



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, October 10, 2024

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 11:32 a.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Brent Cotter, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Audette, Batters, Clement, Cotter, Dalphond, Oudar, Pate, Prosper, Ross, Simons and Wells (*Newfoundland and Labrador*) (11).

Participating in the meeting: Michaela Keenan-Pelletier, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, May 30, 2024, the committee began its consideration of Bill C-321, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (assaults against persons who provide health services and first responders).

WITNESSES:

Todd Doherty, Member of Parliament, Cariboo—Prince George, British Columbia, sponsor of the bill.

International Association of Firefighters:

Paul Hills, President, Saskatoon Paramedic Association.

Ontario Nurses' Association:

Erin Ariss, Registered Nurse, Provincial President;

Andrea Kay, Registered Nurse, Chief Executive Officer.

Todd Doherty made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:41 p.m., the committee resumed.

Paul Hills and Erin Ariss each made a statement and, together with Andrea Kay, answered questions.

At 1:36 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Vincent Labrosse

Clerk of the Committee