

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, November 27, 2002

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and Natural Resources met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Raymond Bonin, presiding.

Member of the Committee present: Gérard Binet, Raymond Bonin, John Finlay, John Godfrey, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Inky Mark, Anita Neville, Benoît Serré, Maurice Vellacott.

Acting Member present: Dick Procter for Pat Martin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, analyst.

Witnesses: From the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs: Peter Barlow, Co-chair; Chief Lawrence Paul, Co-Chair. *From the Algonquin Nation Secretariat:* Grand Chief Carol McBride; Peter Di Gangi, Director. *From the Six Nations of the Grand River:* Chief Roberta Jamieson. *From the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc.:* Grand Chief Francis Flett; Michael Anderson, Research Director. *From the Treaty & Aboriginal Rights Research Centre of Manitoba Inc.:* Chief Morris Shannacappo, Chairman, Rolling River First Nation; Ralph Abramson, Director. *From the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations:* Greg Ahenakew, First Vice-Chief; Jayme Benson, Technician. *From the Ackroyd, Piasta, Roth & Day LLP:* Jerome N. Slavik, Barrister & Solicitor. *From the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs:* Chief Stewart Phillip, President. *From the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council:* Chief Mavis A. Erickson, Tribal Chief. *From the Alliance of Tribal Nations:* Ken Malloway, Councilor; Dr. Dan Gottesman, Senior Research & Policy Analyst; Edna M. Louis, Director. *From the First Nations Summit:* Grand Chief Edward John.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 9, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-6, An Act to establish the Canadian Centre for the Independent Resolution of First Nations Specific Claims to provide for the filing, negotiation and resolution of specific claims and to make related amendments to other Acts (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, November 26, 2002, Meeting No. 5*).

Chief Lawrence Paul and Peter Barlow each made an opening statement and answered questions.

Grand Chief Carol McBride made an opening statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

Chief Roberta Jamieson made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Chief Morris Shannacappo made an opening statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

Grand Chief Francis Flett made an opening statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 6:14 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:30 p.m., the sitting resumed.

First Vice-Chief Greg Ahenakew made an opening statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 7:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 7:11 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Chief Stewart Philip made an opening statement and answered questions.

Jerome Slavik made an opening statement and answered questions.

Ken Malloway made an opening statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

Chief Edward John, Lydia Hwitsum and Mavis Erickson each made an opening statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston

Clerk of the Committee