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## THE SENATE

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Speaker in the chair.

Prayers.

### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, there have been consultations and there is an agreement to allow a photographer in the Senate Chamber to photograph the introduction of a new senator.

Is it agreed, honourable senators?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

### NEW SENATOR

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform the Senate that the Clerk of the Senate has received a certificate from the Registrar General of Canada showing that Tracy Ann Muggli has been summoned to the Senate.

### INTRODUCTION

**The Hon. the Speaker** having informed the Senate that there was a senator without waiting to be introduced:

The following honourable senator was introduced; presented His Majesty's writ of summons; took the solemn affirmation, which was administered by the Clerk of the Senate; and was seated.

**Hon. Tracy Muggli**, of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, introduced between Hon. Marc Gold, P.C., and Hon. Yvonne Boyer.

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that the honourable senator named above had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the Constitution Act, 1867, in the presence of the Clerk of the Senate, the Commissioner appointed to receive and witness the said declaration.

### CONGRATULATIONS ON APPOINTMENT

**Hon. Marc Gold (Government Representative in the Senate):** Honourable senators, I rise today on behalf of the Government Representative Office to welcome Senator Muggli to the Senate of Canada and to wish her a very happy birthday.

Senator Muggli, your exceptional career speaks for itself. Your numerous roles — including as the executive director of St. Paul's Hospital, as a child welfare worker and as a social worker — will serve you well in the Senate.

With over 35 years of public service, I have no doubt that you have developed a unique perspective and expertise. I look forward to you adding your voice to the important debates we have in this chamber.

• (1410)

Colleagues, I would be remiss as well if I did not mention the impressive work that Senator Muggli has done in and for her community and the many boards on which she has served. I have every confidence, senator, that you will bring this same passion for bettering your community to the Senate.

As I shared with your new colleagues yesterday, as a new senator there is a somewhat steep learning curve, and the work ahead will not always be easy. However, every one of us in this chamber has been in your place before, and I believe I speak for all of us when I say this: Please, do not hesitate to reach out for advice and support wherever you can find it and whenever you need it.

I look forward to working with you in the weeks and months ahead. Once again, on behalf of the Government Representative Office, welcome, dear colleague, to the Senate of Canada.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Donald Neil Plett (Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, on behalf of the opposition, I am pleased to rise in this chamber as well to welcome our new colleague Senator Tracy Muggli of Saskatchewan. Welcome to the Senate of Canada, Senator Muggli.

I understand that you requested to be sworn in today, on your birthday, rather than yesterday with the four other newly appointed senators. I join Senator Gold and others in wishing you a very happy birthday.

As has been mentioned, you have already served your province well, as demonstrated by the honours you have received. These include the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal, a YWCA Woman of Distinction Award and the Saskatchewan Premier's Award for Excellence in the Public Service. I also have no doubt that you will serve well in this capacity.

However, as I did yesterday, I want to point out — this is not a reflection on you, Senator Muggli, and I hope you don't take it as such — that although the Prime Minister likes to pretend his Senate appointments are independent, the Conservatives in this chamber respect the need to be authentic in our true values. We tire of the Prime Minister's pretense in this matter and believe that our parliamentary system is partisan by design. This is not something to be ashamed of but, rather, celebrated.

I personally believe that you have been chosen by the Prime Minister because of your loyal work in promoting the Liberal agenda and your long-standing aspirations for political office,

having run twice as a candidate for the Liberal Party of Canada under Prime Minister Trudeau's leadership in Saskatoon—Grasswood in both the 2015 and 2019 general elections.

Colleagues, yesterday I made an appeal to everyone to be honest with Canadians. I will repeat my plea to drop the Prime Minister's narrative about his experimental Senate. Canadians are under no illusions that Liberal Senate appointments are made for any reason other than to move the Liberal agenda forward, just as Conservative appointments were made to move the Conservative agenda forward.

In John Ivison's recent article entitled, "More party hacks to the Senate as Trudeau renounces Red Chamber reform" — his comments, not mine — he stated:

But the appointments are ultimately made by the prime minister. We have no idea how many recommendations he passed over before agreeing to candidates who fit his partisan demands.

I strongly believe that in order to exercise our responsibilities with integrity on behalf of Canadians, we must first be honest about our own political allegiance and ideologies. This kind of transparency is honourable and helpful in restoring the trust of Canadians in our institutions.

Again, Senator Muggli, welcome to the Senate of Canada.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Raymonde Saint-Germain:** Honourable senators, as the CEO of St. Paul's Hospital during the COVID-19 crisis, it is reasonable to say that Senator Muggli knows how to keep a cool head, one of the most important prerequisites to fulfill our role as a chamber of sober second thought.

In fact, with the growing complexity of public health issues, such as infectious epidemics and mortality associated with the use of increasingly potent opioids, your expertise in this area will greatly impact our work. A famous Chinese scholar once said that walking 10,000 miles is better than reading 10,000 books — a saying that underlines the importance of experiencing for oneself rather than relying on the accounts of others. Senator Muggli, you are in the first category.

In fact, the most valuable knowledge is often acquired through practice, and this is why, for nearly 35 years, Senator Muggli has demonstrated her availability and dedication to the well-being of her community in Saskatchewan and beyond. Alongside her professional career, she distinguished herself through her community involvement and achieved these accomplishments through hard work, dedication and humility. In view of all of these successes, it's fair to say that she is a pillar of the social fabric of the Prairies. When facing challenges, Senator Muggli has always demonstrated responsibility and courage.

Colleagues, the role of a senator can only be fulfilled by people with a thorough knowledge of the issues they are dealing with. In fact, Senator Muggli's knowledge and contribution have been recognized by both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples and organizations, creating bridges between the different peoples inhabiting this land.

On behalf of the Independent Senators Group, I warmly welcome you, Senator Muggli, and wish you a very happy birthday. You will certainly remember this particular one.

Your professional background will not only make you a tremendous senator, but also an invaluable colleague, someone with whom we are delighted to work going forward.

Thank you, *meegwetch*.

**Hon. Scott Tannas:** Honourable senators, I would like to welcome Tracy Muggli from Saskatchewan to the Senate. She is the fifth senator to be sworn in this week from the cohort named this summer.

My colleagues have provided her biography, but I would like to mention a few important and defining facts about Senator Muggli, which will help paint a better picture of her future contributions to this place.

