



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, October 24, 2022

(17)

[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages met this day at 4:04 p.m., in room W120, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable René Cormier, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Cormier, Gagné, Loffreda, Mégie, Mockler and Moncion (7).

*Participating in the meeting:* Marie-Ève Hudon, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, the committee continued its examination of the subject matter of Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Official Languages Act, to enact the Use of French in Federally Regulated Private Businesses Act and to make related amendments to other Acts.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Juristes Power Law:*

Mark Power, Lawyer;

Darius Bossé, Lawyer.

#### *Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne-française:*

Marguerite Tölgyesi, President (by videoconference).

#### *Quebec English School Boards Association:*

Dan Lamoureux, President (by videoconference);

Russell Copeman, Executive Director (by videoconference).

*Community Economic Development and Employability Corporation:*

John Buck, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*As individuals:*

Michel Doucet, Professor emeritus, Faculty of Law, University of Moncton (by videoconference);

Robert Leckey, Dean and Samuel Gale Professor, Faculty of Law, McGill University (by videoconference).

Michel Doucet and Mark Power each made a statement and, together with Darius Bossé, answered questions.

At 5:18 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:24 p.m., the committee resumed.

Marguerite Tölgyesi made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:05 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:28 p.m., the committee resumed.

Robert Leckey, Dan Lamoureux, Russell Copeman and John Buck each made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:45 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Gaëtane Lemay

*Clerk of the Committee*