



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications met this day at 9 a.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Larry W. Smith, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Aucoin, Cormier, Dasko, Lewis, Loffreda, Miville-Dechêne, Mohamed, Quinn, Simons, Smith and Wilson (11).

*Other senators present:* The Honourable Senators Arnold and Robinson (2).

*Participating in the meeting:* Geneviève Gosselin, Analyst, 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 Agriculture:*

Bill Prybylski, Director.

#### *Grain Growers of Canada:*

Scott Hepworth, Chair;

Kate Sauser, Policy Manager.

#### *Canadian Meat Council:*

Russ Mallard, Chair;

Lauren Martin, Senior Director, Public Affairs and Corporate Counsel.

*Canpotex:*

Natashia Stinka, Director, Public Affairs.

*OEC Overseas Express Consolidators Inc.:*

Marc D. Bibeau, Executive Chairman.

Bill Prybylski, Scott Hepworth, Lauren Martin and Russ Mallard each made a statement and, together with Kate Sauser, answered questions.

At 10:05 a.m., the committee suspended.

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

Natashia Stinka and Marc D. Bibeau each made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:55 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Andrea Mugny

*Clerk of the Committee*