



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, March 12, 2026  
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day at 10:30 a.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Rosemary Moodie, presiding.

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

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senator Woo (1).

*Participating in the meeting:* Diana Ambrozias, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, October 2, 2025, the committee continued its study of matters related to the impact of artificial intelligence in Canada.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Standards Council of Canada:*

Chantal Guay, Chief Executive Officer;

Anneke Olvera, Director, Programs.

#### *International Observatory on the Societal Impacts of AI and Digital Technologies:*

Tania Saba, Interim Executive General (*by videoconference*).

#### *First Nations Information Governance Centre:*

Jonathan Dewar, Chief Executive Officer.

#### *As an individual:*

Yoshua Bengio, Full Professor, University of Montréal (*by videoconference*).

Yoshua Bengio made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:32 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:36 a.m., the committee resumed.

Chantal Guay, Jonathan Dewar and Tania Saba each made a statement and, together with Anneke Olvera, answered questions.

At 12:34 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Ferda Simpson

*Clerk of the Committee*