



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Friday, May 13, 2022

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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of May 5, 2022, the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, and with videoconference, at 9:32 a.m. ET, the chair, the Honourable Mobina S. B. Jaffer, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Batters, Boisvenu, Clement, Cotter, Harder, P.C., Jaffer and Pate (7).

Members of the committee present by videoconference: The Honourable Senators Dalphond, Dupuis and Wetston (3).

Other senators present by videoconference: The Honourable Senator Carignan, P.C. (1).

Participating in the meeting: Laurie-Anne Spooner, Administrative Assistant, Committees Directorate; Julian Walker and Michaela Keenan-Pelletier, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, March 31, 2022, the committee continued its consideration of Bill S-4, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Identification of Criminals Act and to make related amendments to other Acts (COVID-19 response and other measures).

WITNESSES (by videoconference):

Canadian Bar Association:

David Parry, Lawyer.

Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police:

Howard Chow, Co-chair, Law Amendments Committee;

Isabelle Massé, Member, Law Amendments Committee.

Barreau du Québec:

Catherine Claveau, batonnière du Québec;

Michel Marchand, Lawyer.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Chief Superintendent Larry Montgomery, Deputy Criminal Operations Officer, Specialized Investigative & Operational Police Services, British Columbia RCMP;

Jennifer Gates-Flaherty, Director General, Canadian Criminal Real Time Identification Services.

Correctional Service Canada:

Mackenzie Lambe, Acting Chief Information Officer, Information Management Services;

Jason Hope, Regional Deputy Commissioner.

Public Prosecution Service of Canada:

Shelley Tkatch, Acting Northern Coordinator/General Counsel.

Office of the Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs Canada:

The Honourable J. Michael MacDonald, Action Committee on Court Operations in Response to COVID-19.

Criminal Lawyers Association:

Michael Spratt, Partner at AGP LLP.

As an individual:

Nicole Marie Myers, Professor, Department of Sociology, Queen's University.

David Parry, Howard Chow and Catherine Claveau each made a statement and, together with Isabelle Massé and Michel Marchand, answered questions.

At 10:40 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 10:41 a.m., the committee resumed.

Chief Superintendent Larry Montgomery, Shelley Tkatch and the Honourable J. Michael MacDonald each made a statement and, together with Jennifer Gates-Flaherty, Mackenzie Lambe and Jason Hope, answered questions.

At 11:42 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:46 a.m., the committee resumed.

Michael Spratt and Nicole Marie Myers each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:39 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Mark Palmer

Clerk of the Committee