



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, April 23, 2026  
(35)

[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 10:30 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, Dalphond, Dhillon, Miville-Dechéne, Pate, Ross, Saint-Germain, Simons, Tannas and Wells (*Alberta*) (12).

*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, March 12, 2026, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Youth Criminal Justice Act and the National Defence Act (bail and sentencing).

**WITNESSES:**

*Federation of Canadian Municipalities:*

Kathy Valentino, Second Vice-President (*by videoconference*).

*City of Winnipeg:*

Scott Gillingham, Mayor (*by videoconference*).

*Crime Victims Assistance Centre:*

Sophie Gasse, Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*);

Marilie Cormier Gaudet, Executive Director, Centre-du-Québec (*by videoconference*).

*Not In My City:*

Paul Brandt, Founder and Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*).

*As individuals:*

Jacqueline Beisel-Cobb;

Brett Broadfoot (*by videoconference*).

Kathy Valentino and Scott Gillingham each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:30 a.m., the committee suspended.

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

Jacqueline Beisel-Cobb, Brett Broadfoot, Sophie Gasse, Marilie Cormier Gaudet and Paul Brandt each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Vincent Labrosse

*Clerk of the Committee*