Senator Muggli was born and raised in the village of Muenster, Saskatchewan, which has a population of 430 individuals and is located nine kilometres east of Humboldt on Highway 5, better known to most of us as halfway between Saskatoon and Wadena. The village is extremely proud of her appointment. I know this because it says so on the village's website.

It mentions the details of her appointment right after the announcement that the village is accepting applications for the Honour Our Veterans Banner Program. The good news is that prices have remained the same as last year. Banner applications can be dropped off at the village office, either in person or through the mail chute. I love small towns. I know you do too.

According to our sources, the senator has a bias for The Rolling Stones and "Downton Abbey." Both of these can be useful because in this place sometimes things rock and roll and at other times a carefully crafted story is needed. You will fit right in here.

In all seriousness, you and all colleagues here have been called to this place to fill an important role: to represent their region, to carefully review legislation and to examine national policies that will affect all Canadians, including those 430 individuals in Muenster.

I am pleased to report to senators that sometimes — I'm sure it happens to others — when there's an appointment, you receive a call from somebody who knows you and the person who has just been appointed. That is what happened to me. The person on the other end of the line was so enthusiastic, so proud, and wanted to assure me that we had one of the great Canadians coming into our midst.

All who know her say that she will bring to the Senate a great depth of knowledge, strong leadership skills and an unwavering commitment to community. We will greatly benefit from her contributions as we conduct the nation's business.

Senator Muggli, your voice and experience and perspective are needed here. The values that you received in Muenster and in rural and metropolitan Saskatchewan are most welcome and needed here, and we in the Canadian Senators Group look forward to working with you.

• (1420)

**Hon. Wanda Thomas Bernard:** Honourable senators, it is my pleasure, on behalf of the Progressive Senate Group, to welcome a new member to the chamber. What a wonderful way to celebrate your birthday, Senator Muggli, by beginning a brand-new chapter in your life.

As Senator Tannas was welcoming our new senator colleagues yesterday, he reminded us of the number of different career paths that are represented here. I was waiting and waiting for him to mention social workers, but perhaps he forgot about us.

As a social work educator, one of my favourite things to do was to welcome new social work students every fall. In my remarks, I would say there are basically two tracks in social work: those who choose to use their positions for social control and those who choose the path of social justice.

Senator Muggli, I was very excited to learn that another social worker was appointed to this place and especially pleased to read your bio and to see that, like mine, your social work career has been on the social justice path.

I welcome you, and I look forward to working with you as you bring your experience as a social justice advocate to this chamber and to our study of legislation. Your previous work in mental health and addictions, in health equity, in child welfare, in health care, in health services administration, in social work education, in public policy, in public service and, probably most importantly, in community development will be very helpful and foundational to your work here. You will be well prepared for the challenges you will face as you navigate your new role here in the Senate.

Your dedication to public service, to social justice and social change highlights your commitment to using your position wherever you are placed to lead the changes you want to see in the world. I know you will represent your province well, and as a fellow social worker, it is my pleasure, on behalf of the Progressive Senate Group, to welcome you to the Senate of Canada. We truly look forward to working with you.

May I say again, happy birthday! *Asante.*

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

#### VISITORS IN THE GALLERY

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, I wish to draw your attention to the presence in the gallery of Ayden Draude, son of the Honourable Senator Muggli, accompanied by friends of the Honourable Senator Muggli.

On behalf of all honourable senators, I welcome you to the Senate of Canada.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear!

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## SENATORS' STATEMENTS

### 1984 FEDERAL ELECTION

#### FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

**Hon. Donald Neil Plett (Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, earlier this month marked the fortieth anniversary of a truly significant turning point for Canada. On September 4, 1984, the Progressive Conservative Party, led by Brian Mulroney, won the biggest majority in Canadian electoral history, capturing 211 out of 282 seats, a sweep of the province of Quebec and an impressive 50% of the popular vote across our great country. Simply put, it was a landslide.

By the time Canadians voted in the 1984 election, they had suffered through many long years of the previous Trudeau government. A deficit of \$39.5 billion stood at nearly 9% of GDP. The debt had increased by an incredible 1,100%. Short-term interest rates had peaked at 22.75%. Program spending had soared to \$1.23 for every dollar collected in taxes. High inflation, high deficits, rampant mismanagement at the hands of a tired and failing Liberal government, needing a new Conservative government to come in and fix what was broken. Sounds familiar, doesn't it, colleagues?

There's an old saying that history repeats itself. I will take this opportunity to note that the NDP allegedly ripped up their Supply and Confidence Agreement with Justin Trudeau on September 4, exactly 40 years to the day after Canadians gave the PC Party and Mr. Mulroney the most overwhelming victory our country has ever seen.

In 1984, fed-up voters were looking for change, and they found it in a young lawyer and businessman from Baie-Comeau, Quebec, and his impressive team of Conservatives. The decisive 1984 federal election result led to a series of policies that have stood the test of time and were eventually co-opted by even the fiercest of Mr. Mulroney's critics, most notably, continental free trade and the GST.

On this special occasion, I extend best wishes to all members of the Mulroney team who played a part, big or small, in the resounding victory 40 years ago, particularly my good friend Jake Epp, who celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday earlier this month.

Jake Epp is a legend in Manitoba politics. He became the first Mennonite appointed to cabinet when he served in the short-lived Joe Clark government. He and Mr. Clark would later serve alongside each other in Prime Minister Mulroney's cabinet.

In a speech he gave in Halifax in May 2002, Mr. Mulroney said:

. . . that is the test of governance, that is the measure of leadership. How you found the country, and how you left it.

Forty years ago this month, Mr. Mulroney gave Canada true leadership at a time it was desperately needed, and he left Canada in a much better place.

### EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS

**Hon. Rosa Galvez:** Honourable senators, there is no doubt — hundreds of scientific studies link global warming to increasing frequency, severity and intensity of droughts, floods, heatwaves and wildfires. Here in Canada, global warming is destroying essential infrastructure, threatening food security, harming biodiversity. It is affecting the physical and mental health of citizens, especially the young and vulnerable, while exacerbating poverty.

It's comforting to hear that politicians' hearts and prayers are with Canadians impacted by extreme weather events, but they need more than our words. We owe them real action.

The 2023 wildfire season displaced more than 200 communities, exposed millions to hazardous smoke and overwhelmed firefighting resources. Global warming is predicted to triple the chances of extreme fire weather. A recent Yale University study explains how a warming ocean is drawing hurricanes northwards, as exemplified by Fiona, Lee, Beryl, and Ernesto.

