



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, October 3, 2024

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[*English*]

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry met this day at 9 a.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Robert Black, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Black, Burey, Francis, Marshall, McBean, McNair, Miville-Dechêne, Oudar, Petitclerc, Plett, Richards and Simons (12).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senator Pate (1).

Participating in the meeting: Joanne Markle LaMontagne, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, May 9, 2024, the committee continued its consideration of Bill C-275, An Act to amend the Health of Animals Act (biosecurity on farms).

WITNESS:

As an individual:

Robert Bollert, Canada Mink Breeders Association (*by videoconference*).

Robert Bollert made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:59 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 10:03 a.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft agenda (future business).

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, May 9, 2024, the committee continued its study of the growing issue of wildfires in Canada and the consequential effects that wildfires have on forestry and agriculture industries, as well as rural and Indigenous communities, throughout the country.

It was agreed that the committee allow the audio recording of the in camera portion of today's meeting, that one copy be kept with the clerk of the committee for consultation by committee members and/or staff, and that the audio recording be destroyed by the clerk when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of the current parliamentary session.

At 10:27 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Raymond St. Martin

Clerk of the Committee