



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, May 18, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day at 11:31 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, Burey, Cordy, Dasko, Kutcher, McPhedran, Mégie, Miville-Dechêne, Omidvar, Osler, Petitclerc and Seidman (12).

Participating in the meeting: Karine Déquier, Procedural Clerk, Committees Directorate; Laura Blackmore and Andrea Garland, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, April 27, 2023, the committee continued its consideration of the subject matter of those elements contained in Divisions 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 25, 27, 28, 29, 35 and 38 of Part 4 of Bill C-47, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on March 28, 2023. (Topic: Divisions 18 and 19)

WITNESSES:

College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants:

John W. Murray, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Michael Huynh, Director, Professional Conduct.

Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants:

Dory Jade, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Immigration Lawyers Association:

Lev Abramovich, Member.

Institute for Canadian Citizenship:

Daniel Bernhard, Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*).

John W. Murray and Dory Jade each made a statement and, together with Michael Huynh, answered questions.

At 12:20 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:24 p.m., the committee resumed.

Lev Abramovich and Daniel Bernhard each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:58 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 1 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 the in camera portion of today's 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 1:23 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Emily Barrette

Clerk of the Committee