



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, September 29, 2022

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 11:31 a.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, Boisvenu, Clement, Cordy, Dalphond, Dupuis, Gold, P.C., Pate, Simons and Tannas (10).

*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:*

*Canadian Bar Association:*

Tony Paisana, Partner at Peck and Company (by videoconference).

*Canadian Association of Black Lawyers:*

Raphael Tachie, President (by videoconference).

*Criminal Lawyer's Association:*

Anne-Marie McElroy, Counsel.

*Congress of Aboriginal Peoples:*

Kim Beaudin, National Vice-Chief (by videoconference).

*Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction:*

Rebecca Jesseman, Associate (by videoconference).

*Legal Services Board of Nunavut:*

Madeleine Redfern, Chair, President of Nunavut Inuit Women's Association (by videoconference).

Tony Paisana, Raphael Tachie and Anne-Marie McElroy each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:31 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:33 p.m., the committee resumed.

Kim Beaudin, Rebecca Jesseman and Madeleine Redfern each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:28 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Mark Palmer

*Clerk of the Committee*