief Administrative Officer, Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall.

As an individual:

Ryan Kilger, Partner, Vincent Dagenais Gibson LLP.

Richard Pommainville made a statement and, together with Ryan Kilger, answered questions.

It was agreed that the committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill S-1001.

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.

The chair asked whether clause 2 shall carry.

The Honourable Senator Clement moved that Bill S-1001 be amended, in clause 2, on page 2, by replacing line 15 of the English version with the following:

"poration of Ottawa-Cornwall as amalga-".

After debate, the question being put on the motion in amendment, it was adopted.

The chair asked whether clause 3 shall carry.

The Honourable Senator Clement moved that Bill S-1001 be amended, in clause 3, on page 2, by replacing line 25 with the following:

"of Ottawa-Cornwall" in English and "La".

After debate, the question being put on the motion in amendment, it was adopted.

It was agreed that clause 4 carry.

It was agreed that clause 5 carry.

It was agreed that clause 6 carry.

It was agreed that clause 7 carry.

It was agreed that clause 8 carry.

It was agreed that clause 9 carry.

It was agreed that clause 10 carry.

It was agreed that clause 11 carry.

The chair asked whether clause 1, which contains the short title, carry.

The Honourable Senator Clement moved that Bill S-1001 be amended, in clause 1, on page 1, by replacing line 25 of the English version with the following:

"pal Corporation of Ottawa-Cornwall".

After debate, the question being put on the motion in amendment, it was adopted.

It was agreed that the preamble carry.

It was agreed that the title carry.

It was agreed that the bill, as amended, carry.

It was agreed that the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel be authorized to make necessary technical, grammatical, or other required non-substantive changes as a result of the amendments adopted by the committee, including updating cross-references and renumbering of provisions.

It was agreed that the chair report Bill S-1001, with amendments, to the Senate.

At 11:58 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:59 a.m., the Honourable Senator Petten replaced the Honourable Senator Clement as a member of the committee.

At 12 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft report.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, December 16, 2021, the committee continued its study of matters relating to banking, trade and commerce generally.

It was agreed that each committee member be allowed to have one staff member present during the in camera portion of the meeting.

It was agreed that the committee allow the transcription of the in camera portion of today's meeting, that a copy be kept with the clerk of the committee for consultation by committee members and/or staff; and that the transcription be destroyed by the clerk when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than the end of this parliamentary session.

It was agreed that the draft report, as amended, be adopted, and that the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be empowered to approve the final version of the report and communications products as required, taking into consideration this meeting's discussions, and with any necessary editorial, grammatical and translation changes.

It was agreed that the chair be authorized to table the report in the Senate.

At 12:24 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Karine Déquier

Clerk of the Committee