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The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met this day at 10:30 a.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, Mohamed, 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 Steel Producers Association:

John Cuddihy, Vice-President, Climate and Environment.

Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance:

Michael Harvey, Executive Director.

Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters:

Matt Conley, Director, Government Relations.

Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association:

Brian Kingston, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association:

Flavio Volpe, President.

Pacific Manufacturing Association of Canada:

Brendan Sweeney, President and Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*).

John Cuddihy and Michael Harvey each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:22 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:28 a.m., the committee resumed.

Matt Conley, Brian Kingston, Flavio Volpe and Brendan Sweeney each made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:49 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 11:50 a.m., the committee resumed.

At 12:32 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Jessica Richardson

Clerk of the Committee