



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, April 18, 2023  
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[English]

The Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament met this day at 9:32 a.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Diane Bellemare, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Batters, Bellemare, Black, Busson, Cordy, Deacon (*Ontario*), MacDonald, Marwah, Omidvar, Ringuette, Saint-Germain, Wells and Woo (13).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senators Boehm, Downe and Harder, P.C. (3).

*Participating in the meeting:* François Delisle, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to rule 12-7(2)(a), the committee continued its consideration of possible amendments to the Rules. (Topic: Committee structure and mandates)

### WITNESSES:

The Honourable Senator Peter M. Boehm, Chair, Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade;

The Honourable Senator Peter Harder, P.C., Deputy Chair, Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade;

The Honourable Senator Percy E. Downe, former Deputy Chair, Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

The Honourable Senators Boehm, Downe and Harder, P.C. each made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:46 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Adam Thompson

*Clerk of the Committee*