



APPENDIX I

List of Witnesses

Associations and Individuals	Date
Department of Justice Marilyn Bongard, Counsel, Family, Children and Youth Section Thea Herman, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy George Thomson, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General	Wednesday, February 11, 1998
Department of Justice Marilyn Bongard, Counsel, Family, Children and Youth Section Carolina Gilberti, Acting Team Leader, Child Support Team Thea Herman, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Jim Sturrock, Research Officer, Policy Sector	Monday, February 16, 1998
Barreau du Québec Roger Garneau, Member of the Committee Dominique Goubau, Professor, Laval University, Faculty of Law and Member of the Committee Miriam Grassby, President of the Committee of the Bar on Family Law Suzanne Vadboncoeur, Director of Research and Legislation and Secretary of the Committee on Family Law	Wednesday, February 18, 1998
Queen's University Nicholas Bala, Professor, Faculty of Law	Wednesday, February 25, 1998
Fathers Are Capable Too (FACT) Malcolm Mansfield, President Deborah Powell, Media Spokesperson	Wednesday, March 11, 1998
National Shared Parenting Association Danny Guspie, Executive Director Heidi Nabert, Director	

National Action Committee on the Status of Women

Cori Kalinowski, Member, Justice Committee

National Association of Women and the Law

Carole Curtis, Member of Family Law Working Group,
Member of Law Society

Judy Poulin, Member of SCOPE

National Council of Women of Canada

Ruth Brown, Past President

Helen Saravanamutoo, Vice-President

YWCA of Canada

Sally Bryant Ballingall, Past President

Elaine Teofilovici, Chief Executive Officer

Association to Reunite Grandparents and Families

Irma Luyken, President

Canadian Grandparents' Rights Association, Ottawa

Madelaine Bremner, President

Patricia Moreau, Member

**Grandparents Requesting Access & Dignity (GRAND),
Ottawa**

Liliane George, President

Jeanette Mather, Honorary Member

Égale

John Fisher, Executive Director

As an Individual

Philip MacAdam

Nelligan, Power

Pam MacEachern, Barrister and Solicitor

Pauline Jewitt Institute of Women's Studies

Katherine Arnup, Director and Associate Professor,
School of Canadian Studies

Sack Goldblatt

Cynthia Peterson

As Individuals

Barbara Landau

Bernice Shaposnick

Philip Shaposnick

Queen's University

Martha Bailey, Professor, Faculty of Law

University of Toronto

Howard Irving, Professor, Faculty of Social Work

Monday, March 16, 1998

Wednesday, March 18, 1998

Monday, March 23, 1998

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

Bryan Smith

Canadian Association of Retired Persons

Judy Cutler, Association Director of Public Relations

Carol Libman, Director of Public Relations

Clark Institute of Psychiatry

Eric Hood, Coordinator, Co-op Education

DADS Canada

Pauline Green, Counsel

Stacy Robb, President

Easton Alliance for the Prevention of Family Violence

Stephen Easton, Managing Director

Hugh Graham, Director, Electronic Communications

Fairness in Family Law

Yvonne Choquette

James Hodgins, Executive Director

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Grandparents
Requesting Access and Dignity (GRAND)**

Joan Brooks, Founder

Guyatt & Gaasenbeek

Richard Gaasenbeek

Helping Unite Grandparents and Grandchildren

Linda Casey, Founder

Hineks Centre for Children's Mental Health

Elsa Broder

Human Equality Action & Resource Team

Butch Windsor, President

As Individuals

Sharman Bondy

Eugene Colosimo

Darlene Ceci-Laws

Michael Day

Reisa Eisen

Bruce Haines

Kevin Laws

Howard Waiser

Simon Wauchop

Justice for Children

Dale Kerton

Mississauga Children's Rights

Grant Wilson, President

Office of Child and Family Advocacy, Ontario

Judy Finlay, Chief Advocate

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Office of the Children's Lawyer, Ontario

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Lorraine Martin, Clinical Coordinator of Social Workers

