



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, December 9, 2025

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry met this day at 6:30 p.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, McBean, McNair, Muggli, Robinson and Varone (7).

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

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, the committee began its consideration of the subject matter of those elements contained in Division 8 of Part 5 of Bill C-15, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on November 4, 2025.

WITNESSES:

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Shannon Nix, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch.

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Stéphanie Levasseur, 2nd Vice-President;

Brodie Berrigan, Senior Director, Government Relations and Farm Policy.

Shannon Nix made a statement and answered questions.

At 7 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:03 p.m., the committee resumed.

Stéphanie Levasseur made a statement and, together with Brodie Berrigan, answered questions.

At 7:05 p.m., the deputy chair, the Honourable Senator McNair, took the chair.

At 7:08 p.m., the Honourable Senator Black resumed the chair.

At 7:43 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:46 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft report.

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 of the committee when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of this parliamentary session.

It was agreed that the draft report, as amended, be adopted and that the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be empowered to approve the final version of the report in both official languages, and with any necessary editorial, grammatical and translation changes required.

At 8:02 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Catlin Seibel-Kamél

Clerk of the Committee