



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, February 25, 2026
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 4:16 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, Busson, Clement, Miville-Dechêne, Oudar, Pate, Prosper, Simons, Tannas and Wells (*Alberta*) (11).

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 Tuesday, October 21, 2025, the committee continued its consideration of Bill S-205, An Act to amend the Corrections and Conditional Release Act.

WITNESSES:

Circle of Eagles Lodge Society:

Mervin Thomas, Chief Executive Officer.

Prince Albert Grand Council:

Joseph Tsannie, Vice Chief.

BC First Nations Justice Council:

Kory Wilson, Chair.

Mi'kmaw Legal Support Network:

Paula Marshall, Executive Director (*by videoconference*).

DisAbled Women's Network of Canada:

Bonnie Brayton, Chief Executive Officer.

Mervin Thomas, Joseph Tsannie and Kory Wilson each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:21 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:29 p.m., the committee resumed.

Paula Marshall and Bonnie Brayton each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:20 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Vincent Labrosse

Clerk of the Committee