



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance met this day at 6:45 p.m., in room W110, 1 Wellington St., the chair, the Honourable Claude Carignan, P.C., presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Cardozo, Carignan, P.C., Forest, Galvez, Gignac, Hébert, Loffreda, Marshall, Ross and Youance (10).

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

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

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, the committee began its consideration of Bill C-15, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on November 4, 2025.

APPEARING:

The Honourable Steven MacKinnon, P.C., M.P, Minister of Transport.

WITNESSES:

Transport Canada:

Arun Thangaraj, Deputy Minister;

Luis Miguel Izquierdo Martin, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, High Speed Rail, Major Projects;

Nicholas Robinson, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Safety and Security.

Ecojustice:

Muhannad Malas, Director of Law Reform (*by videoconference*);

Julia Croome, Director of Litigation Practice *(by videoconference)*.

Quebec Environmental Law Centre:

Geneviève Paul, Chief Executive Officer *(by videoconference)*;

Charles Codère, Lawyer *(by videoconference)*.

Canadian Civil Liberties Association:

Anaïs Bussièrès McNicoll, Director, Fundamental Freedoms Program *(by videoconference)*.

The minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:52 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:56 p.m., the committee resumed.

Muhannad Malas, Geneviève Paul and Anaïs Bussièrès McNicoll each made a statement.

At 8:25 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Sara Gajic

Clerk of the Committee