Ontario Legal Aid Plan

Robert Holden, Provincial Director

Keith Wilkins, Client Services Co-ordinator

W. Glen Howe & Associates

John Burns

Glen Howe

Assaulted Women's Helpline

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

Beth Bennet, Program Director

Leslie Sheridan-Silver

Balance Beam

Tony Vorsteveld, Facilitator

Coalition of Canadian Men's Organizations

J. Kirby Inwood

Equal Parents of Canada

Eric D. Tarkington

Families Against Deadbeats

Renate Diorio, Founder

Ilene McGillis, Member

Fathers for Justice

Rick Morrison, President

Girl Guides of Canada

Elaine Paterson, Chief Commissioner

Margaret Treloar, President Elect

As Individuals

Michael Cochrane

Wendy Dennis

Patrick Ellis

Walter Fox

Stan E. Gal

Frank Heutehaus

Greg Kershaw

Saro Kumar-McKenna

Sheila Kumar-McKenna

Trevor Lynch

Cynthia Marchildon

Marty McKay

Peter Meier

Deborah L. Merklinger
Phil Pocock
John Vander Kooij

In Search of Justice

Ross Virgin, President

Kids Need Both Parents

Wayne Allen, Director

Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses

Ruth Hislop, Vice-President

Eileen Morrow, Lobby Co-ordinator

Ontario Association of Social Workers

Barbara A. Chisholm, Child and Family Consultant

Gillian McCloskey, Associate Executive Director

Second Spouses of Canada

Dori Gospodaric, Co-President

Stepfamilies of Canada

Nardina Grande, President

Canadians for Organizational and Personal Accountability

Dorian Baxter

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

Central Toronto Youth Services Research and Program

Fred Matthews, Psychologist and Director

Children's Voice

G. (Bill) Flores

Community Coalition for Custody and Access

Rita Benson, Member

Keith Marlowe, Member

Sylvia Pivko, Executive Director, Family Court Clinic

Family Conflict Resolution Services

Vernon Beck, Program Director

As Individuals

Usha Ahlawat

Amy Beck

Anne Ross Demeter

Barry Demeter

Jane King

Tracy London

Alexandra Raphael

London Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse

Margaret Buis, Lawyer, Family Law

Bina Ostoff, Counsellor Advocate, London Battered
Women Advisory Centre

Jan Richardson, Executive Director, Women's
Community House

London Custody and Access Project

Marlies Suderman

Non-Custodial Parents of Durham

Ted Eye

Ted Greenfield

REAL Women

Gwendolyn Landolt, National Vice-President

Lorraine McNamara, National Secretary

Association lien pères enfants de Québec

Gilbert Claes

Laurent Prévost

Rock Turcotte

Fédération des associations de familles monoparentales et recomposées du Québec

Sylvie Levesque, Director General

Claudette Maingué, Development Agent

**Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity (GRAND),
Montreal**

Mathilde Erlich-Goldberg, President

Michel Girard, Lawyer

Albert Goldberg, Vice-President

**Groupes d'action des pères pour le maintien des liens
familiaux**

Norman Levasseur, President

As Individuals

Jacques Boucher

Arnie Brazeau

Pierre Chapdelaine

Joel Duchoeny

François Gadoury

Besime Kalaba

Ian Solloway

Nicholas Spencer-Lewin

Robert Spicer

Joy Sporn

Pères séparés inc.

Sylvain Camus

**Regroupement des familles monoparentales et recomposées
de Laval**

Agathe Maheu

F.E.D.-U.P.

