



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, September 28, 2022

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 4:15 p.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the deputy chair, the Honourable Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Batters, Bellemare, Boisvenu, Clement, Cotter, Dalphond, Dupuis, Gold, P.C., Pate, Simons and Tannas (11).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senator LaBoucane-Benson (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 Wednesday, June 22, 2022, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-5, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

**WITNESSES:**

*Mothers Against Drunk Driving Canada:*

Steve Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer;

Eric Dumschat, Legal Director (by videoconference).

*London Abused Women's Centre:*

Jennifer Dunn, Executive Director (by videoconference).

*Quebec Bar Association:*

Nicolas Le Grand Alary, Lawyer, Secretariat of the Order and Legal Affairs (by videoconference);

Michel Marchand, Lawyer (by videoconference).

*As an individual:*

Debra Parkes, Professor and Chair in Feminist Legal Studies, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia (by videoconference).

Debra Parkes, Steve Sullivan and Eric Dumschat each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:14 p.m., the committee suspended.

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

Jennifer Dunn and Nicolas le Grand Alary each made a statement and, together with Michel Marchand, answered questions.

At 6:12 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Mark Palmer

*Clerk of the Committee*