



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Commerce and the Economy met this day at 4:15 p.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Pamela Wallin, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Bellemare, Deacon (*Nova Scotia*), Gignac, Loffreda, Marshall, Marwah, Massicotte, Ringuette, Smith, Wallin and Yussuff (11).

*Participating in the meeting:* Mehrab Kiarsi and Adriane Yong, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, December 16, 2021, the committee continued its study of matters relating to banking, trade and commerce generally.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Fraser Institute:*

Philip Cross, Senior Fellow.

#### *As an individual:*

Robert Asselin, Senior Vice-President, Policy, Business Council of Canada.

Robert Asselin made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:13 p.m., the committee resumed.

Philip Cross made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:14 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Karine Déquier

*Clerk of the Committee*