Thursday, April 2, 1998

Friday, April 3, 1998

Harry Braunschweiller, Member
Tony Drufovka, Member
William Levy, President

Goldwater, Dubé

Anne France Goldwater, Barrister, Family Law

Groupe d'entraide aux pères et de soutien à l'enfant

Claude Lachaine, Director
Ghislain Prud'homme, Director

As Individuals

Naima Bendris
Jacques Gurvits
Cerise Morris
Janice Outcall

McGill University, Department of Education Counselling

Glenn Cartwright, Professor
Despina Vassilion

Montreal Men Against Sexism

Martin Dufresne

Nemesis Network

Elizabeth Cook

Ordre professionnel des travailleurs sociaux du Québec

Claudette Guilmaine, Social Worker, Family Mediator

Organization for the Protection of Children's Rights

Riccardo Di Done, Founding President
Angela Ficca, Lawyer

Parental Alienation Information Network

Pamela Stuart-Mills

University of Quebec at Hull, Department of Social Work

Denyse Côté

Families in Transition

Ester Birenzweig
Rhonda Freeman, Director

As an Individual

Ruth Pickering

Canadian Psychological Association

John Service, Psychologist, Executive Director

As an Individual

Barbara Jo Fidler

London Family Court Clinic

Gary Austin

Royal Ottawa Hospital

Paul Carrier, Social Worker

Monday, April 20, 1998

Wednesday, April 22, 1998

Act II Safe Choice Program

Connie Chapman, Program Coordinator

B.C. Men's Resource Centre

William Taylor Hnidan, Director

B.C. Yukon Society of Transition Houses

Helen Dempster, Coordinator of Children's Services

Canadian Grandparents Rights Association

Nancy Woolridge

Children's Advocate, British Columbia

Joyce Preston, Child Advocate

Dick Freeman Society

Ken Wiebe

Family Service of Greater Vancouver

Jasmine Lothien

Father's Rights Action Group

Joseph Maiello, Representative

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren of B.C.

Marilyn Stevens, President and Founder

As Individuals

Erik Austin

Debbie Beach

Tana Dineen

Ian Gillespie

Christopher Gratton-Mathiesen

Daphne Jennings

Doug Reid

Guy Thisdelle

Men Supporting Men

Tony McIntyre

State of Washington, U.S.A

John Dunne, Psychiatrist

Diane Lye, Researcher, Washington Supreme Court

Eugene Oliver, Oliver and Associates

Vancouver Coordinating Committee

Laraine Stuart

Ruth Lea Taylor

Vancouver Men

Carey Linde

Victoria Men's Centre

Moray Benoit, Director

Harvey Maser, President

West Coast L.E.A.F.

Shelley Chrest, Member, Chair, Law and Government
Committee

Women in Action

Angie Lee, Member
Colleen Varco, Member

YWCA Munroe House

Kelley Chelsey, Transition House Worker

Alberta Federation of Women United for Families

Hermia Dykxhoorn, Executive Director

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

Calgary Adhoc Committee on Children's Rights

Dale Hensley, Lawyer

Calgary Status of Women Action Committee

Laurie Anderson, Board Member
Julie Black, Coordinator

**Canadian Grandparents Rights Association, Alberta
Branch**

Florence Knight, President

Canadian Research Institute for Law and Family

Joe Hornick, Executive Director
Janet Walker, Professor, Director

Child Find Alberta

Max Blitt, Past President
Alex Weir, District Manager

Children's Advocate, Alberta

Mike Day, Child Advocate
Sherry Wheeler, Child Advocate

Divorced Parents Resources

Sean Cummings

Edmonton and Northern Custody and Mediation Program

Kent Taylor, Mediator, Coordinator

**Equitable Child Maintenance and Access Society, Calgary
Chapter**

Michael A. LaBerge, President
Marina L. Forbister, Past President

**Equitable Child Maintenance and Access Society,
Edmonton Chapter**

Brian St. Germaine, Vice-President
Carolyn Van Ee, President

Family of Men

Earl Silverman

Fathers for Fair Treatment

David Merrell, Director

Government of Alberta

John Booth, Counsel, Family Law

As Individuals

Babatunde Agbi
Herbert Allard
Roy Buksa
Bynece G. Cortens
Kim Cummins
Tony Hall
Gwen Hunter
Rob Huston
Stephen Jones
Gary J. Kneier
Kathy Thunderchild
Joem H.R. Witte

Men's Education Network

Jay Charland, Spokesperson

Men's Educational Support Association

Paul Miller, Member
Gus Sleiman, President

Orphaned Grandparents Association

Annette Bruce, President

Children's Advocate, Saskatchewan

John Brand
Deborah Parker Loewen

As Individuals

Larry Birkbeck
George Charpentier
Yvonne Choquette
Jack Christopher
Kelly Grymaloski
Douglas R. Johnston
Betty Junior
Randy Liberet
Gordon Mertler
Wayne Morsky
George Seitz
Larry Shaak
Eldon Szeles
Murray Valiaho

Thursday, April 30, 1998

Merchant Law Group

Tony Merchant, Q.C.

