



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, February 10, 2026
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance met this day at 9:02 a.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Claude Carignan, P.C., presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Carignan, P.C., Cuzner, Forest, Galvez, Gignac, Hébert, MacAdam, Marshall and Ross (9).

Other senators present: The Honourable Senators Pate and Pupatello (2).

Participating in the meeting: Michaël Lambert-Racine and André Léonard, Analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, the committee continued its consideration of the subject matter of all of Bill C-15, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on November 4, 2025.

WITNESSES:

Réseau BIBLIO du Québec:

Julie Blais, President (*by videoconference*).

First Nations Finance Authority:

Ernie Daniels, President and Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*);

Jody Anderson, Vice-President, Partnerships, Strategy & Public Affairs (*by videoconference*).

Canadian Urban Libraries Council:

Mary Chevreau, Executive Director (*by videoconference*).

Julie Blais, Mary Chevreau and Ernie Daniels each made a statement and, together with Jody Anderson, answered questions.

At 10:02 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 10:08 a.m., the committee resumed.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, February 5, 2026, the committee began its consideration of Bill C-4, An Act respecting certain affordability measures for Canadians and another measure.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer:

Jason Jacques, Interim Parliamentary Budget Officer;

Mark Mahabir, Director General, Costing and Budgetary Analysis, and General Counsel;

Govindadeva Bernier, Director, Budgetary Analysis;

Carleigh Busby, Advisor-Analyst.

Jason Jacques made a statement and, together with Carleigh Busby and Mark Mahabir, answered questions.

At 11:02 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Sara Gajic

Clerk of the Committee