This summer, four disasters resulted in 228,000 insurance claims, a 406% increase over the 20-year average. Flash floods in Ontario and Quebec caused over \$940 million and \$2.5 billion in insured damage, respectively. The August hailstorm in Calgary has become the second-costliest insured event in Canadian history. Meanwhile, the Jasper wildfire destroyed 800 homes, with insured losses close to \$1 billion. It could take over a century for parts of Jasper National Park to regenerate.

Every delay adds billions to recovery efforts — funds that could be invested in sustainable, resilient infrastructure. To the question “Who foots the cost of global warming in Canada?” the answer is clear: We, all Canadians.

As of mid-2023, over 2,300 jurisdictions in 39 countries have declared climate emergencies, including in the other place.

In 2021, I tabled a climate emergency motion in this chamber, but it remains stalled. This delay is a message of indifference — not solidarity — to Canadians at risk of extreme weather tragedies. Indeed, in an open letter to Canada's federal, provincial, and territorial leaders, Canada's environmental community along with Indigenous leaders, faith, justice and peace organizations, scientists, doctors and teachers demanded urgent measures to fight the climate emergency.

We must answer that call. The time to act is now.

Thank you, *meegwetch*.

[ Senator Plett ]

### VISITORS IN THE GALLERY

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, I wish to draw your attention to the presence in the gallery of Patricia Sentongo-Musinguzi and Veronica Sentongo. They are the guests of the Honourable Senator Bernard.

On behalf of all honourable senators, I welcome you to the Senate of Canada.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear!

### THE LATE ELIZA VICTORIA BROOKS

**Hon. Wanda Thomas Bernard:** Honourable senators, I rise today, grateful to be on Algonquin Anishinaabe territory, to actually share some sad news with you.

• (1430)

On August 7, the community of East Preston and all African Nova Scotians bid farewell to our beloved matriarch, 105-year-old centenarian Eliza Brooks. There is an African principle called *Nia*, which means “purpose.” Reflecting on Ms. Eliza, I am reminded of that African principle. She lived an inspiring life full of love, spirituality, determination and purpose.

Denied access to education, she worked as a domestic and institutional cleaner. She was determined to make life better for her family. As a single mother of four, she was no stranger to poverty. There were many times when they had to eat porridge three times a day, without milk, sugar or even molasses, with no complaints allowed. I can imagine her saying, “Well, at least they had three meals a day.”

She taught her children to value education and life. She took the time to teach others basic life skills to help foster independence, like cooking, baking, sewing and gardening.

Ms. Eliza was deeply spiritual. She was an active member of the East Preston United Baptist Church for over 70 years. She sang in the choir until a few months before her death. At the tender age of 104, she released her debut CD.

Feleshia Chandler of CBC Radio's “Information Morning” in Halifax interviewed her for her one hundred and fifth birthday celebration in May. When asked about her secret to a long life — you will want to listen to this — she said that every single day, she went for a walk, then did her chores and then had a cup of tea. I am inspired to live a life like hers, keep walking every day, bring joy to someone's life every single day and help others find their purpose.

Honourable senators, please join me in sending condolences to her children — Deacon Fred, Phyllis, Robert Sr. and Phillip — their spouses, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and the community of East Preston.

Rest in peace, dear Eliza Victoria Brooks. You have certainly earned it.

*Asante*, thank you.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

[*Translation*]

### CONGRÈS MONDIAL ACADIEN 2024

**Hon. Réjean Aucoin:** Honourable Senators, the seventh Congrès mondial acadien took place from August 10 to 18, 2024, in Clare and Argyle, Nova Scotia. This region of my province is home to a host of small Acadian villages that proudly displayed flags and lobster traps and buoys painted in the Acadian colours. Here are a few of the interesting names of these villages: Pubnico, Surettes Island, Sainte-Anne-du-Ruisseau, Saint-Alphonse, Saulnierville and Grosses-Coques.

Excavations recently uncovered three new Acadian settlements in Annapolis County. At the world congress, three panels were erected for Village de LeBlanc, Village de Beaulieu and Village des Gaudet.

The congress featured shows, discussions and the Tintamarre, where thousands of Acadians marched through the streets of Yarmouth, but it also generated over \$20 million in economic spinoffs, according to Kenneth Deveau.

Honourable Senators, the Congrès mondial acadien is also an affirmation that our Acadian ancestors, the first Europeans to settle in this country that would one day become Canada, were right when they decided to found a nation, a country. Despite the deportation, imprisonment and attempts to wipe us off the map of North America, we're still here. We're a model of resilience.

Visiting the Grand-Pré National Historic Park always brings tears to my eyes. Why? I hope that I will not get tears in my eyes today.

As I tread across this land, the land of our ancestors, ransacked and burned to make way for the arrival of Orangemen and Loyalist settlers, I can't help but think of what could have been: a people with a country, an Acadian people recognized as a nation among the great family of Canadian provinces and owner of the most fertile lands in Nova Scotia and the Maritimes.

The Acadians of Grand-Pré never celebrated Christmas in 1755. They were haphazardly piled onto boats and deported in whichever direction the wind was blowing. The Congrès mondial acadien, which brings together the Acadian diaspora, is an opportunity to rise above this injustice while reflecting on how we, as a people, must take our place today within the Canadian

federation and the Parliament of Canada. I will close with the last paragraph of my book, a children's story entitled *The Magic Rug of Grand-Pré*:

And if you go past Grand-Pré on Christmas Eve, around midnight, take a good look at the little chapel there. If you see lights and hear fiddles, guitars and mandolins, you'll know that it's the ancestors who have been coming back every year to celebrate the Christmas of 1755, ever since Constant and Rose-Marie hooked the last strands of wool on the rug of Grand-Pré.

Thank you, *meegwetch*.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear!

[*English*]

### KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDALS

**Hon. Mary Coyle:** Honourable senators, on September 5, with our colleague Senator Ratna Omidvar present, our Antigonish community gathered in the Coady International Institute's Dennis Hall at St. Francis Xavier University, or StFX, to celebrate 19 of our fellow citizens as they were awarded King Charles III Coronation Medals for their exemplary contributions to our community.