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National Shared Parenting Association

Leonard D. Andychuk

Provincial Association of Transition Houses of Saskatchewan

Virginia M. Fisher, Coordinator

Saskatchewan Action Committee on the Status of Women

Lynne Beck

Jeannette Gilskuskie

Kripa Sekhar, Executive Coordinator

Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers

Sheila Brandick

Tom Gallison

Saskatchewan Battered Women's Advocacy Network

Julie Johnson

GRAND Society, Manitoba Chapter

Eileen Britton, President

Friday, May 1, 1998

As Individuals

Kris Anderson

Richard A. Boer

Brent R. Burns

Micheal Catling

Duncan Croll

Rowena Fisher

Dave Goldhawk

Kathleen Harvey

David Hems

Ginette Lemoine

Ross Mackay

Dennis McKenzie

Thomas Plesh

Ellana Ronald

Keith Scott

Reena Sommer

Murray Steele

Wayne Unger

Brian Vroomen

Manitoba Association of Women's Shelters

Waultraud Grieger, Executive Director

Men's Equalization Inc.

Roger Woloshyn, President

New Vocal Man Inc.

Joyce Owens, Secretary

Parents Helping Parents

Louise Malenfant

Psychology Associates

Rosalind Golfman, Clinical Psychologist

University of Manitoba and Family Violence Court

Jane Ursel, Department of Psychology

Wilder, Wilder and Langtry

Susan Baragar

Canadian Bar Association

Monday, May 4, 1998

John D.V. Hoyles, Executive Director

Heather McKay, Chair, Family Law Section

Ruth Mesbur

Eugene Raponi, Treasurer, Family Law Section

Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police

Wednesday, May 6, 1998

Vincent Westwick, Member of the Law Amendments
Committee and Legal Advisor

Children's Aid Society of Ottawa-Carleton

Shauna Lloyd

Heidi Polowin

Michael Franschke

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Gar Pardy, Consular Operations

International Social Services

Agnes Casselman, Executive Director

Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General

Sally Bleecker, Coordinator, Ottawa Supervised Access
Program

Joan Gullen, Coordinator, Ottawa Supervised Access
Program

Judy Newman, Coordinator, Supervised Access Program

Lise Parent, Volunteer

RCMP Missing Children's Registry

Sgt. John Oliver

Canadian Coalition for the Rights of the Child

Monday, May 11, 1998

Tara Collins

Fernande Meilleur, Chair

Child Welfare League of Canada

Mel Gill, Board Member

As an Individual

Jeffery Wilson

Family Mediation Canada

Michael Guravich, President

Orysia Kostuk

Family Services Canada

Maggie Fietz, Executive Director

Kathleen Stephenson, Researcher

As Individuals

Jeanne Byron

Diana Carr

Margaret Decorte

University of Michigan

Thomas B. Darnon, Professor, Child Advocacy Law
Clinic, Law School

Washtenaw County, Michigan

John Kirkendall, Judge

Aboriginal Head-Start (Pre-School)

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Adhoc Committee on Custody and Access

Susan Boyd

Battered Women's Support Services

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Veenu Sani, Coordinator, Legal Advocacy Program

