



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, March 12, 2026
(25)

[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources met this day at 8 a.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Joan Kingston, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Aucoin, Coyle, Fridhandler, Galvez, Kingston, Lewis, McCallum, Miville-Dechéne, Wells (*Newfoundland and Labrador*) and Youance (10).

Participating in the meeting: Emilie Doyon and Jesse Good, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, September 25, 2025, the committee began its study of such issues as may arise from time to time relating to energy, the environment, natural resources and climate change. (Topic: 2025 Progress Report on the 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan)

WITNESSES:

Environment and Climate Change Canada:

Judy Meltzer, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister;

Alison McDermott, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and International Affairs Branch;

Jen Collette, Director General, Horizontal Policy, Engagement and Coordination Directorate;

Derek Hermanutz, Director General, Economic Analysis Directorate.

Canadian Climate Institute:

Rick Smith, President.

Net-Zero Advisory Body:

Damon Matthews, Member.

Alison McDermott made a statement and, together with Judy Meltzer and Jen Collette, answered questions.

At 9 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 9:04 a.m., the committee resumed.

Rick Smith and Damon Matthews each made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:01 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Catherine Cuerrier

Clerk of the Committee