



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, April 15, 2026  
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples met this day at 6:53 p.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Michèle Audette, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Audette, Clement, Francis, Greenwood, Karetak-Lindell, McCallum, McPhedran, Pate, Prosper, Sorensen and Tannas (11).

*Participating in the meeting:* Sara Fryer and Allison Lowenger, Analysts, Library of Parliament; Chelsea DeFazio, Communications Officer, Communications, Broadcasting and Publications Directorate.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, the committee continued its consideration of Bill S-225, An Act to establish National Thanadelthur Day.

*WITNESSES (by videoconference):*

*Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation:*

Rosalie Emilie Tsannie-Burseth, Educator, Educational Consultant, Professor, Historian.

*As an individual:*

Florence Hamilton, Founder and Owner, Dene Routes.

Rosalie Emilie Tsannie-Burseth and Florence Hamilton each made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:45 p.m., it was agreed that the committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill S-225.

It was agreed that the title stand postponed.

It was agreed that the preamble stand postponed.

It was agreed that clause 1, which contains the short title, stand postponed.

It was agreed that clause 2 carry.

It was agreed that clause 3 carry.

It was agreed that the preamble carry.

It was agreed that clause 1, which contains the short title, carry.

It was agreed that the title carry.

It was agreed that the bill carry.

It was agreed that the chair report Bill S-225 to the Senate, in both official languages.

At 7:47 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:53 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to consider a draft report.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the committee continued examination of the Voices of Youth Indigenous Leaders events.

At 7:57 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:58 p.m., the committee resumed in public.

It was agreed that the following special expenses budget application (Voices of Youth Indigenous Leaders 2026 event), for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027, be approved for submission to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration:

GENERAL EXPENSES	26,250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,250</b>

At 8:00 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Sébastien Payet

*Clerk of the Committee*