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The Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament met this day at 9:30 a.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Peter Harder, P.C., presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Batters, Burey, Downe, Harder, P.C., Petitclerc, Ringuette, Saint-Germain, Surette, Wells (*Alberta*), Youance and Yussuff (12).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senators Miville-Dechêne and Tannas (2).

*Participating in the meeting:* François Delisle and Dana Philips, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to rule 12-7(2)(a), the committee continued its consideration of possible amendments to the Rules. (Topic: Senate Public Bills)

*WITNESSES:*

The Honourable Senator Julie Miville-Dechêne;

The Honourable Senator Scott Tannas;

Daniel Charbonneau, Director of Parliamentary Affairs, Office of the Honourable Senator Scott Tannas;

Julie Wellington, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, Senate of Canada;

André Clair, Parliamentary Counsel, Senate of Canada.

The Honourable Senators Miville-Dechêne and Tannas, and Daniel Charbonneau each made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:24 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 10:25 a.m., the committee resumed.

Julie Wellington and André Clair each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:05 a.m., pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on June 18, 2026, the committee began its consideration of the case of privilege concerning the leak of information relating to the first report of the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying.

The committee discussed a draft agenda (future business).

After debate, the Honourable Senator Ringuette moved that the committee continue its consideration of possible amendments to the Rules regarding Senate Public Bills at the meeting of October 6 and that the Honourable Senator Wallin, the joint chairs of the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying and the joint clerks of that committee be invited to appear on the matter of the case of privilege on October 20.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was adopted by a show of hands.

At 11:14 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Céline Ethier

*Clerk of the Committee*