



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, March 26, 2026

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[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, Kingston, Lewis, McCallum, Miville-Dechêne, Verner, P.C., Wells (*Newfoundland and Labrador*) and Youance (10).

Participating in the meeting: Emilie Doyon and Dana Fan, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, September 25, 2025, the committee continued its study of such issues as may arise from time to time relating to energy, the environment, natural resources and climate change. (Topics: Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, 2026–2029 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy: Draft version, and 2025 Progress Report on the 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan)

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Jerry V. DeMarco, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development;

Elsa Da Costa, Director;

Stacey O'Malley, Director;

Francis Michaud, Director.

Jerry V. DeMarco made a statement and, together with Elsa Da Costa, Stacey O'Malley and Francis Michaud, answered questions.

At 9:32 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Catherine Cuerrier

Clerk of the Committee