



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, October 29, 2025

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met this day at 4:15 p.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Peter M. Boehm, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Adler, Al Zaibak, Ataullahjan, Boehm, Coyle, Dean, Gerba, Hébert, LaBoucane-Benson, MacDonald, McNair, Ravalia and Wilson (13).

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

Participating in the meeting: Brian Hermon and Zak Black, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, September 25, 2025, the committee continued its study of foreign relations and international trade generally. (Topic: CUSMA and Canada's trade relationships with the United States and Mexico)

WITNESSES:

Global Affairs Canada:

Martin Moen, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade Policy and Negotiations.

Aluminium Association of Canada:

Jean Simard, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Steel Producers Association:

Catherine Cobden, President and Chief Executive Officer.

As an individual:

Kirsten Hillman, Ambassador of Canada to the United States (*by videoconference*).

Kirsten Hillman made a statement and, with Martin Moen, answered questions.

At 5:18 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:21 p.m., the committee resumed.

Jean Simard and Catherine Cobden each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:16 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Chantal Cardinal

Clerk of the Committee