I was delighted to present medals to Brent Bannerman, for leadership in music education and production of community musical theatre; Laurie Boucher, for service as mayor and leadership on renewable energy and collaboration with Paqtnkek and the county; Elizabeth Brennan, for founding and leading Arts Health Antigonish, launching over 40 arts-for-health programs; Colleen Cameron, for leadership on poverty reduction and the Antigonish Affordable Housing Society; John Chiasson, for founding and leading Keppoch, a four-season mountain and lake recreation hub; Sally Clark, for 40 years of leadership with the Antigonish Creative Dance Association, providing an inclusive and affordable dance program for children and youth; Randy Crouse, for leadership in promoting accessibility in sport as coordinator for Challenger Baseball Antigonish, Challenger Baseball Nova Scotia and Challenger Baseball Canada; Terena Francis, for community leadership in Paqtnkek and supporting the success of Indigenous students at StFX; Murray Gibson, for service to L'Arche and for leadership in the Hearts & Hands program which uses the arts to build community; Tareq Hadhad, for his leadership as CEO of Peace by Chocolate and his efforts to promote hope and tolerance; Jyotsna Jain, for her leadership role in creatively and generously welcoming newcomers; Mary MacLellan, for her 32 years as county councillor and community leadership in Arisaig and Cape George; Owen McCarron, County Warden, for 30 years of service to council working to improve accessibility, infrastructure and the economy; Lorraine Reddick, for her leadership in cultural awareness in helping students of African descent succeed; Colette Rennie, for 20 years of leadership with the Société de Développement de Pomquet; Diane Roberts, for 26 years of service to the town council and many community organizations; Steve Smith, for his leadership in business as a generous philanthropist and role model; Oliver Storseth, for creating Unified at X, bringing individuals with disabilities together with StFX students to engage in sports and

having fun; and Casey Van de Sande, for leadership in agriculture, the dairy industry and the Antigonish Farmers' Market. Michael Steinitz of Antigonish Performing Arts will be celebrated later.

The contributions of these exemplary citizens are worthy of our praise.

It was my honour to recognize and celebrate this impressive assembly of good people doing good things for the good of others.

Colleagues, please join me in congratulating them all.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

## OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES 2024

### CANADIAN ATHLETES

**Hon. Marty Deacon:** Welcome, honourable senators. It is day two. What a summer.

Today, I wish to celebrate our outstanding athletes at the 2024 Olympics and Paralympics. The glow continues for competitors, coaches, families, volunteers and all those who watched. Whether you were part of the home team in Canada or there in Paris, there was much to celebrate. We won 27 medals at the Olympic Games, including 9 gold medals. We had 8 medals in the pool and 5 in athletics, including 2 gold medals for Ethan Katzberg and Camryn Rogers in the hammer throw. Only one other country — Poland — has done this during any Olympic Games.

• (1440)

I must acknowledge Aaron, Jerome, Brendon and Andre with a stunning victory in the men's 4x100 metre that was 28 years in waiting; Alysha Newman, Canada's first-ever Olympic medallist in pole vault; Katie Vincent in the C-1; Christa Deguchi, Canada's first-ever Olympic champion winning gold in judo; and in breaking, Philip Kim was crowned the first Olympic champion.

Just about every medal won had some significant historical context, including Canada's best-ever result won by the women's rugby sevens — a silver — and Eleanor Harvey won Canada's first-ever medal in fencing.

There were so many other personal bests and, yes, disappointments, which all define sport.

Coaches — this week is National Coaches Week. We celebrate you.

For the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, I was so grateful to be there in person. It was an absolute showcase of athletic excellence, drive, passion, compassion, resilience and pride. What athletes with disabilities do on the field of play — and we know our dear hearts are here today — is nothing short of miraculous.

[ Senator Coyle ]

In addition to witnessing competition in person, listening to families and being hosted by His Excellency Mr. Stéphane Dion, Canada's Ambassador to France, I also had the unique and eye-opening opportunity to meet with Ukrainian Paralympians. I listened to the stories of five Ukrainian competitors who suffered catastrophic injuries defending their country against Russian aggression, and here they were, competing in Paris. I will never forget each of their stories.

A game changer in Paris was the vision of having one organizing committee for both the Olympic and Paralympic Games. It raised the bar and closed the gap for two outstanding, environmentally responsible games.

Senators, I urge you and beg you to reach out to the athletes and coaches in your communities. Honour them. Thank them. They will never forget this. In spite of no increase in national sport core funding for 19 years, they made us so proud.

As for the athlete within you, I have two important invitations for you today. Next Thursday, I invite you to all join us for Sneak It In day. Pack your sneakers, please, for next week as we celebrate Sneak It In day on Thursday, September 26. It is a ParticipACTION initiative that encourages Canadians to build in short movement breaks throughout the day. We need that.

On October 8, you are invited to join us for national bike day. You have received an invite; RSVP and let us know if you need a bike. Let's get out there, get moving and continue to celebrate our Team Canada that unites us and inspires us.

Thank you.

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### THE SENATE

#### NOTICE OF MOTION TO AUTHORIZE JOINT COMMITTEES TO HOLD HYBRID MEETINGS

**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate):** Honourable senators, I give notice that, at the next sitting of the Senate, I will move:

That, notwithstanding any provision of the Rules, previous order, or usual practice, until the end of the day on June 30, 2025, any joint committee be authorized to hold hybrid meetings, with the provisions of the order of February 10, 2022, concerning such meetings, having effect; and

That a message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that house accordingly.



**ADJOURNMENT**

## NOTICE OF MOTION

**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate):** Honourable senators, I give notice that, at the next sitting of the Senate, I will move:

That, when the Senate next adjourns after the adoption of this motion, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 2 p.m.

**FISHERIES AND OCEANS**

## NOTICE OF MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION

**Hon. Fabian Manning:** Honourable senators, I give notice that, at the next sitting of the Senate, I will move:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans be authorized to examine and report on the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and its work;

That the committee report its findings to the Senate from time to time and submit its final report no later than May 30, 2025;

That the committee retain all powers necessary to publicize its findings for 180 days after the final report is tabled; and

That the committee be permitted, notwithstanding usual practices, to deposit reports on this study with the Clerk of the Senate, if the Senate is not then sitting, and that the reports be deemed to have been tabled in the Senate.

**An Hon. Senator:** Hear, hear.

## NOTICE OF MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COMMITTEE TO STUDY OCEAN CARBON SEQUESTRATION

**Hon. Fabian Manning:** Honourable senators, I give notice that, at the next sitting of the Senate, I will move:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans be authorized to examine and report on ocean carbon sequestration and its use in Canada;

That the committee report its findings to the Senate from time to time and submit its final report no later than May 30, 2025;

That the committee retain all powers necessary to publicize its findings for 180 days after the final report is tabled; and

That the committee be permitted, notwithstanding usual practices, to deposit reports on this study with the Clerk of the Senate, if the Senate is not then sitting, and that the reports be deemed to have been tabled in the Senate.

