



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, February 16, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day at 11:30 a.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Ratna Omidvar, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Bernard, Bovey, Kutcher, Martin, McPhedran, Mégie, Moodie, Omidvar, Osler, Petitclerc and Verner, P.C. (11).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senator Burey (1).

Participating in the meeting: Laura Blackmore and Sonya Norris, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, February 10, 2022, the committee continued its study on issues relating to social affairs, science and technology generally. (Topic: Canada's Temporary and Migrant Labour Force)

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council for Refugees:

Jennifer Rajasekar, Co-Chair, Immigration and Settlement Working Group (*by videoconference*).

Migrant Workers Centre:

Amanda Aziz, Staff Lawyer.

As individuals:

Andrew Griffith, Fellow, Canadian Global Affairs Institute (*by videoconference*).

Fay Faraday, Assistant Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (*by videoconference*).

Andrew Griffith and Fay Faraday each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:27 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:32 p.m., the committee resumed.

Jennifer Rajasekar and Amanda Aziz each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:28 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 1:29 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft agenda (future business).

It was agreed that senators' staff be permitted to remain in the room during the in camera portion of the meeting.

It was agreed that the committee allow the transcription of today's in camera portion of the meeting, that one copy be kept with the clerk of the committee for consultation by committee members and/or staff, and that the transcript be destroyed by the clerk when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of this parliamentary session.

At 1:35 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Emily Barrette

Clerk of the Committee