



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, October 8, 2025

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day at 4:15 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the deputy chair, the Honourable Flordeliz (Gigi) Osler, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Arnold, Bernard, Burey, Greenwood, McPhedran, Muggli, Osler, Petitclerc and Senior (9).

Participating in the meeting: Laura Blackmore, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2025, the committee continued its consideration of Bill S-201, An Act respecting a national framework on sickle cell disease.

WITNESSES:

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada:

Dr. Catherine Moltzan, Hematologist, Hematology Specialty Committee.

Health Standards Organization:

Sandra Young, Executive Director, Standards and Education (*by videoconference*).

Canadian Haemoglobinopathy Association:

Dr. Robert Klaassen, Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist;

Dr. Alan Tinmouth, Physician and Director, Ottawa Hospital Hemoglobinopathy Program.

Catherine Moltzan, Sandra Young, Robert Klaassen and Alan Tinmouth each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:19 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ferda Simpson

Clerk of the Committee