



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Wednesday, November 5, 2025

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications met this day at 6:49 p.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Larry W. Smith, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Arnold, Aucoin, Dasko, Lewis, Miville-Dechéne, Mohamed, Quinn, Simons, Smith, Surette and Wilson (11).

Participating in the meeting: Geneviève Gosselin and Marion Ménard, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, the committee continued its study on the maintenance of activities or essential services in the federally regulated rail and marine sectors in the case of labour disruptions.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Independent Business:

Jasmin Guénette, Vice-President, National Affairs;

Christina Santini, Director, National Affairs.

Canadian Council for Indigenous Business:

Matthew Foss, Vice-President, Research and Public Policy (*by videoconference*).

Western Canadian Short Line Railway Association:

Rachel Mackenzie, Director, Communications and Government Relations.

Chemistry Industry Association of Canada:

Greg Moffatt, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Greater Vancouver Board of Trade:

Bridgitte Anderson, President and Chief Executive Officer (*by videoconference*).

Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan:

Chris Procyk, Vice President (*by videoconference*).

Jasmin Guénette, Matthew Foss and Rachel Mackenzie each made a statement and, together with Christina Santini, answered questions.

At 7:50 p.m., the committee suspended.

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

Greg Moffatt, Bridgitte Anderson and Chris Procyk each made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:47 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Andrea Mugny

Clerk of the Committee