**QUESTION PERIOD****PUBLIC SAFETY**

## FIREARMS BUYBACK PROGRAM

**Hon. Donald Neil Plett (Leader of the Opposition):** Government leader, I will return to the topic of the so-called buyback program for firearms and the shocking amount of money that has been spent on it already — over \$67 million, leader.

Earlier this year, the NDP-Liberal government proudly unveiled one cargo X-ray scanner for the Greater Toronto Area to help stop the export of stolen cars. The scanner cost \$3.5 million. Nineteen of these scanners could have been bought for roughly the same amount of money they've spent to crack down on duck hunters and sport shooters.

Leader, if your government wanted to stop the crime and chaos, wouldn't scanners have been a better use of taxpayers' dollars than your non-existent gun confiscation program?

**Hon. Marc Gold (Government Representative in the Senate):** Thank you for your question, senator.

It is the position of this government that the measures it has introduced over the years to reduce the availability of certain firearms on the streets of our cities are necessary and remain necessary to protect Canadians. This government's position on its firearm legislation and its work to launch its firearms buyback program are centrepieces of its concern for the well-being of Canadians. It has never been the case that its legislation targets Indigenous communities nor law-abiding firearms licence holders.

It is regrettable that the program has not made further progress. The government is doing everything it can to move it forward.

**Senator Plett:** Of course, the word "Indigenous" didn't come out of my mouth when I asked you the question. I don't know why you are referring to that.

Leader, yesterday, I raised with you the \$11.5 million in contracts that external consultants have gotten out of the \$67 million you spent on this boondoggle. Will you commit, leader, to table in the Senate the amounts and names of the vendors for each contract, the date the contracts began and ended and a summary of the work provided under each contract?

**Senator Gold:** Thank you for the question.

No, I'm not willing to make that undertaking.

## FINANCE

## APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISER

**Hon. Leo Housakos:** Senator Gold, yesterday, I asked you about “Carbon Tax Carney” and your government’s actions to shield him from ethics and conflict of interest laws. I specifically asked you about his conflict of interest between his new role as Justin Trudeau’s financial adviser and his role as chair of Brookfield Asset Management.

You stood here in this chamber and tried to lecture me for even asking such a question. You stood here and tried to lecture us about what you called his exemplary career serving Canadians, Senator Gold. At the very same time you were doing that, “Carbon Tax Carney” was securing \$10 billion of taxpayers’ funds from the Trudeau government for Brookfield Asset Management to oversee a new equity fund, a fund that would also put them in charge of Canada’s pensions. Seriously, Senator Gold, you guys don’t have enough problems with ethics violations already? And will you take the time to, at least, edit the answer to my question from yesterday out of respect for Canadian taxpayers and for this institution?

• (1450)

**Hon. Marc Gold (Government Representative in the Senate):** Senator, thank you for your question and for once again giving me the opportunity to say the following: It’s fairly rich coming from you. I was not lecturing you yesterday. I was bemoaning the fact that important issues of public policy are so wrapped up — dare I say, sometimes obscured — in such partisan rhetoric and, frankly, such disrespectful tones toward people who have served and are continuing to serve Canadians. It is not a lecture. Perhaps it falls on deaf ears, senator, but, no, I will not edit my remarks from yesterday nor any that I am making now.

**Senator Housakos:** Senator Gold, what I am bemoaning is the fact that “Carbon Tax Carney” wasted no time using his new gig with Justin Trudeau to start lining his pockets with taxpayer money, putting his own firm in charge of \$10 billion of Canadians’ tax dollars, and he wants to make Canadians’ pensions pay him as well. This isn’t exemplary service to Canadians. This is using Canadians as a personal slush fund with zero accountability. How much does “Carbon Tax Carney” stand to make personally from this hustle, Senator Gold? How much? Give us the number of what he is going to make off Canadian taxpayers.

**Senator Gold:** I will not dignify that question, nor the way in which you describe Mr. Carney, with an answer. It is really regrettable. We deserve better in this chamber, and Canadians deserve better.

**An Hon. Senator:** Exactly.

## CANADA PENSION PLAN

**Hon. Paula Simons:** My question is for the Government Representative. This past spring, Canadians and Albertans were told that the Office of the Chief Actuary would be releasing an independent analysis of just how much money the Province of Alberta would be owed from the Canada Pension Plan, or CPP, should it proceed with its plan to set up a separate Alberta pension plan. That information is critical, as the province is claiming it is entitled to 53% of the plan’s assets, and its proposal for an Alberta pension plan is based on that fiscal assumption. Can you tell us when the government expects that the Chief Actuary will issue her report?

**Hon. Marc Gold (Government Representative in the Senate):** Thank you for your question; it is an important one, not only for the people of Alberta but also for all Canadians who have a stake in the Canada Pension Plan. As announced by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Chief Actuary has been asked to provide an estimate of the asset transfer based on a reasonable interpretation of the provisions of the Canada Pension Plan legislation. This process is ongoing. I don’t have a specific date.

As I stated in my introduction to my answer, such as it is, it is not a question only for the federal government. It affects the provinces, the territories and, of course, the citizens of the country.

[Translation]

## TRANSPORT

## ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES

**Hon. Jean-Guy Dagenais:** My question is for the Leader of the Government.

Volvo just announced that it has abandoned its plan to produce only fully electric cars by 2030.

Ford has halted construction of its Bécancour automotive battery components plant.

Volkswagen is closing factories, and BMW is cancelling battery contracts with Northvolt. Sweden is even using bailiffs to get payment from Northvolt, while Canada has pledged billions to that company for a project that is becoming increasingly uncertain.

Will your Prime Minister ever come back to the real world, pull his head out of the sand, and adjust the unrealistic target that requires all new vehicles sold in Canada to be electric by 2035? Are there no limits to wishful thinking?

**Hon. Marc Gold (Government Representative in the Senate):** Thank you for the question. I have no information on this, senator. The transition to a greener future and to an economy less dependent on carbon and carbon-based products, such as gasoline, is important for our future and that of our children and grandchildren.

Obviously, the government will take the ups and downs of all global and economic developments into account. At the moment, however, I have no information to indicate that the government intends to change its game plan with regard to electric vehicles.

**Senator Dagenais:** Let us keep going with your environmental fantasies.

On Monday, the Government of Quebec ended its support program for the electrification of trucking because the price of the vehicles has become unaffordable.

