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Activities of Senate Committees

Week of March 3, 2017



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Standings in the Senate

Conservative Party of Canada	39
Non-affiliated (Independent Senators Group)	34
Liberal Party of Canada	19
Non-affiliated	8
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TOTAL	100

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Committee Business	Referral Date (Reporting Deadline*)
Aboriginal Peoples	
Study on the federal government's constitutional, treaty, political and legal responsibilities to First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples	2016-02-02 (2017-12-31)
Government response to the Twelfth Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples, entitled: On-Reserve Housing and Infrastructure: Recommendations for Change, tabled and adopted in the Senate on June 23, 2015, during the Second Session of the Forty-first Parliament	2016-05-05
Government response to the third report of the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples, entitled Border Crossing Issues and the Jay Treaty, tabled in the Senate on June 22, 2016	2016-11-03
Bill S-3, An Act to amend the Indian Act (elimination of sex-based inequities in registration)	2016-11-17
Study on the new relationship between Canada and First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples	2016-12-15 (2018-10-31)
Agriculture and Forestry	
Study on international market access priorities for the Canadian agricultural and agri-food sector	2016-01-28 (2017-03-31)
Study on the acquisition of farmland in Canada and its potential impact on the farming sector	2016-10-05 (2017-06-30)
Examine and report on the current situation involving the bovine tuberculosis outbreak in southeastern Alberta, the quarantine that farms in Alberta and Saskatchewan are under, and the movement controls in place for cattle	2016-11-24
Banking, Trade and Commerce	
Study on the present state of the domestic and international financial system	2016-01-27 (2017-12-31)
Study and report on the development of a national corridor in Canada as a means of enhancing and facilitating commerce and internal trade	2016-09-28 (2017-05-31)
Bill S-224, An Act respecting payments made under construction contracts	2016-11-28
Study on the current and emerging issues of the banking sector and monetary policy of the United States	2017-02-16 (2017-06-30)
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources	
Study on emerging issues related to its mandate	2016-01-28 (2017-12-31)
Study on the effects of transitioning to a low carbon economy	2016-03-10 (2017-09-30)
Bill S-229, An Act respecting underground infrastructure safety	2016-12-06
Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators	
Consideration of matters relating to the Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code for Senators	2016-12-15
Fisheries and Oceans	
Study on issues arising from, and developments since, the tabling in July 2015 of its final report on the regulation of aquaculture, current challenges and future prospects for the industry in Canada	2016-02-16 (2017-10-31)
Study on issues relating to the federal government's current and evolving policy framework for managing Canada's fisheries and oceans	2016-02-16 (2017-12-31)

*Expiration date of orders of reference

Study on Maritime Search and Rescue activities, including current challenges and opportunities	2016-04-14 (2017-11-30)
Government response to the fourth report of the Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans, entitled Report on Aquaculture, tabled in the Senate on June 21, 2016	2016-11-01
Bill S-203, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and other Acts (ending the captivity of whales and dolphins)	2016-11-23

Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Study on foreign relations and international trade generally	2016-01-27 (2017-06-30)
Study on opportunities for strengthening cooperation with Mexico since the tabling, in June 2015, of the committee report entitled North American Neighbours: Maximizing Opportunities and Strengthening Cooperation for a more Prosperous Future	2016-03-22 (2017-03-31)
Study on recent political and economic developments in Argentina in the context of their potential impact on regional and global dynamics, including on Canadian policy and interests, and other related matters	2016-03-22 (2017-03-31)
Bill S-219, An Act to deter Iran-sponsored terrorism, incitement to hatred, and human rights violations	2016-10-05

Human Rights

Issues relating to human rights and, inter alia, to review the machinery of government dealing with Canada's international and national human rights obligations	2016-02-03 (2017-01-31)
Government Response to the fourth report of the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights, entitled: The Forgotten Many: Human Rights and North Korean Defectors, tabled in the Senate on June 20, 2016.	2016-11-15
Study on the issues relating to the human rights of prisoners in the correctional system	2016-12-15 (2017-10-31)

Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration

Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2015-12-10
To ensure that the Government Conference Centre be equipped with cameras, facilities and resources to enable the broadcasting or webcasting of Senate proceedings	2016-12-06

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Study on matters pertaining to delays in Canada's criminal justice system	2016-01-28 (2017-06-30)
Bill S-202, An Act to amend the Divorce Act (shared parenting plans)	2016-10-06
Examine and report on the reports of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 42nd General Election of October 19, 2015 and associated matters dealing with Elections Canada's conduct of the election	2016-11-01 (2017-06-30)
Bill C-224, An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (assistance — drug overdose)	2016-12-01
Bill S-231, An Act to amend the Canada Evidence Act and the Criminal Code (protection of journalistic sources)	2016-12-14
Bill S-236, An Act to recognize Charlottetown as the birthplace of Confederation	2017-02-28
Bill C-16, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code	2017-03-02

