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The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry met this day at 8:03 a.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Mary Robinson, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Black, Burey, McBean, McNair, Muggli, Robinson and Sorensen (7).

Participating in the meeting: Joanne Markle LaMontagne, Analyst, Parliamentary Information and Research Services, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, the committee continued its consideration of the subject matter of those elements contained in Division 13 of Part 4 of Bill C-31, A second Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on November 4, 2025.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Public Health Association:

Ian Culbert, Executive Director (*by videoconference*).

Environmental Defence Canada:

Cassie Barker, Senior Program Manager.

National Farmers Union:

Phil Mount, Vice-President, Policy (*by videoconference*).

As an individual:

Christy Morrissey, Professor and Ecotoxicologist (*by videoconference*).

Ian Culbert, Christy Morrissey, Cassie Barker and Phil Mount each made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:03 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 9:08 a.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 and/or transcription 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 and/or transcription 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.

At 9:41 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Katy Quinn

Clerk of the Committee