

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, February 13, 2023 (31)

[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights met this day at 4:06 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Salma Ataullahjan, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Arnot, Ataullahjan, Cordy, Gerba, Jaffer, Manning and Omidvar (7).

Participating in the meeting: Robert Mason and Brendan Naef, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, March 3, 2022, the committee continued its study of such issues as may arise from time to time relating to human rights generally. (Topic: Islamophobia in Canada)

WITNESSES:

B'Nai Brith Canada:

Michael Mostyn, Chief Executive Officer, National Office (by videoconference);

Richard Robertson, Manager, Research Department, National Office (by videoconference);

David Matas, Senior Legal Counsel, National Office (by videoconference).

As individuals:

Terrance S. Carter, Lawyer, Carters Professional Corporation (by videoconference);

Naheed Nenshi, Former Mayor of Calgary (by videoconference);

Igra Khalid, Member of Parliament for Mississauga—Erin Mills;

Sameer Zuberi, Member of Parliament for Pierrefonds—Dollard.

Terrance S. Carter made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:52 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 4:57 p.m., the committee resumed.

Igra Khalid, Sameer Zuberi and Naheed Nenshi each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:11 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:15 p.m., the committee resumed.

Michael Mostyn and David Matas each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:25 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Sébastien Payet

Clerk of the Committee