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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, Boehm, Coyle, Deacon (*Ontario*), Downe, Gerba, Harder, P.C., Hébert, McCallum, McNair, Wilson and Woo (12).

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

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, September 25, 2025, the committee continued its examination of such issues as may arise from time to time relating to foreign relations and international trade generally.

Topic: Canada-United States Trade and the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement

WITNESSES:

Canadian Chamber of Commerce:

Matthew Holmes, Executive Vice-President, International and Chief of Public Policy;

Monika Leroy, Senior Director, International Policy & Global Partnerships.

Canadian Cattle Association:

Daniela Lombardo, Trade Policy Manager.

Forest Products Association of Canada:

Derek Nighbor, President and Chief Executive Officer, and President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Wood Council.

Canadian Association of Moldmakers:

Nicole Vlanich, Executive Director (*by videoconference*).

Matthew Homes, Monika Leroy and Daniela Lombardo each made a statement and answered questions.

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

At 5:15 p.m., the committee resumed.

Derek Nighbor and Nicole Vlanich each made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:02 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:06 p.m., pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, the committee continued its examination of the subject matter of those elements contained in Division 11 of Part 4 of Bill C-31, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on November 4, 2025.

Pursuant to rule 12-16 (1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to consider a draft report.

It was agreed that the draft report be adopted in both official languages, and that the chair be authorized to table the report in the Senate at its next sitting.

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

ATTEST:

Jessica Richardson

Clerk of the Committee