



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, December 6, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 4:37 p.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Brent Cotter, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Batters, Busson, Clement, Cotter, Dupuis, Klyne, Pate, Prosper and Simons (9).

Participating in the meeting: Aoife Mc Donald, Administrative Assistant, Committees Directorate; Michaela Keenan-Pelletier and Iryna Zazulya, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, November 3, 2022, the committee continued its consideration of Bill S-230, An Act to amend the Corrections and Conditional Release Act.

WITNESSES:

Criminal Lawyers Association:

Kate Mitchell, Lawyer (*by videoconference*).

Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies:

Nyki Kish, Associate Executive Director (*by videoconference*).

John Howard Society of Canada:

Catherine Latimer, Executive Director.

As individuals:

Michael Spratt, Partner, AGP LLP;

Adelina Iftene, Associate Professor, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University (*by videoconference*);

Mary Campbell, former Director General, Corrections and Criminal Justice Directorate, Public Safety Canada.

Kate Mitchell, Nyki Kish and Catherine Latimer each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:29 p.m., the committee resumed.

Michael Spratt, Adelina Iftene and Mary Campbell each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:25 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Sara Gajic

Acting Clerk of the Committee