



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, October 8, 2026
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs met this day at 10:31 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, Dhillon, McBean, Miville-Dechêne, Pate, Prosper, Quinn, 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 Tuesday, February 10, 2026, the committee continued 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 (by videoconference):

Mi'gmawe'l Tplu'taqnn Inc.:

Derek Simon, Legal Counsel;

David Knockwood, Geomatics Professional and Indigenous Knowledge Researcher.

As an individual:

Andrew Leach, Professor, Economics and Law, University of Alberta.

David Knockwood and Andrew Leach each made a statement and, together with Derek Simon, answered questions.

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

At 11:38 a.m., the committee resumed.

The committee discussed a draft report.

At 12:05 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Emily Barrette

Clerk of the Committee