



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, June 5, 2024
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 4:15 p.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Mobina S. B. Jaffer, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Audette, Batters, Carignan, P.C., Clement, Cotter, Dalphond, Jaffer, Oudar, Pate, Simons and Tannas (11).

Participating in the meeting: Iryna Zazulya and Michaela Keenan-Pelletier, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, May 9, 2024, the committee continued its consideration of the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 29, 30, 35, 36, 43 and 44 of Part 4, and in Subdivisions B and C of Division 34 of Part 4 of Bill C-69, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on April 16, 2024.

WITNESSES:

Criminal Lawyers' Association:

Cassandra Richards, Lawyer.

Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association:

Jennifer Steeves, Director, Industry and Consumer Affairs.

Canadian Automobile Dealers Association:

Charles Bernard, Lead Economist.

Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction:

Alexander Caudarella, Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*).

Dr. Peter Centre:

Scott Elliott, Chief Executive Officer.

As an individual:

Thomas Kerr, Director of Research, British Columbia Centre on Substance Use and Professor of Social Medicine, University of British Columbia (*by videoconference*).

Cassandra Richards, Jennifer Steeves and Charles Bernard each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:19 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:25 p.m., the committee resumed.

Alexander Caudarella, Scott Elliott and Thomas Kerr each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:19 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Vincent Labrosse

Clerk of the Committee