



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, March 26, 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, Cuzner, Hay, McPhedran, Moodie, Muggli, Petitclerc and Senior (10).

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

Participating in the meeting: Diana Ambrozias, Laura Blackmore and Mayra Perez-Leclerc, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, the committee continued its consideration of Bill S-215, An Act respecting National Immigration Month.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Immigration Lawyers Association:

Thanh Phan, Board Member (*by videoconference*).

UniAction:

Thi Be Nguyen, President.

INICI (Immigrate, Innovate, Integrate):

Marie-Laure Konan, Executive Director.

Bienvenue à l'immigrant:

Henriette Mvondo, Founder President.

Thanh Phan, Thi Be Nguyen, Marie-Laure Konan and Henriette Mvondo each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:26 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:29 a.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 and/or transcription 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/or staff, and that the audio recording and/or transcript 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 12:01 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ferda Simpson

Clerk of the Committee