



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, March 21, 2022

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[English]

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of November 25, 2021, the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights met this day in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, and with videoconference at 5:02 p.m. ET, the chair, the Honourable Salma Atallahjan, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Atallahjan and Miville-Dechéne (2).

*Members of the committee present by videoconference:* The Honourable Senators Audette, Bernard, Boyer, Gerba and Hartling (5).

*Participating in the meeting:* Andrea Mugny, Procedural Clerk, Sébastien Payet and Martine Willox, legislative clerks and Lori Meldrum, Administrative Assistant, Committees Directorate; Robert Mason and Brendan Naef, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, the committee continued its consideration of Bill S-211, An Act to enact the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act and to amend the Customs Tariff.

*WITNESSES (by videoconference):*

*Retail Council of Canada:*

Jason McLinton, Vice-President, Grocery Division and Regulatory Affairs.

*Equifruit:*

Jennie Coleman, President.

*As an individual:*

Stephen Pike, Lawyer, Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP.

Jason McLinton, Stephen Pike and Jennie Coleman each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:23 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Daniel Charbonneau

*Clerk of the Committee*