



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, November 1, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day at 4:16 p.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, Moncion, Moodie, Omidvar, Quinn and Seidman (11).

Participating in the meeting: Laura Blackmore and Antoine Dedewanou, 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:

Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak:

Melanie Omeniho, President (*by videoconference*).

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami:

Natan Obed, President;

Amy Graham, Manager of Policy Advancement.

Assembly of First Nations:

Joanna Bernard, Interim National Chief (*by videoconference*);

Stephanie Wellman, Director of Social Development (*by videoconference*);

Jessica Quinn, Senior Policy Analyst, Social Development (*by videoconference*).

Canadian Bar Association:

Brian Maude, Member of the CBA Policy Committee and member of the Working Group on Bill C-35
(*by videoconference*).

First Nations Pedagogies Network:

Karolyn Bonneau, Member (*by videoconference*).

Melanie Omeniho, Natan Obed and Joanna Bernard each made a statement and, together with Amy Graham and Stephanie Wellman, answered questions.

At 5:21 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:22 p.m., the committee resumed.

Brian Maude and Karolyn Bonneau each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:03 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Emily Barrette

Clerk of the Committee