



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, May 2, 2024

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 11:46 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, Plett, Sorensen and Tannas (10).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senator Audette (1).

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:

International Elephant Foundation:

Sarah Conley, Conservation Coordinator *(by videoconference)*.

IUCN-SSC Asian Elephant Specialist Group:

Heidi Riddle, Vice-Chair *(by videoconference)*.

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium:

Adam Felts, Senior Curator of Animal Care and Director of Wellbeing, SAFE Asian Elephant Program Leader *(by videoconference)*.

Performing Animal Welfare Society:

Catherine Doyle, Director of Science, Research and Public Policy *(by videoconference)*.

Jane Goodall Institute of Canada:

Dr. Rick Quinn, Veterinarian, Former Board Member.

Edmonton Valley Zoo:

Gary Dewar, Director, Arts, Heritage and Nature Experiences, City of Edmonton *(by videoconference)*;

Dr. Marie-Josée Limoges, Veterinarian *(by videoconference)*.

Sarah Conley, Heidi Riddle and Adam Felts each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:45 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:49 p.m., the committee resumed.

Catherine Doyle, Rick Quinn and Gary Dewar each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:44 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Vincent Labrosse

Clerk of the Committee