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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 David M. Wells, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Arnold, Miville-Dechêne, Mohamed, Quinn, Simons, Surette, Wells (*Newfoundland and Labrador*) and Wilson (8).

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

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

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, the committee began its consideration of Bill S-216, An Act to declare the Chignecto Isthmus Dykeland System and related works to be for the general advantage of Canada.

It was agreed that the committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill S-216.

It was agreed that the title stand postponed.

It was agreed that the preamble stand postponed.

It was agreed that clause 1, which contains the short title, stand postponed.

It was agreed that clause 2 carry.

It was agreed that clause 3 carry, on division.

It was agreed that clause 4 carry, on division.

It was agreed that clause 5 carry.

It was agreed that clause 6 carry, on division.

The Honourable Senator Arnold moved that Bill S-216 be amended on page 4 by adding the following after line 7:

> "**6.1** For greater certainty, nothing in this Act affects the rights or obligations of the parties under an agreement entered into before the coming into force of this Act between His Majesty in right of Canada, the Government of Nova Scotia and the Government of New Brunswick respecting the design, construction or improvement of the Chignecto Isthmus Dykeland System or related works.".

After debate, the question being put on the motion in amendment, it was adopted.

It was agreed that clause 7 carry, on division.

It was agreed that clause 1, which contains the short title, carry.

It was agreed that the preamble carry.

It was agreed that the title carry.

It was agreed that the bill, as amended, carry.

It was agreed that the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel be authorized to make necessary technical, grammatical or other required non-substantive changes resulting from the amendments adopted by the committee, in both official languages, including updating cross-references and renumbering of provisions.

It was agreed that the chair report Bill S-216, with amendments, to the Senate, in both official languages.

At 9:14 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Andrea Mugny

Clerk of the Committee