Library of Parliament (Joint)

The expenditures set out in Library of Parliament Vote 1 of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017	2016-02-25
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The expenditures set out in Library of Parliament Vote 1 of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018	2017-03-01
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National Finance

Study on such issues as may arise from time to time relating to federal estimates generally, including the public accounts, reports of the Auditor General and government finance	2016-01-27 (2017-12-31)
Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017	2016-02-23
Study on the federal government's multi-billion dollar infrastructure funding program	2016-02-23 (2018-06-30)
Study on the financial implications and regional considerations of Canada's aging population	2016-04-12 (2017-12-31)
Supplementary Estimates (C) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017	2017-02-15
Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018	2017-03-01

National Security and Defence

Examine and report on Canada's national security and defence policies, practices, circumstances and capabilities	2016-01-26 (2017-12-31)
Study on mental health issues affecting serving and retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces	2016-01-28 (2017-12-31)
Study on the policies, practices, and collaborative efforts of the Canada Border Services Agency in determining admissibility to Canada and removal of inadmissible individuals	2016-01-28 (2016-06-30)
Study on the services and benefits provided to members of the Canadian Forces; to veterans; to members and former members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and their families	2016-01-28 (2017-12-31)
Study on national security and defence issues in Indo-Asia Pacific Relations and their implications for Canada's national security and defence policies, practices, circumstances and capabilities	2016-02-02 (2017-12-31)
Study on security threats facing Canada, including but not limited to: (a) Cyber espionage; (b) Threats to critical infrastructure; (c) Terrorist recruitment and financing; (d) Terrorist operations and prosecutions	2016-02-02 (2017-12-31)
Study on issues related to the Defence Policy Review presently being undertaken by the government	2016-04-21 (2017-06-30)
Government response to the Sixteenth Report of the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence, entitled: Vigilance, Accountability and Security at Canada's Borders tabled and adopted in the Senate on June 18, 2015, during the Second Session of the Forty-first Parliament	2016-11-03
Bill S-233, An Act to amend the Customs Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (presentation and reporting requirements)	2017-02-01

Official Languages

Study on the application of the Official Languages Act and of the regulations and directives made under it, within those institutions subject to the Act	2016-02-03 (2017-11-30)
Study on the challenges associated with access to French-language schools and French immersion programs in British Columbia	2016-04-20 (2017-03-30)
Government response to the sixth report of the Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages entitled Aiming Higher: Increasing bilingualism of our Canadian Youth, tabled in the Senate on June 15, 2015	2016-06-17

Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament

Pursuant to rule 12-7(2)(c), consideration of the orders and practices of the Senate and the privileges of Parliament	2015-12-10
Case of privilege relating to the leaks of the Auditor General's report on the audit of the Senate	2016-03-09

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Examine and propose amendments to the Rules of the Senate to allow and facilitate broadcasting of Senate proceedings	2016-12-06
Develop and propose amendments to the Rules of the Senate relating to the use of the Order Paper and Notice Paper, particularly in relation to so-called "stood" items	2017-02-09
Develop and propose amendments to the Rules of the Senate relating to omnibus bills	2017-02-17
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)	
Review of Statutory Instruments	2015-12-10
Senate Modernization (Special)	
Consideration of methods to make the Senate more effective within the current constitutional framework	2015-12-11 (2017-06-30)
Bill S-213, An Act to amend the Constitution Act, 1867 and the Parliament of Canada Act (Speakership of the Senate)	2016-10-06
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	
Study on the role of robotics, 3D printing and artificial intelligence in the healthcare system	2016-10-25 (2017-12-31)
Bill S-228, An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (prohibiting food and beverage marketing directed at children)	2016-12-05
Bill S-218, An Act respecting Latin American Heritage Month	2016-12-12
Bill C-6, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act and to make consequential amendments to another Act	2016-12-15
Bill S-210, An Act to amend An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, the Civil Marriage Act and the Criminal Code and to make consequential amendments to other Acts	2017-02-01
Subcommittee on Diversity	
To examine the findings contained in the fifth report of the Senate Administration's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Accessibility and issues of diversity in the Senate workforce	2017-02-02
Subcommittee on the Senate Estimates	
Pursuant to rule 12-7(1), consideration of financial and administrative matters	2016-04-29
Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs	
Study on the services and benefits provided to members of the Canadian Forces; to veterans; to members and former members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and their families	2016-02-01 (2017-12-31)
Transport and Communications	
Study on emerging issues related to its mandate and ministerial mandate letters	2016-01-28 (2017-06-30)
Study on the development of a strategy to facilitate the transport of crude oil to eastern Canadian refineries and to ports on the East and West coasts of Canada	2016-03-09 (2017-03-31)
Study on the regulatory and technical issues related to the deployment of connected and automated vehicles	2016-03-09 (2017-03-30)

