



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, April 22, 2026

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day at 4:30 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the deputy chair, the Honourable Sharon Burey, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Arnold, Burey, Cuzner, Hay, Kingston, Manning, Muggli, Osler, Petitclerc and Senior (10).

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

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, March 26, 2026, the committee continued its consideration of Bill S-5, An Act respecting the interoperability of health information technology and to prohibit data blocking by health information technology vendors.

APPEARING:

The Honourable Marjorie Michel, P.C., M.P., Minister of Health.

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Elizabeth Toller, Director General, Health Care Strategies Directorate, Health Policy Branch.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada:

Runa Angus, Senior Director, Marketplace Framework Policy Branch.

Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada:

Marc Chénier, Deputy Commissioner and Senior General Counsel.

Competition Bureau Canada:

Bradley Callaghan, Associate Deputy Commissioner, Policy, Planning and Advocacy Directorate.

Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces:

Major-General Scott Malcolm, Surgeon General.

The minister made a statement and, together with Elizabeth Toller, answered questions.

At 5:14 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:19 p.m., the committee resumed.

Elizabeth Toller, Marc Chénier and Bradley Callaghan each made a statement and, together with Major-General Scott Malcolm and Runa Angus, answered questions.

At 6:15 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ferda Simpson

Clerk of the Committee