



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, April 18, 2024

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 11:48 a.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Mobina S. B. Jaffer, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Batters, Carignan, P.C., Clement, Cotter, Dalphond, Jaffer, Klyne, McBean, Pate, Plett and Simons (11).

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

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, the committee continued its consideration of Bill S-15, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act.

### WITNESSES:

#### *The Whale Sanctuary Project:*

Dr. Lori Marino, President and Neuroscientist in animal behaviour and intelligence (*by videoconference*).

#### *Fauna Foundation:*

Dr. Mary Lee Jensvold, Primate Communication Scientist (*by videoconference*).

#### *Care for the Rare:*

Dr. Jake Veasey, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Animal Welfare Scientist and Conservation Biologist.

#### *Animal Justice:*

Kaitlyn Mitchell, Director of Legal Advocacy (*by videoconference*).

#### *As an individual:*

Angela Fernandez, Full Professor, Faculty of Law and Department of History, University of Toronto.

Lori Marino, Mary Lee Jensvold and Jake Veasey each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:48 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:50 p.m., the committee resumed.

Kaitlyn Mitchell and Angela Fernandez each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:30 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 1:34 p.m., the committee resumed.

The Honourable Senator Batters moved that the committee visit the African Lion Safari Park as part of its study of Bill S-15.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following vote:

YEAS

The Honourable Senators

Batters, Carignan, Plett — [3]

NAYS

The Honourable Senators

Clement, Cotter, Dalphond, Jaffer, Klyne, McBean, Pate, Simons — [8]

ABSTENTIONS

NIL

At 1:47 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Vincent Labrosse

*Clerk of the Committee*