



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, February 26, 2026
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 10:33 a.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, Forest, Miville-Dechêne, Oudar, Pate, Prosper, Simons, Tannas and Wells (*Alberta*) (11).

Participating in the meeting: Michaela Keenan-Pelletier and Dana Phillips, 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 (by videoconference):

Canadian Prison Law Association:

Alison Craig, Criminal Defence Lawyer.

Canadian Association of Black Lawyers:

Nana Yanful, Lawyer and Member, Criminal Justice and Police Reform Committee.

Indigenous Bar Association:

Victoria S.B. Perrie, Vice President.

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health:

Dr. Alexander Simpson, Professor and Chair, Forensic Psychiatry Research, University of Toronto.

As an individual:

Dr. John Bradford, Doctor and Professor of Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, Universities of Ottawa, McMaster and Saskatchewan.

Alison Craig, Nana Yanful and Victoria S.B. Perrie each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:34 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:37 a.m., the committee resumed.

Alexander Simpson and John Bradford each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:27 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Vincent Labrosse

Clerk of the Committee