

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Monday, March 31, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations: Shawn Atleo, Regional Chief, British Columbia; Wilton Littlechild, Regional Chief, Alberta; Roger Jones, Legal Counsel; Charles Weaselhead, Blood Tribe; Rick Simon, Regional Chief, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador. *Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc.:* Noah Augustine, Metepenagiag First Nation; Lawrence Paul, Millbrook First Nation. *Algonquin Nation Secretariat:* Peter Di Gangi, Director; Norman Young; Harry St. Denis, Wolf Lake First Nation. *First Nations Summit:* Edward John. *As Individual:* Tony Penikett. *Southern Chiefs' Organization:* Morris J. Swan Shannacappo; Carl Braun.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Shawn Atleo, Chief Edward John, Tony Penikett, Chief Noah Augustine and Chief Lawrence Paul made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 4:41 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:46 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Chief Wilton Littlechild, Chief Charles Weaselhead, Rick Simon, Grand Chief Norman Young, Chief Harry St. Denis and Grand Chief Morris J. Swan Shannacappo made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 6:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron
Clerk of the Committee

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