



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, October 19, 2026

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[English]

The Special Senate Committee on the Building Canada Strong Act met this day at 12:01 p.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Fabian Manning, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Boehm, Clement, Cuzner, Gignac, Manning, Martel, Miville-Dechêne, Mohamed, Patterson, Prosper, Quinn, Wilson and Yussuff (13).

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

The chair informed the committee of the tragic events that occurred at Canadian Forces Base Wainwright and the committee observed a minute of silence.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, the committee began its study of the subject matter of Bill C-39, An Act respecting certain measures to strengthen the economy.

WITNESSES:

Impact Assessment Agency of Canada:

Terence Hubbard, President;

Stéphanie Johnson, Acting Vice-President, Strategic Policy and Programs Sector.

Canada Energy Regulator:

Tracy Sletto, Chief Executive Officer;

Jonathan Timlin, Vice President, System Operations;

Carly Milne, Vice President, Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation;

Sean Maher, Professional Leader, Environment and Socio-economics.

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission:

Pierre Tremblay, President and Chief Executive Officer;

Dean Haslip, Vice-President and Chief Science Officer;

Colin Moses, Vice-President, Regulatory Affairs Branch and Chief Communications Officer.

West Coast Environmental Law:

Anna Johnston, Staff Lawyer.

Electricity Canada:

Michael Powell, Vice President, Government Relations.

Canadian Renewable Energy Association:

Fernando Melo, Director, Policy and Government Affairs section (*by videoconference*).

Canadian Nuclear Association:

George Christidis, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Terrence Hubbard, Tracy Sletto and Pierre Tremblay each made a statement and answered questions.

As individuals:

Robert Gibson, Professor, School of Environment, Resources and Sustainability, University of Waterloo.

Arlene Kwasniak, Professor Emerita of Law, University of Calgary (*by videoconference*).

At 1:18 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 1:27 p.m., the committee resumed.

Robert Gibson, Arlene Kwasniak and Anna Johnston each made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:35 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 2:44 p.m., the committee resumed.

Michael Powell, Fernando Melo and George Christidis each made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:47 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Vincent Labrosse

Clerk of the Committee