Family Forum

John Barson, Executive Director

Fathers for Equality

David A. Campbell

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Lori Campbell

Christopher Cole

Robert Alan Cottingham

Nicole Deagan

Colleen G. Murphy

Peter J. Ostrowski

Jeffrey Patterson

Laurie Payne

Georgina Taylor

Charles Traynor

Jennifer Wade

Kamloops Women's Resource Centre

Wednesday, May 13, 1998

Tuesday, May 19, 1998

Sheila Smith, Coordinator

Mom's House Dad's House

Katherine McNeil, Child Custody Consultant

Moir Associates

Donald Moir, Barrister, Family Law

Parents of Broken Families

Brian Grieg, Vice-President

Dave Hodgson, President

Simon Fraser University

Barry Beyerstein, Psychologist

University of British Columbia

Donald Dutton, Professor of Psychology

Edward Kruk, Professor of Social Work

Vancouver Custody and Access Support and Advocacy Association

Ajax Quinby

Yew Transition House

Sheryl Burns, Women's Counsellor

YWCA Children Who Witness Abuse Program

Mark Stevens, Coordinator

Canadian Male Survivors of Child Abuse Resource Centre

Guy L'heureux, Founder

Wednesday, May 20, 1998

Children's and Parents Equality Society

George Moss, Founder

As Individuals

Christopher Brooks

Elsie Cable

Russell Cable

Ferrel Christensen

Ron Evans

James Haiden

Brian Hindmarch

Lynne Jenkinson

Abdulahi Mahamad

Alex Mahé

Dan Mason

Maureen Morrison

Denis Paquette

Terence Rowley

Matt Taylor

Mediation and Family Court Services

Mary Jane Klein, Mediator

Men's Equal Access Society

Michael McGill, Member

Métis Regional Council-Zone 4 of the Métis Nation of Alberta

Brian Fayant, President

Mihner Fenerty

Gerald Chipeur, Lawyer

As Individuals

Monday, May 25, 1998

Donna Andrews

Robert McKim

Dave Omah-Maharajh

Eve Roberts

Lewis Day Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries

David Day, Q.C.

Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women

Joyce Aylworth, Member

Joyce Hancock, President

Provincial Association Against Family Violence

Helen Murphy, Coordinator

Kirsten Schmidt, Member

Elaine Wychreschuk, Member

Unified Family Court of St. John's

Cathy Foster, Court Counsellor

Emily Friel, Court Administrator

Sandra Hefford, Court Counsellor

Nancy Paul, Court Counsellor

Berkley Reynold, Previous Court Administrator, Child Support Guidelines

White Ottenheimer

Gillian Butler, Lawyer, Mediator

Williams Roebothan

Glenda Best

Annapolis Valley-Hants Community Action Program for Children

Tuesday, May 26, 1998

Pauline Raven, Regional Coordinator

Deborah Reimer, Advocacy and Support Worker

Chrysalis House Association

Mary De Wolf, RSW

Ginger McPhee

Dalhousie Legal Aid Services

Donna Franey, Director
Elaine Gibson, Faculty Lawyer
Claire McNeil, Staff Lawyer

Dalhousie University

R. Thompson, Professor, Faculty of Law

Family Rights Association of Nova Scotia

Elizabeth Bennett, Family Rights Volunteer
William O'Neil, Executive Director

As Individuals

Darcy Gray
Gene Keyes
Carlo Martini

Keith Mattinson
Sharon Molloy
Steven Nelson
Paul Parks
Brian Parsons
Alan Vokey

Islamic Society of North America

Jamal Badawi, Member of the Shura Council

Mainland South Committee Against Women Abuse

Marilynne Bell
Glenda Haydon, Member

Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women

Patricia Doyle-Bedwell, Chair

Nova Scotia Shared Parenting Association

Rick Johnson, Director

Parents Without Custody

Nancy Chipman, Founder

Reiersen Sealey, Barristers and Solicitors

Julia Cornish, Lawyer, Family Law
Angus Schurman, Lawyer, Family Law

Transition House Association

Lyn Barrett, Executive Director of Cumberland County
Transition House Association

University College of Cape Breton Children's Rights Centre

Katherine Covell, Director and Associate Professor of
Psychology

Women's Centres CONNECT

Bernadette MacDonald

Georgia MacNeil

**Community Legal Information Association of Prince
Edward Island**

Wednesday, May 27, 1998

Ann Sherman, Executive Director

As Individuals

Bob Albert

Kathleen Loo Craig

David Dodds

Brian MacKay

Justin C. MacLellan

Kathleen MacLellan

Janet MacLeod

Lillian Mead

Sara Underwood

Macnutt and Dumont

Daphne Dumont

Mediation P.E.I.

