



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, March 21, 2024  
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 11:54 a.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the deputy chair, the Honourable Denise Batters, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Batters, Boyer, Carignan, P.C., Clement, Cotter, Dalphond, Klyne, Prosper, Simons and Tannas (10).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senator McBean (1).

*Participating in the meeting:* Michaela Keenan-Pelletier and Iryna Zazulya, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, April 20, 2023, the committee continued its consideration of Bill S-250, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (sterilization procedures).

### WITNESSES:

#### *Canadian Medical Association:*

Dr. Kathleen Ross, President;

Dr. Paula Cashin, Board Vice-Chair.

#### *Native Women's Association of Canada:*

Sarah Niman, Senior Director, Legal Services.

#### *Women's Legal Education and Action Fund:*

Pam Hrick, Executive Director and General Counsel.

Kathleen Ross made a statement and, together with Paula Cashin, answered questions.

At 12:44 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:52 p.m., the committee resumed.

Sarah Niman and Pam Hrick each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:34 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Vincent Labrosse

*Clerk of the Committee*