

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, December 9, 2024 (62)

[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights met this day at 4:32 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the deputy chair, the Honourable Wanda Thomas Bernard, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Arnot, Ataullahjan, Bernard, Osler, Pate, Senior and Wells (Alberta) (7).

Participating in the meeting: Robert Mason and Madalina Chesoi, 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 issues as may arise from time to time relating to human rights generally. (Topic: Antisemitism in Canada)

WITNESSES:

Network of Engaged Canadian Academics:

Deidre Butler, Associate Professor;

Pamela Walker, Professor.

As individuals:

Deborah Lyons, Special Envoy, Office of the Special Envoy on Preserving Holocaust Remembrance and Combatting Antisemitism, Canadian Heritage (by videoconference).

Ira Robinson, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Department of Religions and Cultures, Concordia University.

Deborah Lyons made a statement and answered questions.

At 5 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:03 p.m., the committee resumed.

Deirdre Butler and Pamela Walker made a statement together and answered questions.

At 5:59 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:06 p.m., the committee resumed.

At 6:06 p.m., the chair, the Honourable Salma Ataullahjan, took the chair.

Ira Robinson made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:57 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Caroline Woodward

Clerk of the Committee