If the government's goal is truly environmental, then why is charging three times the tax that France is charging on Chinese EVs, which are much more accessible to Canadians than the ones built in North America?

We're starting to believe that the government's environmental logic is highly questionable.

**Senator Gold:** Thank you for the question.

It is always about striking a balance between goals, priorities and important values, environmental values in this case, and our relations with China in the context of how that country acts on global markets.

## FINANCE

### CAPITAL GAINS INCLUSION RATE

**Hon. Clément Gignac:** Senator Gold, the increased capital gains inclusion rate became effective on June 25, 2024. Last June, I expressed my surprise in this chamber that these important fiscal measures, which were adopted through a ways and means motion in the other place, were not included in the budget implementation act.

As senators know, this tax measure must be enshrined in law and ratified, because if Parliament were to be dissolved as a result of a confidence vote, this motion would no longer be effective, at least not according to case law and what happened in 1979 when Revenue Canada had to stop collecting the excise tax brought in by Joe Clark's government.

Senator Gold, when will the Minister of Finance introduce this bill so that we can debate it?

**Hon. Marc Gold (Government Representative in the Senate):** Thank you for the question. My colleagues will recall that a notice of ways and means motion was tabled in June. I was informed that draft legislation was published this summer and that the bill will be introduced in the House of Commons this fall.

**Senator Gignac:** Senator Gold, people are speculating that this government will last until the holiday season. We'll see what happens. Meanwhile, you know that this is going to create uncertainty on the financial markets. We're talking about \$7 billion in additional revenue that will be lost if the bill doesn't pass before the government is eventually defeated on a confidence vote.

Senator Gold, could a pre-study be done to ensure that, as soon as the House of Commons studies the bill and sends it back to the Senate, we would then have enough time to hear witnesses and debate the bill without being pressured by the government?

**Senator Gold:** I'm always happy to find ways to ensure that the Senate can study bills thoroughly, and I would gladly speak with the other groups and their respective leaders regarding a pre-study. Unfortunately, all of that is out of my control.

[English]

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### CRIME PREVENTION

**Hon. Salma Atallahjan:** My question is for the Leader of the Government. The Greater Toronto Area, or GTA, is feeling increasingly unsafe. There have been a worrisome number of reported home invasions and carjackings reported this summer. Just a few weeks ago, the York Regional Police reported a 92% increase in shootings and a 106% increase in carjackings.

Senator Gold, one car is stolen every six minutes in Canada. I have heard from other residents in the GTA that they are now afraid in their own homes. What is your government doing to keep Canadians safe?

**Hon. Marc Gold (Government Representative in the Senate):** Thank you for your question. The rise in crime generally in many of our communities — car thefts in particular — affects those in the GTA, my hometown and elsewhere. The government has done many things to assist local police officers, provinces and municipalities in that regard, to wit: \$28 million to further support the work of police and strengthen our borders against the export of stolen vehicles. The collaboration of police across jurisdictions is critical to meet this goal. Indeed, we are seeing some results. The Canada Border Services Agency, or CBSA, intercepted over 1,800 stolen vehicles last year alone. To continue to support police efforts in this regard, the government has released the National Action Plan on Combatting Auto Theft and is supporting their work through major investments of hundreds of millions of dollars.

**Senator Atallahjan:** Senator Gold, by March, the Toronto police announced that there had already been a 106% increase in carjackings in only three months. In light of recent reports of carjackings around the GTA, the National Action Plan on Combatting Auto Theft might be too little, too late.

• (1500)

What should I tell community members who are thinking of leaving the GTA because of safety concerns?

**Senator Gold:** Senator, you can tell people that the federal, provincial and municipal governments' police forces are working together to address this important problem. I hope the results will be such that people will feel that we have a right to feel secure in our homes and cities.

[Translation]

#### CRIME RATES

**Hon. Claude Carignan:** Along the same lines, Senator Gold, the May 28 edition of *La Presse* reads as follows:

The Quebec City police force, the SPVQ, unveiled its annual report on Tuesday. In 2023, SPVQ officers recorded a rise in all types of crime.

Crimes against the person, the most serious, increased again last year. The SPVQ reported 9,019 of them.

The same article mentions a 6.6% rise in violent crime in a single year, which points to a continuing trend.

The overview published on the Statistics Canada website reads as follows:

The volume and severity of police-reported crime in Canada, as measured by the Crime Severity Index (CSI), increased for the third consecutive year . . . an upward trend that began in 2015.

What happened in 2015 that could have caused crime rates to start rising since then?

**Hon. Marc Gold (Government Representative in the Senate):** Kudos to you for that attempt to make connections between things that are utterly unrelated. Unfortunately, the rising crime rate is an issue of concern to all of us, regardless of our ideology. Granted, the approach of the government I represent differs from that of your political party. We're going to keep focusing on causes and on effective ways to reduce crime.

**Senator Carignan:** May I suggest that one of the reasons for this situation is your government's lax approach?

**Senator Gold:** You are free to make suggestions, honourable senator. I always take you seriously, but this time I have to say, with all due respect, that I completely disagree with you.

[English]

#### GLOBAL AFFAIRS

##### CANADA-RUSSIA RELATIONS

**Hon. Ratna Omidvar:** Senator Gold, switching channels to Russia now, recent reports have highlighted that Canadian far-right influencers were involved in a Russian disinformation campaign linked to RT, formerly known as Russia Today, through entities like Tenet Media. While those individuals were potentially unaware of Russia's involvement, their work was used to spread pro-Russian narratives that align with broader destabilization efforts targeting our democratic institutions.

This raises significant concerns about the vulnerability of our institutions to manipulation by foreign actors and the potential consequences for national security.

Can you kindly outline how Canada is working with international partners, particularly the U.S. and U.K., to investigate and hold accountable those involved in facilitating such disinformation campaigns?

**Hon. Marc Gold (Government Representative in the Senate):** Canada works very closely not only with its Five Eyes partners, in all matters of intelligence gathering and sharing, but with other democratic allies to help protect Canada and, indeed, our allies from such nefarious deeds. Canada strongly condemns activities carried out by the Russian state-owned media entity RT. Indeed, by revealing RT's activities and ties to the Kremlin, Canada is making it clear to Russia that it will not tolerate any efforts to interference in Canada's domestic affairs, nor will it stand interference targeting any other sovereign country.

