



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, April 30, 2026

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met this day at 10:30 a.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Peter M. Boehm, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Adler, Al Zaibak, Ataullahjan, Boehm, Busson, Coyle, Gerba, Hébert, Ravalia, Wilson and Woo (11).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senators Dasko and Youance (2).

*Participating in the meeting:* Brian Hermon and Zak Black, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, March 26, 2026, the committee began its examination of Bill S-214, An Act to amend the Special Economic Measures Act (disposal of foreign state assets).

**WITNESSES:**

*As individuals:*

The Honourable Senator Donna Dasko, sponsor of the bill;

The Honourable Ratna Omidvar, former senator (*by videoconference*);

Elisabeth Braw, Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council (*by videoconference*);

Preston Jordan Lim, Assistant Professor, Villanova University, Charles Widger School of Law;

Robert Currie, Viscount Bennett Professor of Law, Dalhousie University (*by videoconference*).

The Honourable Senator Dasko made a statement and, together with the Honourable Ratna Omidvar, answered questions.

At 11:29 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:41 a.m., the committee resumed.

Elisabeth Braw, Preston Jordan Lim and Robert Currie each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:29 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Chantal Cardinal

*Clerk of the Committee*