



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, December 14, 2023
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[English]

The Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration met this day at 8:01 a.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Lucie Moncion, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Boehm, Boyer, Carignan, P.C., Forest, Francis, Gold, P.C., Loffreda, MacDonald, Moncion, Moodie, Plett, Quinn, Saint-Germain, Seidman, and Smith (15).

Other senator present: The Honourable Senator Tannas (1).

Participating in the meeting: Pascale Legault, Chief Corporate Services Officer and Clerk of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration; Gérald Lafrenière, Interim Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the Parliaments and Chief Legislative Services Officer; Philippe Hallée, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel; senior Senate officials and other support staff.

WITNESSES:

The Honourable Senator Éric Forest, Chair, Subcommittee on Senate Estimates and Committee Budgets;

Nathalie Charpentier, Comptroller and Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Procurement Directorate;

Pierre Lanctôt, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Procurement Directorate.

Jeremy LeBlanc, Clerk Assistant and Director General, International and Interparliamentary Affairs.

Pursuant to rule 12-7(1) of the *Rules of the Senate*, the committee continued its consideration of financial and administrative matters concerning the Senate's internal administration.

The senators introduced themselves.

CIBA/2023-12-14/332(P) — Adoption of *Minutes of Proceedings* from November 30, 2023 (public)

The committee considered the Minutes of Proceedings from November 30, 2023 (public).

The Honourable Senator Quinn moved that the Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, November 30, 2023 (public), be adopted.

The question being put on the motion, it was adopted.

CIBA/2023-12-14/333(P) — Report from the Subcommittee on Senate Estimates — Main Estimates 2024-2025

The Honourable Senator Forest, chair of the Subcommittee on Senate Estimates and Committee Budgets, presented the Twenty-First Report relating to the Main Estimates for 2024-2025.

The Honourable Senator Forest made a statement and, together with Pierre Lanctôt, answered questions regarding the Twenty-First Report.

After debate, the Honourable Senator Forest moved that the Twenty-First Report from the Subcommittee on Senate Estimates and Committee Budgets relating to the Main Estimates for 2024-2025 be adopted and that it be presented in the Senate.

The question being put on the motion, it was adopted.

CIBA/2023-12-14/334(P) — Budget Deficit — 30th Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Jeremy Leblanc made a statement and answered questions regarding the budget deficit of the 30th Annual Session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

At 8:31 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 8:36 a.m., pursuant to 12-16(1), the committee proceeded in camera.

At 11:20 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Pascale Legault

*Chief Corporate Services Officer and Clerk of the Standing Committee on
Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration*

Keli Hogan

Recording Secretary