Committee	Chair	Deputy Chair
Aboriginal Peoples	The Honourable Senator Dyck (Lib.)	The Honourable Senator Patterson (C)
Agriculture and Forestry	The Honourable Senator Maltais (C)	The Honourable Senator Mercer (Lib.)
Banking, Trade and Commerce	The Honourable Senator Tkachuk (C)	The Honourable Senator Day (Lib.)
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources	The Honourable Senator Neufeld (C)	The Honourable Senator Massicotte (Lib.)
Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators	The Honourable Senator Andreychuk (C)	The Honourable Senator Joyal, P.C. (Lib.)
Fisheries and Oceans	The Honourable Senator Manning (C)	The Honourable Senator Hubley (Lib.)
Foreign Affairs and International Trade	The Honourable Senator Andreychuk (C)	The Honourable Senator Downe (Lib.)
Human Rights	The Honourable Senator Munson (Lib.)	The Honourable Senator Ataullahjan (C)
Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration	The Honourable Senator Housakos (C)	The Honourable Senator Cordy (Lib.)
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	The Honourable Senator Runciman (C)	The Honourable Senator Baker, P.C. (Lib.)
Library of Parliament (Joint)		
National Finance	The Honourable Senator Smith (C)	The Honourable Senator Cools (Non-affiliated)
National Security and Defence	The Honourable Senator Lang (C)	The Honourable Senator Jaffer (Lib.)
Official Languages	The Honourable Senator Tardif (Lib.)	The Honourable Senator Poirier (C)
Physician-Assisted Dying (Special Joint)		
Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament	The Honourable Senator Fraser (Lib.)	The Honourable Senator White (C)
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)	The Honourable Senator Merchant (Lib.)	
Selection Committee	The Honourable Senator Plett (C)	The Honourable Senator Fraser (Lib.)
Senate Modernization (Special)	The Honourable Senator McInnis (C)	The Honourable Senator Joyal, P.C. (Lib.)
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	The Honourable Senator Ogilvie (C)	The Honourable Senator Eggleton, P.C. (Lib.)
Subcommittee on Diversity	The Honourable Senator Jaffer (Lib.)	The Honourable Senator Marshall (C)
Subcommittee on the Senate Estimates	The Honourable Senator Wells (C)	The Honourable Senator Jaffer (Lib.)
Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs	The Honourable Senator Jaffer (Lib.)	The Honourable Senator Dagenais (C)
Transport and Communications	The Honourable Senator Dawson (Lib.)	The Honourable Senator MacDonald (C)

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Committee Staff

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Committee	Clerk		Administrative Assistant		Analysts
Aboriginal Peoples	Mark Palmer	613-993-9035	Elda Donnelly	613-990-6665	Alexandre Lavoie Brittany Collier
Agriculture and Forestry	Kevin Pittman	613-993-8968	Debbie Larocque	613-993-9005	Aïcha Coulibaly Khamla Heminthavong Lafrance Daniele
Banking, Trade and Commerce	Lynn Gordon	613-991-3620	Lori Meldrum	613-990-6079	Adriane Yong Michaël Lambert-Racine Brett Capstick
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources	Maxime Fortin	613-990-6080	Brigitte Martineau	613-990-1101	Marc LeBlanc Sam Banks
Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators	Blair Armitage	613-996-5588	Debbie Larocque	613-993-9005	Sebastian Spano
Fisheries and Oceans	Maxwell Hollins	613-998-0431	Annie Trudel	613-990-6382	Odette Madore
Foreign Affairs and International Trade	Marie-Eve Belzile	613-998-0424	Debbie Larocque	613-993-9005	Natalie Mychajlyszyn Pascal Tremblay Alexandra Smith
Human Rights	Mark Palmer	613-993-9035	Elda Donnelly	613-990-6665	Jean-Philippe Duguay Julia Nicol Erin Shaw
Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration	Daniel Charbonneau Nicole Proulx	613-301-7565	Karine Déquier	613-943-4348	
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	Jessica Richardson	613-990-6087	Diane McMartin	613-990-5012	Caroline Sauvé Julian Walker Robin Mackay Maxime Charron- Tousignant
Library of Parliament (Joint)	Adam Thompson Georges Etoke	613-990-6160 613-996-3105	Maritza Jean-Pierre	613-990-5011	Marie-Ève Hudon Tayna Dupuis
National Finance	Gaëtane Lemay	613-990-4995	Louise Martel	613-990-5285	Sylvain Fleury Olivier Leblanc- Laurendeau
National Security and Defence	Adam Thompson	613-990-6160	Maritza Jean-Pierre	613-990-5011	Dominique Valiquet Wolfgang Koerner Katherine Simonds
Official Languages	Kevin Pittman	613-993-8968	Annie Trudel	613-990-6382	Marie-Ève Hudon
Physician-Assisted Dying (Special Joint)	Shaila Anwar	613-991-0719	Tracy Amendola	613-990-6669	
Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament	Charles Robert	613-992-2493	Ginette Ricard	613-995-4734	Eric Pelot Sebastian Spano Dara Lithwick
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)	Maxwell Hollins Danielle Widner	613-998-0431 613-995-6119	Annie Trudel	990-6382	Shawn Abel Cynthia Kirkby Evelyne Borkowski-Parent

