



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, October 23, 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 Brent Cotter, presiding.

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

Other senators present: The Honourable Senator Senior (1).

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

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, October 10, 2024, the committee began its consideration of Bill C-40, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, to make consequential amendments to other Acts and to repeal a regulation (miscarriage of justice reviews).

APPEARING:

The Honourable Arif Virani, P.C., M.P., Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice Canada:

Nathalie Cyr, Deputy Chief Legislative Counsel (Regulations) and Director, Public Law and Legislative Services Sector;

Julie Besner, Senior Counsel, Public Law and Legislative Services Sector.

The minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:21 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:30 p.m., the committee resumed.

Nathalie Cyr and Julie Besner answered questions.

At 6:26 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Vincent Labrosse

Clerk of the Committee