

ORDER OF REFERENCE

Extract from the *Journals of the Senate* of Tuesday, April 26, 2022:

The Honourable Senator Black moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Downe:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry be authorized to examine and report on the status of soil health in Canada with the purpose of identifying ways to improve soil health, enable Canadian forest product and agricultural producers to become sustainability leaders, and improve their economic prosperity;

That in particular, the committee should examine:

- (a) current soil conditions in Canada;
- (b) possible federal measures that would support and enhance agricultural and forest soil health, including in relation to conservation, carbon sequestration and efforts to address the effects of climate change;
- (c) the implications of soil health for human health, food security, forest and agricultural productivity and prosperity, water quality and air quality; and
- (d) the role of new technologies in managing and improving soil health; and

That the committee report to the Senate no later than December 31, 2023, and that the committee retain all powers necessary to publicize its findings for 180 days after the tabling of the final report.

The question being put on the motion, it was adopted.

Interim Clerk of the Senate

Gérald Lafrenière

Extract from the *Journals of the Senate* of Thursday, September 28, 2023:

The Honourable Senator Black moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Smith:

That, notwithstanding the order of the Senate adopted on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, the date for the final report of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry in relation to its study on the status of soil health in Canada be extended from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2024; and

That the committee be permitted, notwithstanding usual practices, to deposit with the Clerk of the Senate its report relating to this study, if the Senate is not then sitting, and that the report be deemed to have been tabled in the Senate.

The question being put on the motion, it was adopted.

Interim Clerk of the Senate

Gérald Lafrenière