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The Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples met this day at 6:45 p.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Clement, Karetak-Lindell, LaBoucane-Benson, McCallum, McNair, Osler, Pate, Prosper and Sorensen (9).

Participating in the meeting: Sara Fryer and Oana Spinu, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

The clerk informed the committee of the unavoidable absences of the chair and deputy chair and presided over the election of an acting chair.

The Honourable Senator Sorensen moved that the Honourable Senator Prosper be the acting chair.

The question being put on the motion, it was adopted.

The acting chair took the chair.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-10, An Act respecting the Commissioner for Modern Treaty Implementation.

APPEARING:

The Honourable Rebecca Alty, P.C., M.P., Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations.

WITNESSES:

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada:

Valerie Gideon, Deputy Minister;

Mat Sargent, Senior Director;

Sean Daley, Manager.

Department of Justice:

Heather O'Mara, Legal Counsel.

The Honourable Rebecca Alty made a statement and, together with Valerie Gideon, answered questions.

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

At 7:51 p.m., the committee resumed.

It was agreed that the committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-10.

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.

With leave and pursuant to rule 12-20(4), it was agreed that the committee consider the remaining clauses in groups of ten.

It was agreed that clauses 2 to 10 carry.

It was agreed that clauses 11 to 20 carry.

It was agreed that clauses 21 to 30 carry.

It was agreed that clauses 31 to 41 carry.

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

It was agreed that the preamble carry.

It was agreed that the title carry.

It was agreed that the bill carry.

It was agreed that the chair, or a member of this committee, report Bill C-10 to the Senate, in both official languages.

At 7:53 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:56 p.m., the committee resumed in camera.

Pursuant the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the committee continued its study of a matter relating to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

Pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee discussed a draft agenda (future business).

It was agreed that the committee allow the audio recording and/or 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 audio recording and/or transcription be destroyed by the clerk of the committee when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of this parliamentary session.

At 8:03 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 8:15 p.m., the committee resumed.

It was agreed that the Standing Senate Committee on Indigenous Peoples request that the Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) undertake a comparative analysis of the following plans:

(a) Canada's National Plan for First Nations Child and Family Services (excluding Ontario);

(b) the First Nations Loving Justice Plan; and

(c) the Ontario Final Agreement to reform the First Nations Child and Family Services.

In a first phase of the analysis, the PBO will examine the effectiveness of each plan to include a cost comparison that identifies the funding allocated for each purpose in each year, and to explain the formulas used to calculate those funding allocations along with any assumptions and relevant considerations to support Parliamentary debate on the plans. The PBO will also examine the costs of inaction and delays, including those related to litigation and liabilities. The study will set out the lessons learned and best practices of funding models and examine the governance models in each proposal for transparency, accountability and ability to adapt to needs in a timely fashion.

At 8:33 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Sébastien Payet

Clerk of the Committee