



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, April 20, 2023
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day at 11:32 a.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Ratna Omidvar, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Bernard, Bovey, Dasko, Kutcher, McPhedran, Moodie, Omidvar, Osler, Petitclerc and Verner, P.C. (10).

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

Participating in the meeting: Laura Blackmore and Sarah Dodsworth, 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:

Disability Without Poverty:

Rabia Khedr, National Director;

Elizabeth Lowe, Leadership Team Member (*by videoconference*).

Finautonomie:

Guillaume Parent, Manager, Finance and Handicap Expertise Centre;

Pascale Pilon, General Manager (*by videoconference*);

Jean-Didier Dufour, Project Manager.

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:

Katherine Scott, Senior Researcher, National Office.

Income Security Advocacy Centre:

Adrian Merdzan, Lawyer.

Rabia Khedr and Pascale Pilon each made a statement and, together with Elizabeth Lowe and Guillaume Parent, answered questions.

At 12:26 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:30 p.m., the committee resumed.

Adrian Merdzan and Katherine Scott each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:19 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Emily Barrette

Clerk of the Committee