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Selection Committee	Blair Armitage	613-996-5588	Brigitte Martineau	613-990-1101	
Senate Modernization (Special)	Blair Armitage	613-996-5588	Brigitte Martineau	613-990-1101	Sebastian Spano David Groves
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	Shaila Anwar Mireille Laforge	613-991-0719	Tracy Amendola	613-990-6669	Sonya Norris
Subcommittee on Diversity	Daniel Charbonneau	613-301-7565	Karine Déquier	613-943-4348	
Subcommittee on the Senate Estimates	Daniel Charbonneau	613-301-7565	Karine Déquier	613-943-4348	
Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs	Adam Thompson	613-990-6160	Maritza Jean-Pierre	613-990-5011	Isabelle Lafontaine-Emond
Transport and Communications	Barbara Reynolds Victor Senna	613-993-7722 613-998-0371	Lyne Héroux	613-949-4372	Allison Padova Dillian Theckedath Jed Chong Nicole Sweeney

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Committee Activity

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Committee	Meetings	Hours	Witnesses	Fact-Finding Hours	Reports
Aboriginal Peoples	41	69 h 24 m	128	31.5 h	6
Agriculture and Forestry	48	90 h 58 m	228	3.5 h	5
Banking, Trade and Commerce	51	73 h 38 m	185	11.75 h	11
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources	41	63 h 1 m	99	76.25 h	4
Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators	2	1 h 59 m	0		1
Fisheries and Oceans	28	38 h 18 m	70	16.5 h	5
Foreign Affairs and International Trade	48	60 h 47 m	125	28 h	8
Human Rights	29	52 h 44 m	104	9 h	5
Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration	30	40 h 10 m	5		11
Legal and Constitutional Affairs	56	106 h 19 m	297	13.5 h	11
National Finance	66	107 h	290		12
National Security and Defence	30	92 h 33 m	184	9 h	7
Official Languages	24	39 h 44 m	84	12.7 h	2
Physician-Assisted Dying (Special Joint)	16	36 h 13 m	61		1
Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament	20	22 h 24 m	10		3
Scrutiny of Regulations (Joint)	16	23 h 48 m	12		1
Selection Committee	5	2 h 18 m	0		5
Senate Modernization (Special)	29	50 h 13 m	26		10
Social Affairs, Science and Technology	39	53 h 57 m	104		9
Subcommittee on Diversity	1	59 m	1		
Subcommittee on the Senate Estimates	12	16 h	5		
Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs	13	11 h 15 m	25		
Transport and Communications	52	79 h 11 m	157	17.5 h	7
TOTAL	697	1132 h 53 m	2200	229.2 h	124

Sitting Schedule of Senate Committees – 42nd Parliament, 1st Session

Room	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday				
9-VB								
160-S				CIBA				
256-S				REGS 8:30 a.m.				
263-S		9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.		8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.				
356-S			RPRDs					
505-VB					RIDR 11:30 a.m.	POFO		
705-VB			NFFN			AGFO		
257-EB			TRCM			ENEV		
172-E								
160-S						AEFA		
256-S	1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.		SECD (1:00 p.m. to 5:30p.m.)					
263-S			12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	10:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.				
356-S								
505-VB						BANC		
705-VB					VEAC	SOCI		
257-EB					MDRN	LCJC		
					2:00 p.m.	SENATE	1:30 p.m.	SENATE
160-S								
256-S					WSR not before 4:00 p.m.			
263-S								
356-S								
505-VB			BANC					
705-VB			SOCI					
257-EB			LCJC					
172-E								
160-S				APPA				
256-S				TRCM				
263-S	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.		WSR not before 5:00 p.m.	6:45 p.m.				
356-S						RPDR		
505-VB		RIDR			POFO			
705-VB					AGFO	NFFN		
257-EB		OLLO			ENEV			