



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, October 7, 2024

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs met this day at 4:03 p.m., in room W120, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Tony Dean, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Boehm, Cardozo, Carignan, P.C., Dagenais, Dalphond, Dasko, Deacon (*Ontario*), Dean, Patterson, Richards and Yussuff (11).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senators Al Zaibak, McNair and Omidvar (3).

Participating in the meeting: Ariel Shapiro, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, June 20, 2024, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-20, An Act establishing the Public Complaints and Review Commission and amending certain Acts and statutory instruments.

WITNESSES:

National Police Federation:

Brian Sauvé, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Customs and Immigration Union:

Mark Weber, National President (*by videoconference*).

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami:

Natan Obed, President;

Elizabeth Zarpa, Legal Counsel.

Assembly of First Nations:

Andrew Bisson, Chief Executive Officer;

Julie McGregor, Legal Counsel.

Amnesty International Canada:

Julia Sande, Campaigner, Human Rights Law and Policy *(by videoconference)*.

Canadian Civil Liberties Association:

Shakir Rahim, Director, Criminal Justice Program *(by videoconference)*;

Harini Sivalingam, Director, Equality Program *(by videoconference)*.

National Council of Canadian Muslims:

Mustafa Farooq, Member, Advisory Committee;

Amad Al Qadi, Advocacy Officer.

As an individual:

Mel Cappe, Distinguished Fellow, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy.

Mel Cappe, Brian Sauvé and Mark Weber each made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:58 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:10 p.m., the committee resumed.

Natan Obed and Andrew Bisson each made a statement, and together with Julie McGregor, answered questions.

At 6:13 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:24 p.m., the committee resumed.

Mustafa Farooq, Julia Sande, Shakir Rahim and Harini Sivalingam each made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:13 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:16 p.m., the committee, pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), resumed in camera for the consideration of a draft agenda (future business).

At 7:32 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ericka Paajanen

Clerk of the Committee