



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, October 19, 2023  
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day at 11:30 a.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Ratna Omidvar, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Burey, Cardozo, Cordy, Cormier, Dasko, McPhedran, Mégie, Moodie, Omidvar, Osler and Seidman (11).

*Participating in the meeting:* Antoine Dedewanou and Eleni Kachulis, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, September 28, 2023, the committee continued its study of Bill C-35, An Act respecting early learning and child care in Canada.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Canadian Child Care Federation:*

Taya Whitehead, Board Chair (*by videoconference*).

#### *Child Care Now:*

Morna Ballantyne, Executive Director.

#### *Childcare Resource and Research Unit:*

Martha Friendly, Executive Director (*by videoconference*).

#### *Early Childhood Development Association of Prince Edward Island:*

Jennifer Nangreaves, Executive Director (*by videoconference*).

*Manitoba Child Care Association:*

Jodie Kehl, Executive Director (*by videoconference*).

*Margaret and Wallace McCain Family Foundation Inc.:*

Jane Bertrand, Program Director (*by videoconference*).

Taya Whitehead, Morna Ballantyne and Martha Friendly each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:32 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:34 p.m., the committee resumed.

Jennifer Nangreaves, Jodie Kehl and Jane Bertrand each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:20 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Emily Barrette

*Clerk of the Committee*