Frank Bulger, President

Diane Griffen

P.E.I. Advisory Council on the Status of Women

Mary Nicholson, Member

Sharon O'Brien, Chair

P.E.I. Provincial Child Sexual Abuse Advisory Committee

Rona Brown, Co-Chair

Elaine Rabinowitz, Member

People Concepts

Judy McCann-Beranger

Transition House Association

Joanne Ings, Executive Director

Barbara Gibson and Associates

Thursday, May 28, 1998

Barbara Gibson

GRAND Society, New Brunswick Chapter

Barbara Baird, Legal Advisor

Wally Haines, President

As Individuals

Dennis Atchison

Bill Borland

Barbara Corbett

Alison Grenon

Lane MacIntosh

Giovanni Merlini

Terry Parks
Ken Paul
Brent Sherrard

**Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence
Research**

Rina Arsenault, Associate Director
Jennifer Robertson

New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women

Lucy Riedle, Chairperson

New Brunswick Shared Parenting Association

Melynda Jarratt, Member
Dan Weston, Member

Research and Advocacy Services

Tasha Barnett
Vaughn Barnett

University of New Brunswick

Jim Richardson, Professor, Chair, Department of
Sociology

Canadian Pediatric Society

William Mahoney

Monday, June 1, 1998

Carleton University

Walter DeKeseredy, Professor

Centre Jeunesse Outaouais

Louise Carignan, Social Worker with Youth Protection

Everyman Magazine

David Shackleton, Editor and Publisher

Ex-Fathers

Barry Aubin
Lloyd Gorling, Founder

Family Mediation Centre of Peterborough

Patricia Houde, Mediator
Drew McLay, Mediator

Family Service Centre of Ottawa-Carleton

Kay Marshall
Sandy Milne, Co-Chair
Katherine Morrison, Co-Chair

FatherCraft Canada

Glen Cheriton, Editor and Researcher

Freedom for Kids

Nicholas Kovats

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Brian Blak
Robert Bloom
Pierre Bougie

Allen Crawford
Joe Rade
Marc Wickham

Entraide pères-enfants séparés

Marc-André Pelletier, President

Harmony House

Leighann Burns-Campagna, Executive Director

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James Atwill
Joseph Ben-Ami
Adrian Blackburn
Michael Blackburn
Lyrne Cohen Ben-Ami
Laurent Denys
Richard Fortin
Margery Gallinger
Gordon Green
Linda Henderson
George Lloyd
Lubomyr Luciuk
Nash Smith
Christian S Tacit

Men's Health Network

Nedra Lander
Danielle Nahon

National Alliance for the Advance of Non-Custodial Parents

Jason Bouchard

University of Sydney, Australia

Reg Graycar, Professor, Faculty of Law

As Individuals

Jim Gentle
Christopher Heeney
Leo Lehtiniemi
Louise Moreau

National Foundation for Family Research and Education

Adrienne Show, Co-ordinator, Policy and
Communications

Queen's University

Ross Firmie, School of Public Policy

Statistics Canada

Yvan Clermont
Mike Sheridan

Assembly of First Nations

Wednesday, June 3, 1998

Thursday, June 4, 1998

Monday, June 8, 1998

Wednesday, June 10, 1998

Art Dedam, Director, Social Development
Wendall Nicholas, Advisor, Disabilities
Victor York, Chief

As Individuals

Ross Goodwin, Judge
Thomas J. Gove, Judge
Ken R. Halvorson, Judge
Lynn King, Judge
Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, Judge
James Williams, Judge

Métis National Council

Lance LaRose, Executive Director, Métis Family and
Community Justice Services Inc., Métis Nation of
Saskatchewan
Sonia Prevost-Derbecker, Acting Executive Director,
Louis Riel Institute, Manitoba Métis Federation

Métis National Council of Women

Alma Adams, President, Métis Women of Ontario
Sheila D. Genaille, President, Métis National Council of
Women
Janice Henry, President, Métis Women of Saskatchewan

Native Women's Association of Canada

Marilyn Buffalo, President

Pauktuutit (Inuit Women's Association)

Veronica Dewar, President
Mary Matoo, Member, Kivalliq Regional Board
Tracy O'Hearn, Co-ordinator, Special Projects

Secretary of State (Children and Youth)

Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew

Monday, November 2, 1998

Secretary of State (Multiculturalism) (Status of Women)

Hon. Hedy Fry





APPENDIX II

Submissions received from organizations

Ad Hoc Committee on Custody and Access Reform

Alberta Federation of Women United for Families

Assembly of First Nations

Association lien pères enfants de Québec, inc.

