



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, November 2, 2023  
(74)

[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, Cordy, Cormier, Dasko, Moncion, Moodie, Omidvar, Seidman and Tannas (9).

*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:

#### *BC Complex Kids Society:*

Brenda Lenahan, Founding Director (*by videoconference*).

#### *Inclusion Canada:*

Krista Carr, Executive Vice-President (*by videoconference*).

#### *UNICEF Canada:*

Lisa Wolff, Director, Policy and Research (*by videoconference*).

#### *The Prosperity Project:*

Julie Savard-Shaw, Executive Director.

*Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:*

David Macdonald, Senior Economist.

*As an individual:*

Jamie Metsala, Professor of Education, Mount Saint Vincent University (*by videoconference*).

Brenda Lenahan, Krista Carr and Jamie Metsala each made a statement and answered questions.

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

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

Lisa Wolff, Julie Savard-Shaw and David Macdonald each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:29 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Emily Barrette

*Clerk of the Committee*