



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance met this day at 6:46 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 Carignan, P.C., Dalphond, Forest, Gignac, MacAdam, Oudar and Ross (7).

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

*Participating in the meeting:* André Léonard and Michaël Lambert-Racine, Analysts, Library of Parliament; Monica Granados, Communications Officer, Communications, Broadcasting and Publications Directorate.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, the committee continued its examination of the Supplementary Estimates (C) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat:*

Antoine Brunelle-Côté, Assistant Secretary, Expenditure Management Sector;

Annie Boyer, Assistant Secretary and Chief Financial Officer.

#### *Department of National Defence:*

Jonathan Moor, Assistant Deputy Minister (Finance) and Chief Financial Officer;

Lieutenant-General Stephen R. Kelsey, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff;

Marc Mes, Deputy Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard Programs;

Heather Sheehy, Assistant Deputy Minister (Materiel).

Antoine Brunelle-Côté and Jonathan Moor each made a statement and, together with Heather Sheehy, Marc Mes and Lieutenant-General Stephen R. Kelsey, answered questions.

At 7:58 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 8:08 p.m., the committee resumed.

The chair informed the committee of the resignation of the former senator, the Honourable Elizabeth Marshall, and invited statements from senators thanking her for her contribution to the committee.

At 8:19 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 8:20 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft agenda (future business).

It was agreed that the committee allow the audio recording and/or transcription of the in camera portion of today's meeting, that one copy be kept with the clerk of the committee for consultation by committee members or staff, and that the audio recording and/or transcript be destroyed by the clerk of the committee when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of this parliamentary session.

Pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee discussed a draft report.

It was agreed that the chair seek leave of the Senate to replace the committee's fifth report, entitled *Omnibus Budget Bills: A growing problem*, with a corrected version.

At 8:48 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Sara Gajic

*Clerk of the Committee*