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The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology met this day at 4:15 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, Boudreau, Burey, Cuzner, Greenwood, Martin, Muggli, Osler, Petitclerc and Senior (10).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senators Housakos and Loffreda (2).

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

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, the committee began its study of Bill S-220, An Act to designate the month of March as Hellenic Heritage Month.

WITNESSES:

The Honourable Senator Tony Loffreda, sponsor of the bill.

Hellenic Community of Greater Montreal:

Basile Angelopoulos, President;

George Tsantrizos, Director General.

As an individual:

Scott Gallimore, Associate Professor, Department of Archaeology, Wilfrid Laurier University (*by videoconference*).

The Honourable Senator Loffreda, Basile Angelopoulos, George Tsantrizos and Scott Gallimore each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:18 p.m., the committee resumed.

It was agreed that the committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill S-220.

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.

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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 deputy chair report Bill S-220, without amendment, to the Senate, in both official languages, at the earliest opportunity.

At 5:23 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Ferda Simpson

Clerk of the Committee