



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, March 30, 2023  
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day at 11:31 a.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the deputy chair, the Honourable Patricia Bovey, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Bernard, Bovey, Burey, Dasko, Kutcher, Lankin, P.C., Moodie, Osler and Petitclerc (9).

*Participating in the meeting:* Laura Blackmore and Sonya Norris, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, March 9, 2023, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-22, An Act to reduce poverty and to support the financial security of persons with disabilities by establishing the Canada disability benefit and making a consequential amendment to the Income Tax Act.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Indigenous Disability Canada:*

Neil Belanger, Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*).

#### *Inclusion Canada:*

Krista Carr, Executive Vice-President.

#### *ASE Community Foundation for Black Canadians with Disability:*

Jheanelle Anderson, Vice-Chair;

Nkemakolam Ogbonna, Manager, Research and Policy;

Bernard Akuoko, Director, Partnerships.

*DisAbled Women's Network of Canada:*

Bonnie Brayton, Chief Executive Officer;

Samantha Walsh, National Director.

Neil Belanger made a statement and, together with Krista Carr, answered questions.

At 12:29 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:35 p.m., the committee resumed.

Jheanelle Anderson made a statement, Bonnie Brayton and Samantha Walsh then made a statement together, and with Nkemakolam Ogbonna and Bernard Akuoko, answered questions.

At 1:30 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Emily Barrette

*Clerk of the Committee*