Association masculine d'entraide pour la famille

Association of Separated and Divorced Women

Association to Reunite Grandparents and Families

B.C. Yukon Society of Transition Houses

Balance Beam

Barreau du Québec

Battered Women's Support Services

Boundary Women's Resource Centre

C.H.A.N.C.E.S. Inc. Family Resource Centre

Calgary Ad Hoc Committee on Children's Rights

Calgary Divorced Parents' Resources

Calgary Status of Women Action Committee

Canadian Association of Retired Persons

Canadian Bar Association

Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children

Canadian Grandparents' Rights Association (Alberta)

Canadian Grandparents' Rights Association (Ottawa)

Canadian Mothercraft of Ottawa-Carleton

Canadian Paediatric Society

Carbonear Legal Aid

CARe, the Children at Risk Committee

Carleton University

Central Toronto Youth Services, Research and Program Development

Child Find Alberta

Child Welfare League of Canada

Children's Advocate Office, Alberta

Children's Aid Society of Ottawa-Carleton

Children's Rights Centre

Children's Voice (The)

Chisholm, Gafni & Block

Coalition of Canadian Men's Organizations (CCMO)

Committee of the Legal Profession of the Province of Saskatchewan

Community Action Program for Children-Nova Scotia

Community Legal Information Association of Prince Edward Island

Community Network on Custody and Access of Durham Region

DADS Canada

Dalhousie Legal Aid Services

Dick Freeman Society

Easton Alliance for the Prevention of Family Violence

ÉGALE (Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere)

Equal Parents of Canada

Equitable Child Maintenance & Access Society (Edmonton Chapter)

Equitable Child Maintenance and Access Society (Calgary Chapter)

Everyman Magazine

F.E.D.-U.P. (Fathers Equally Deserve Unrestricted Parenthood)

Fairness in Family Law

Families Against Deadbeats (F.A.D.)

Families in Transition

Family Conflict Resolution Services

Family Mediation Canada

Family Rights Association of Nova Scotia

Family Services Canada

Family Services of Greater Vancouver

FatherCraft Canada

Fathers Are Capable Too (FACT)

Fathers For Equality

Fathers Rights Action Group

Fédération des associations de familles monoparentales et recomposées du Québec

FREDA

Freedom for Kids

Girl Guides of Canada

G.R.A.N.D. Society (Manitoba Chapter) (Grandparents Requesting Access & Dignity)

G.R.A.N.D. Society (Ottawa Chapter) (Grandparents Requesting Access & Dignity)

Goldwater Dubé

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Toronto (Canada)

Groupe d'action des pères pour le maintien des liens familiaux (GAPMLF)

Guyatt & Gaasenbeek

Helping Unite Grandparents and Grandchildren

Heritage of Children Canada

International Social Services

Islamic Society of North America

Justice for Children

Kamloops Women's Resource Centre

Kelowna Women's Resource Centre

Kids Need Both Parents

Ksan House Society Counselling Services

London Battered Women's Advocacy Centre

London Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse

London Status of Women Action Group

Low Impact Divorce Program Inc.

Macnutt & Dumont

Mainland South Committee Against Woman Abuse

Manitoba Family Services

Mediation PEI, Inc.

Merchant Law Group

Metis National Council of Women

Ministry of Women's Equality

Mississauga Children's Rights

Mom's House-Dad's House

Montreal Men Against Sexism

National Alliance for the Advancement of Non-Custodial Parents

National Association of Women and the Law

National Council of Women of Canada

New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women

New Brunswick Shared Parenting Association

New Directions

New Vocal Man Inc.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Chapter of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Non-Custodial Parents of Durham-NCPD

Nova Scotia Shared Parenting Association, B.C.