Canada and our partners — Five Eyes and others — will continue to confront Russian aggression and subversion. This government will not tolerate any foreign interference on its soil and will continue to expose and counter those activities. The methods and means remain matters that are not appropriate to discuss further, but Canada is working with its allies in this regard.

**Senator Omidvar:** Thank you, Senator Gold.

Of course, no secrets should be spilled here, but Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly has also made a statement regarding RT's involvement in cyber incidents targeting Canada's critical infrastructure.

What concrete steps is the federal government taking to safeguard Canadian critical infrastructure from such types of attacks?

**Senator Gold:** Senators who were here at the time will recall the provisions of Bill C-59, which I, in my previous role in the Senate, had the honour of sponsoring. That provided broader powers to our institutions, notably CSE, that is the Communications Security Establishment, to work not only with regard to Canadian government infrastructure to protect it from cyberattacks but with regard to other critical infrastructure in the private sector and in provincial and territorial governments.

[Translation]

#### EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

##### CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT

**Hon. Chantal Petitclerc:** Senator Gold, my question relates to the findings of a Statistics Canada study published in August on food insecurity among Canadians with disabilities. We have learned that 26.4% of respondents with disabilities live in a food insecure household, compared to 12.5% of those without disabilities. That is more than double.

Senator Gold, many senators have noted that your government is refusing to review its position on the \$200 per month for the future Canada disability benefit. Could you at least reassure us and confirm that the government intends to bring in other

programs and solutions at the same time to specifically address this problem of food insecurity among 26.4% of people with disabilities?

**Hon. Marc Gold (Government Representative in the Senate):** Thank you, senator, for pointing out this important issue and for continuing to ask me about it. That is to your credit. I don't have any information on that, but I will raise the question with the minister as soon as I can get a hold of him. In the meantime, I don't want to hide behind platitudes or empty rhetoric. I'm really not in a position to be able to reassure you. The government has invested a lot, within its jurisdictional boundaries, to help the provinces and territories, and even the private sector, to address the issues and challenges and to resolve this problem. I will raise the question with the minister.

**Senator Pettilerc:** Senator Gold, I think that we all agree that food is a basic need. I would like some clarification because that is what we were told. We were told that there will be something else, that there will be programs and maybe additional targeted funding. I would like you to get back to me with specific information on this.

**Senator Gold:** I will do my best.

**Senator Pettilerc:** Thank you.

[English]

## AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

### FOOD SECURITY

**Hon. Robert Black:** Senator Gold, in 2019, the Senate released a report entitled *Made in Canada: Growing Canada's Value-Added Food Sector*. That report highlighted the underdevelopment of Canada's food-processing industry and laid out a plan to enhance the sector, particularly in Western Canada. Despite the recommendations provided, it appears that little progress has been made, as recent challenges in British Columbia's food-processing industry demonstrate.

The closure of the BC Tree Fruits Cooperative has left the Okanagan orchardists struggling to get their products to market, exacerbating food insecurity and economic difficulties. The situation raises concerns about the effectiveness of our national strategies in supporting the food-processing sector.

Senator Gold, how has the government utilized the recommendations from the 2019 report? And if the recommendations have not been implemented, could you explain why not, given the ongoing struggles within the industry?

**Hon. Marc Gold (Government Representative in the Senate):** Thank you for your question and for your ongoing advocacy in this area.

I can assure you, senator, that the government takes those recommendations seriously. Although I don't have a specific answer with regard to the British Columbia situation you highlighted, I can remind the chamber that the government recently announced investments by the Government of Canada

and the Government of Ontario through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership. Those investments are resulting in \$16 million worth of energy cost savings to help food-processing businesses increase their energy efficiency, lower their costs and, one hopes, stabilize their businesses and their business models.

• (1510)

I'm sure that the government would be happy to work with B.C. and other provinces to help deliver investments for this important industry.

**Senator Black:** Given the current state of the food processing industry in British Columbia, what specific measures is the government considering to prevent further closures and support the sector's growth, ensuring that our agricultural products reach consumers and contribute to food security?

**Senator Gold:** Again, I don't have a specific answer for you, senator, and I apologize. My understanding is that Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Food Industry Division periodically conducts reviews of emerging transit technologies in the sector, and I'll certainly bring your question to the attention of the appropriate officials in that regard.

## PUBLIC SERVICE AND PROCUREMENT

### PARLIAMENTARY PRECINCT

**Hon. Andrew Cardozo:** My question is for the Government Representative in the Senate, and it is regarding the future of Wellington Street — an issue I raised a few times over the past year.

Today, there are media reports that Public Services and Procurement Canada made an offer to the City of Ottawa to expand the Parliamentary Precinct and to pedestrianize Wellington Street. The reason is certainly twofold: one is to advance safety on the Hill for both parliamentarians and the public visiting the Hill as well as to deal with the beautification of Parliament Hill and to augment this national venue.

Could you update us on where things stand in terms of the discussion between the federal government and the City of Ottawa?

**Hon. Marc Gold (Government Representative in the Senate):** Thank you for your question and for your continued interest in this important issue. I'm not in a position to update you on discussions that have been ongoing for some time. Senators will appreciate — because we are here — and certainly residents will appreciate the importance of addressing this issue, and doing so in a way that also takes into account the needs, voices and interests of residents and businesses that serve the community in this part of the city around the precinct. I'll certainly make some inquiries regarding the progress.

**Senator Cardozo:** Thank you; I appreciate that. I want to mention that earlier this year, Mathieu Fleury, a former city councillor, and I wrote a paper on this topic and encouraged the government to have an international design competition for the future of Wellington Street in order to attract people and reflect

our history. Can you comment on whether that kind of approach is being contemplated and whether that might be included in what happens to the precinct?

**Senator Gold:** I'm not aware of those details, senator, but I will certainly add that to the questions I will pose to the appropriate authorities.

## FINANCE

### CARBON TAX

**Hon. Yonah Martin (Deputy Leader of the Opposition):** Leader, the Canadian Trucking Alliance recently issued a report detailing how the carbon tax is making everything more expensive. It stated, in part:

By 2030, the carbon tax will add more than \$4 billion to annual trucking costs, an overall increase of about 15%. . . . Due to razor thin margins in the trucking industry, these added costs cannot be absorbed and must be passed on to customers. As virtually every good purchased by Canadian families and businesses involves truck transportation, this means those families and businesses are paying increasingly higher prices for those goods to pay for this ineffective tax.

Leader, what is the NDP-Liberal government's response to the Canadian Trucking Alliance report?

