



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, February 12, 2026
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 1:30 p.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable David M. Arnot, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Arnot, Batters, Clement, Cuzner, Miville-Dechêne, Moncion, Pate, Prosper, Saint-Germain, Simons and Tannas (11).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senators Dalphond, Dasko and Deacon (*Nova Scotia*) (3).

Participating in the meeting: Dana Phillips and Michaela Keenan-Pelletier, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, February 5, 2026, the committee continued its consideration of the subject matter of Part 4 of Bill C-4, An Act respecting certain affordability measures for Canadians and another measure.

WITNESSES (by videoconference):

OpenMedia:

Matthew Alexander Hatfield, Executive Director.

Canadian Civil Liberties Association:

Tamir Israel, Director, Privacy, Surveillance and Technologies Program.

Conservative Fund Canada:

Michael Wilson, Outside Counsel, Goodmans LLP.

Federal Liberal Agency of Canada:

Alexis Levine, Outside Counsel, Blake, Cassels and Graydon LLP.

New Democratic Party of Canada:

Carmela Allevato, Senior Counsel, Allevato Quail and Associates.

As an individual:

Elizabeth Denham, Former Information and Privacy Commissioner of the United Kingdom and British Columbia.

Matthew Alexander Hatfield, Tamir Israel and Elizabeth Denham each made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:29 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 2:33 p.m., the committee resumed.

Michael Wilson, Alexis Levine and Carmela Allevato each made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:30 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Vincent Labrosse

Clerk of the Committee