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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, Surette, Varone, White and Yussuff (10).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senator Tucker (1).

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

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:

Senate of Canada:

Shaila Anwar, Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the Parliaments;

Jodi Turner, Clerk Assistant and Director, Committees Directorate.

House of Commons:

Eric Janse, Clerk of the House of Commons;

Jeffrey LeBlanc, Deputy Clerk, Procedure.

As an individual:

The Honourable Pamela Wallin, O.C., S.O.M, former senator (*by videoconference*).

Jodi Turner and Eric Janse each made a statement and, together with Shaila Anwar and Jeffrey LeBlanc, answered questions.

At 10:28 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 10:33 a.m., the committee resumed.

The Honourable Pamela Wallin made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:06 the committee discussed a draft agenda (future business).

It was agreed that the clerk of the committee seek additional information from the Senate's Information Services Directorate with respect to the tracking of Senate documentation related to the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying.

It was agreed that the Library of Parliament analysts compile a summary of evidence heard thus far on the case of privilege.

At 11:10 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Céline Ethier

Clerk of the Committee