



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, June 1, 2026

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs met this day at 4 p.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Marty Deacon, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Al Zaibak, Boehm, Cardozo, Deacon (*Ontario*), Dean, Housakos, McNair, White, Youance and Yussuff (10).

Participating in the meeting: Anne-Marie Therrien-Tremblay and Andrés León, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, April 23, 2026, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-8, An Act respecting cyber security, amending the Telecommunications Act and making consequential amendments to other Acts.

It was agreed that the committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-8, An Act respecting cyber security, amending the Telecommunications Act and making consequential amendments to other Acts.

It was agreed that the title stand postponed.

With leave and pursuant to rule 12-20(4), it was agreed that the committee group clauses according to the 3 parts of the Bill as described in the Table of Provisions of Bill C-8 when appropriate.

It was agreed that Part 1, entitled Telecommunications Act, which contains clauses 1 to 10 carry.

It was agreed that Part 2, entitled Critical Cyber Systems Protection Act, which contains clauses 11 to 16 carry.

It was agreed that Part 3, entitled Five Year Review, which contains clause 17 carry.

It was agreed that the schedule carry.

It was agreed that the title carry.

It was agreed that the Bill carry.

The chair asked whether the committee wished to consider appending observations to the report.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived.

It was agreed that the chair report this Bill to the Senate, in both official languages.

At 4:09 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 4:11 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to consider a draft agenda (future business).

It was agreed that the committee allow the audio recording and/or transcript 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 or staff, and that the audio recording and/or transcript be destroyed by the clerk when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of this parliamentary session.

At 4:52 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:29 p.m., the committee resumed in public.

At 5:30 p.m., the Honourable Senator Dean replaced the Honourable Senator Yussuff as a member of the committee.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, the committee began its consideration of Bill S-246, An Act respecting the recognition of wartime service.

WITNESSES:

The Honourable Hassan Yussuff, sponsor of the bill.

Aboriginal Veterans Autochtones:

Sergeant (Retired) Wendy-Anne Jocko (*by videoconference*).

Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans in Canada:

Gordon MacEachern, Dominion Vice President and Advocacy Chair.

Persian Gulf Veterans of Canada:

Warrant Officer (Retired) Michael McGlennon, Vice President.

As an individual:

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Dean Tremblay, Afghanistan Veteran.

The Honourable Senator Yussuff made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:02 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:08 p.m., the committee resumed.

Gordon MacEachern, Michael McGlennon, Dean Tremblay and Wendy-Anne Jocko each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:51 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:57 p.m., the committee resumed.

It was agreed that the committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill S-246, An Act respecting the recognition of wartime service.

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 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.

The chair asked whether the committee wished to consider appending observations to the report.

The question being put on the motion, it was negatived.

It was agreed that the chair report this Bill to the Senate, in both official languages.

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

ATTEST:

Ericka Paajanen

Clerk of the Committee