



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, June 9, 2026
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Security, Defence and Veterans Affairs met this day at 11:01 a.m., in room W120, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Marty Deacon, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Al Zaibak, Anderson, Cardozo, Carignan, P.C., Dasko, Deacon (*Ontario*), Hay, McNair, Patterson, Ravalia, Youance and Yussuff (12).

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

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, May 28, 2026, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-11, An Act to amend the National Defence Act and other Acts.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police:

Chief Constable Fiona Wilson, Victoria Police Department (*by videoconference*).

As individuals:

Captain (retired) Hélène Le Scelleur, PhD Candidate;

Heather Vanderveer;

Major (retired) Donna Van Leusden, Survivor Perspectives Consulting Group;

Major (retired) Dr. Karen Breeck, Retired Medical Officer.

Megan MacKenzie, Professor and Simons Chair in Peace, Disarmament and Human Security (*by videoconference*);

Colonel (retired) Bruce MacGregor, Former Director of Military Prosecutions.

Major (retired) Dr. Karen Breeck made a statement.

At 11:11 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:16 a.m., the committee resumed.

Major (retired) Dr. Karen Breeck, Heather Vanderveer, Major (retired) Donna Van Leusden and Captain (retired) H  l  ne Le Scelleur each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:15 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:20 p.m., the committee resumed.

Colonel (retired) Bruce MacGregor, Fiona Wilson and Megan MacKenzie each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:09 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ericka Paajanen

Clerk of the Committee