Office of Child and Family Service Advocacy

Office of the Child, Youth & Family Advocate, British Columbia

Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses (OAITH)

Ontario Association of Social Workers

Organization for the Protection of Children's Rights (OPCR)

Orphaned Grandparents Association

Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service

Parent & Carr, Barristers & Solicitors

Parents Helping Parents

Parents Without Custody

Pauline Jewitt Institute of Women's Studies

Peer Support Services for Abused Women

PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women

Penticton and Area Women's Centre (PAWC)

Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women, Newfoundland and Labrador

Provincial Association of Transition Houses, Saskatchewan

Provincial Child Sexual Abuse Advisory Committee, P.E.I.

RCMP Missing Children's Registry

R.E.A.L. Parents for Justice

REAL Women of Canada

Regional Coordinating Committee to End Violence Against Women

Reierson Sealey, Barristers & Solicitors

Réseau Nemesis Network

Saskatchewan Action Committee on the Status of Women

Saskatchewan Battered Women's Advocacy Network

Separated Fathers Inc.

Transition House Association of Nova Scotia

Unified Family Court, St. John's, Newfoundland

Vancouver Coordinating Committee on Violence Against Women in Relationships

Vancouver Custody & Access Support and Advocacy Association (VCASAA)

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1998
(Meeting No. 55)

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The Special Joint Committee on Child Custody and Access met *in camera* at 3:45 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Joint Chairs, the Hon. Landon Pearson and Roger Gallaway, presiding.

Members of the Committee present:

From the Senate: The Honourable Senators Erminie J. Cohen, Joan Cook, Anne C. Cools, Mabel M. DeWare, Marian Maloney and Landon Pearson.

From the House of Commons: Eleni Bakopanos, Sheila Finestone, Paul Forseth, Roger Gallaway, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Judi Longfield, Eric Lowther, Peter Mancini, Philip Mayfield, Caroline St-Hilaire and Diane St-Jacques.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Kristen Douglas, Research Coordinator and Margaret Young, Research Officer; Ron Stewart, Research Advisor.

Pursuant to its Orders of Reference from the Senate dated October 28, 1997 and from the House of Commons dated November 18, 1997, the Committee resumed its study on Child Custody and Access.

The Committee resumed its consideration of a draft report.

At 5:20 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

The sitting resumed *in camera* on Wednesday, December 2, 1998, at 3:41 p.m. in Room 705, La Promenade Building.

The Members convened were:

From the Senate: The Honourable Senators Erminie J. Cohen, Anne C. Cools, Mabel M. DeWare, Marian Maloney and Landon Pearson.

From the House of Commons: Eleni Bakopanos, Carolyn Bennett, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Sheila Finestone, Paul Forseth, Roger Gallaway, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Judi Longfield, Peter Mancini and Philip Mayfield.

Acting Member present: Pierrette Venne for Caroline St-Hilaire.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: Kristen Douglas, Research Coordinator and Margaret Young,

Research Officer; Ron Stewart, Research Advisor.

The Committee resumed its consideration of a draft report.

At 5:36 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:45 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Senator Erminie Cohen, *it was agreed*, - That the draft report entitled For the Sake of the Children be adopted as the Report of the Committee to Parliament.

On motion of Senator Mabel DeWare, *it was agreed* - That the Committee authorize the printing of the dissenting opinions of the Reform Party, the Bloc Québécois and the New Democratic Party as appendices to this report, to be printed after the signature of the Joint Chairs.

On motion of Sheila Finestone, *it was agreed* - That pursuant to Standing Order 109 of the House of Commons, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to this report.

On motion of Judi Longfield, *it was agreed* - That the Committee instruct the Joint Chairs to present the Report of the Committee as adopted in their respective Chambers.

On motion of Nancy Karetak-Lindell, *it was agreed* - That the Committee authorize the printing of 5,000 copies of the Report of the Committee and that if additional funds are remaining in the Committee's budget after the first printing, additional copies be authorized.

On motion of Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, *it was agreed* - That the Committee authorize the destruction, after one year of the date of presentation of the Committee's Report, of all *in camera* transcripts of the Committee's proceedings.

At 6:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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