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The Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights met this day at 4:01 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Paulette Senior, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Arnold, Karetak-Lindell, McCallum, Mohamed, Robinson, Senior and Wells (*Alberta*) (7).

Participating in the meeting: Robert Mason and Madalina Chesoi, Analysts, Library of Parliament; Chelsea DeFazio, Communications Officer, Communications, Broadcasting and Publications Directorate.

The chair informed the committee of the tragic events that occurred at Canadian Forces Base Wainwright and the committee observed a minute of silence.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, the committee continued its study on the health, safety, and wellbeing of 2SLGBTQI+ youth in Canada.

It was agreed that the following budget application under the committee's order of reference to examine and report on the health, safety, and wellbeing of 2SLGBTQI+ youth in Canada, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027, be approved for submission to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration.

ACTIVITY: Calgary, Alberta, and Yellowknife, Northwest Territories	$253,034
TOTAL	**$253,034**

At 4:07 p.m., pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-234, An Act respecting the establishment and award of a Living Donor Recognition Medal.

It was agreed that the committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-234.

It was agreed that the title stand postponed.

It was agreed that the preamble stand postponed.

It was agreed that clause 1, which contains the short title, stand postponed.

It was agreed that clause 2 carry.

It was agreed that clause 3 carry.

It was agreed that clause 4 carry.

It was agreed that clause 5 carry.

It was agreed that clause 6 carry.

It was agreed that clause 7 carry.

It was agreed that clause 7.1 carry.

It was agreed that clause 8 carry.

It was agreed that clause 9 carry.

It was agreed that clause 1, which contains the short title, carry.

It was agreed that the preamble carry.

It was agreed that the title carry.

It was agreed that the bill carry.

At 4:12 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 4:13 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft report.

It was agreed that the committee allow the audio recording and/or transcription of the in camera portion of today's meeting, that one copy be kept with the clerk of the committee for consultation by committee members and/or staff, and that the audio recording and/or transcript be destroyed by the clerk of the committee when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of this parliamentary session.

It was agreed that observations be appended to the committee's report.

It was agreed that the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be empowered to approve the final version of the observations being appended to the report, in both official languages, taking into consideration today's discussion and with any necessary editorial, grammatical or translation changes as required.

It was agreed that the chair report Bill C-234, without amendment and with observations, to the Senate, in both official languages.

At 4:27 p.m., pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, February 5, 2026, the committee continued its study on the impact of artificial intelligence on human rights and economic security in Canada, especially in relation to vulnerable groups and the international human right to work.

Pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee considered a draft report.

At 7:13 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee considered a draft agenda (future business)

At 7:34 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ericka Paajanen

Clerk of the Committee