



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, December 3, 2024

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance met this day at 7:06 p.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Claude Carignan, P.C., presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Carignan, P.C., Dalphond, Forest, Gold, P.C., Loffreda, MacAdam, Moreau, Pate, Ross, Smith and Woo (11).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senators Gignac and Moncion (2).

*Participating in the meeting:* Sylvain Fleury and Shaowei Pu, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, the committee began its consideration of Bill C-78, An Act respecting temporary cost of living relief (affordability).

*WITNESSES:*

*Retail Council of Canada:*

Karl Littler, Senior Vice-President, Public Affairs (*by videoconference*).

*Canadian Chamber of Commerce:*

Jessica Brandon-Jepp, Senior Director, Fiscal and Financial Services Policy.

*Restaurants Canada:*

Maximilien Roy, Vice-President, Federal and Quebec.

*Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives:*

David Macdonald, Senior Economist.

*Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers:*

Gary Sands, Senior Vice-President (*by videoconference*).

*Canadian Federation of Independent Business:*

Dan Kelly, President and Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*).

Karl Littler, Jessica Brandon-Jepp and Maximilien Roy each made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:03 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 8:06 p.m., the committee resumed.

David Macdonald, Gary Sands and Dan Kelly each made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:33 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 8:36 p.m., the committee resumed.

At 9:01 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Andrea Mugny

*Clerk of the Committee*