

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, October 22, 2025 (7)

[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day at 4:13 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Rosemary Moodie, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Arnold, Bernard, Boudreau, Brazeau, Greenwood, Hay, McPhedran, Moodie, Muggli, Osler and Senior (11).

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

Participating in the meeting: Laura Blackmore and Mayra Perez-Leclerc, Analysts, 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-202, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (warning label on alcoholic beverages).

WITNESSES:

Canadian Medical Association:

Dr. Margot Burnell, President.

Canadian Public Health Association:

Ian Culbert, Executive Director (by videoconference).

Fraser Health:

Dr. Curtis May, Medical Health Officer (by videoconference).

Margot Burnell, Ian Culbert and Curtis May each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:09 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:11 p.m., the committee resumed.

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.

It was agreed that the committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill S-201.

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 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.

It was agreed that the chair report Bill S-201, without amendment, to the Senate, in both official languages, at the earliest opportunity.

At 5:16 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:17 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft agenda (future business).

It was agreed that staff be allowed to remain in the room for the in camera portion of today's meeting

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

At 6:03 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ferda Simpson

Clerk of the Committee