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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, Moodie, Muggli, Osler, Petitclerc and Senior (10).

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

Participating in the meeting: Diana Ambrozas and Eleni Kachulis, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, the committee continued its examination of Bill S-234, An Act respecting a national framework for fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

WITNESSES:

Centre of Excellence for Women's Health:

Nancy Poole, Director.

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health:

Dr. Svetlana Popova, Senior Scientist (*by videoconference*).

As an individual:

James Reynolds, Emeritus Professor, Queen's University;

Jennifer Chandler, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa (*by videoconference*);

Tammy Roberts, Parent;

Dorothy Reid, Caregiver (*by videoconference*).

FASD United:

Jennifer Wisdahl, Chief Operating Officer (*by videoconference*).

Nancy Poole, Svetlana Popova, James Reynolds and Jennifer Chandler each made a statement and answered questions.

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

At 11:37 a.m., the committee resumed.

Tammy Roberts, Dorothy Reid and Jennifer Wisdahl each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:23 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ferda Simpson

Clerk of the Committee