



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, September 28, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 11:46 a.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Brent Cotter, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Batters, Boisvenu, Clement, Cotter, Dalphond, Dupuis, Gold, P.C., Jaffer, Klyne, Pate and Simons (11).

*Participating in the meeting:* Aoife Mc Donald, Administrative Assistant, Committees Directorate; Michaela Keenan-Pelletier, Analyst, and Emilie Doyons, Research Assistant, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, September 21, 2023, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-48, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (bail reform).

### WITNESSES:

#### *Criminal Lawyers Association:*

Boris Bytensky, Treasurer.

#### *Indigenous Bar Association:*

Christa Big Canoe, Member at Large *(by videoconference)*.

#### *Canadian Association of Black Lawyers:*

Kristian Ferreira, Community Liaison *(by videoconference)*;

Theresa Donkor, Member, Advocacy Committee and Criminal Justice Subcommittee *(by videoconference)*.

#### *Ontario Provincial Police:*

Thomas Carrique, Commissioner *(by videoconference)*.

*Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police:*

Jason Fraser, Member, Law Amendments Committee *(by videoconference)*;

Pauline Gray, Member, Law Amendments Committee *(by videoconference)*.

Boris Bytensky, Christa Big Canoe, Kristian Ferreira and Theresa Donkor each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:55 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:59 p.m., the committee resumed.

Thomas Carrique, Jason Fraser and Pauline Gray each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:43 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Vincent Labrosse

*Clerk of the Committee*