



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, October 7, 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, Clement, Dalphond, Dhillon, McBean, Miville-Dechéne, Pate, Prosper, Simons, Tannas and Wells (*Alberta*) (12).

Participating in the meeting: Allison Lowenger and Laura Blackmore, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, the committee continued its consideration of the subject matter of those elements contained in Division 5 of Part 4 of Bill C-31, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on November 4, 2025.

The committee discussed a draft report.

It was agreed that the draft report, as amended, be adopted in both official languages, and that the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be empowered to approve the final version of the report, taking into consideration this meeting's discussions, and with any necessary editorial, grammatical and translation changes required.

It was agreed that the chair be authorized to deposit the report with the Clerk of the Senate, in both official languages.

At 4:57 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:14 p.m., the committee resumed.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, the committee began its consideration of the subject matter of Bill S-216, An Act to declare the Chignecto Isthmus Dykeland System and related works to be for the general advantage of Canada.

WITNESSES:

The Honourable Senator Jim Quinn, sponsor of the bill.

As an individual:

Lyle Skinner, Director of Parliamentary Affairs, Office of the Honourable Senator Jim Quinn.

The Honourable Senator Jim Quinn made a statement and, together with Lyle Skinner, answered questions.

At 6:15 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Emily Barrette

Clerk of the Committee