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OTTAWA, Tuesday, October 20, 2026
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[*English*]

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, Harder, P.C., Martin, Petitclerc, Ringuette, Senior, Surette, Wells (*Alberta*), White and Yussuff (12).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senator Varone (1).

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

The chair informed the committee of a tragic incident at CFB Wainwright in Alberta and the committee observed a minute of silence.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, June 18, 2026, the committee continued 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.

*WITNESSES:*

The Honourable Senator Yonah Martin, former joint chair, Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying;

Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the Parliaments, Senate of Canada.

Shaila Anwar made a statement and answered questions.

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

At 10:27 a.m., the committee resumed.

The Honourable Senator Martin made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:13 a.m., the committee discussed a draft agenda (future business).

At 11:16 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

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*Clerk of the Committee*