**An Hon. Senator:** They are not smart, and they don't get it.

**Hon. Marc Gold (Government Representative in the Senate):** Thank you for your question, senator. I don't know what the NDP's response is these days, as they have recently made some statements, apparently backing away from their previous commitment to address climate change in a serious way.

As for this government, I will continue to remind the Senate that the government's position is that the price on pollution remains the most effective market-sensitive tool. And I remind Canadians that in 8 out of 10 cases, individuals receive more money back in carbon rebates than the carbon tax affects them.

**Senator Martin:** Yes, I agree that it is confusing to understand where the NDP stands on these issues. However, the Canadian Trucking Alliance says that in 2024 alone the carbon tax is adding \$2 billion in trucking costs. This is at a time of record food bank use, and more Canadians report skipping meals due to expensive groceries. Leader, by taxing the trucker who ships the food, you tax the people who buy the food. Why doesn't the NDP-Liberal government understand this?

**An Hon. Senator:** Because they don't care.

**Senator Gold:** The Government of Canada understands very well what Canadians are experiencing but stands by its credible analysis, and it's no disrespect to the alliance. They are entitled to their point of view and to prosecute their interests in a free and democratic society. The impact of the price of pollution on inflation is negligible; credible reports and analyses demonstrate that.

[ Senator Cardozo ]

## ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

### CARBON TAX

**Hon. Donald Neil Plett (Leader of the Opposition):** Let's talk climate change again, leader.

Leader, in less than two years since her appointment, the NDP-Liberal government's Ambassador for Climate Change has managed to cost taxpayers \$254,000 just for her travel expenses. Paris, London, Brazil, Egypt, Switzerland and Indonesia — these are just some of the places where the ambassador has flown the last two years, spewing greenhouse gas emissions while flying business class and staying in luxury hotels, all while this government's inflationary carbon tax raised the cost of everything for struggling Canadians, except for her.

Leader, this is pure hypocrisy. Isn't this yet another reason why Canadians deserve and need a carbon tax election?

**Some Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Marc Gold (Government Representative in the Senate):** No, this is not an example of hypocrisy. The government has a serious climate change plan. Again, I try very hard to remain factual and evidence-based, and not to engage in partisan repartee. But it remains the case that there is no credible alternative climate change plan being offered — not this year, not the year before and not the previous years — by the party that you represent so faithfully and loyally.

**Senator Plett:** You say that you are trying to stay factual. Let me give you some facts.

Prime Minister Trudeau lectures Canadians about his carbon tax, yet he flies all over the place. He's flown over 92,000 kilometres in just the last three months, competing with the climate change ambassador. That's why I suspect no one in the NDP-Liberal government has told their climate change ambassador to cut her travel spending. Am I right, leader? Yes or no?

**Senator Gold:** No. You are wrong.

• (1520)

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JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL—WORKPLACE  
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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE—WORKPLACE  
HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS

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JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL—PUBLIC PROSECUTION  
SERVICE—WORKPLACE HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS

**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate)** tabled the response to Question No. 46, dated November 23, 2021, appearing on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper* in the name of the Honourable Senator Plett, regarding workplace harassment complaints — Public Prosecution Service of Canada.

PRAIRIES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANADA—WORKPLACE  
HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS

**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate)** tabled the response to Question No. 46, dated November 23, 2021, appearing on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper* in the name of the Honourable Senator Plett, regarding workplace harassment complaints — Prairies Economic Development Canada.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND  
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**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate)** tabled the response to Question No. 46, dated November 23, 2021, appearing on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper* in the name of the Honourable Senator Plett, regarding workplace harassment complaints — Public Safety Canada, Canada Border Services Agency,

Canadian Security Intelligence Service, Correctional Service of Canada, Parole Board of Canada and Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

PUBLIC SERVICES AND PROCUREMENT—WORKPLACE  
HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS

**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate)** tabled the response to Question No. 46, dated November 23, 2021, appearing on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper* in the name of the Honourable Senator Plett, regarding workplace harassment complaints — Public Services and Procurement Canada, Canada Lands Company, Canada Post Corporation, Defence Construction Canada, National Capital Commission and Shared Services Canada.

WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY AND YOUTH—WORKPLACE  
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**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate)** tabled the response to Question No. 46, dated November 23, 2021, appearing on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper* in the name of the Honourable Senator Plett, regarding workplace harassment complaints — Women and Gender Equality Canada.

TREASURY BOARD—WORKPLACE  
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**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate)** tabled the response to Question No. 46, dated November 23, 2021, appearing on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper* in the name of the Honourable Senator Plett, regarding workplace harassment complaints — Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, Canada School of Public Service and Public Sector Pension Investment Board.

TRANSPORT—WORKPLACE HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS

**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate)** tabled the response to Question No. 46, dated November 23, 2021, appearing on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper* in the name of the Honourable Senator Plett, regarding workplace harassment complaints — Transport Canada, Canadian Transportation Agency, Atlantic Pilotage Authority, Canadian Air Transport Security Authority, Federal Bridge Corporation Limited, Great Lakes Pilotage Authority, Laurentian Pilotage Authority, Marine Atlantic Inc., Pacific Pilotage Authority and VIA Rail Canada.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS—WORKPLACE  
HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS

**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate)** tabled the response to Question No. 46, dated November 23, 2021, appearing on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper* in the name of the Honourable

Senator Plett, regarding workplace harassment complaints — Public Service Commission of Canada and Transportation Safety Board of Canada.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND  
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**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate)** tabled the response to Question No. 46, dated November 23, 2021, appearing on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper* in the name of the Honourable Senator Plett, regarding workplace harassment complaints — Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat.

VETERANS AFFAIRS—WORKPLACE HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS

**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate)** tabled the response to Question No. 46, dated November 23, 2021, appearing on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper* in the name of the Honourable Senator Plett, regarding workplace harassment complaints — Veterans Affairs Canada and Veterans Review and Appeal Board.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE—NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate)** tabled the response to Question No. 86, dated November 23, 2021, appearing on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper* in the name of the Honourable Senator Plett, regarding the National Capital Commission — Privy Council Office.

PUBLIC SERVICES AND PROCUREMENT—NATIONAL  
CAPITAL COMMISSION

**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate)** tabled the response to Question No. 86, dated November 23, 2021, appearing on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper* in the name of the Honourable Senator Plett, regarding the National Capital Commission — National Capital Commission.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE—INDEPENDENT ADVISORY  
BOARD FOR SENATE APPOINTMENTS

**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate)** tabled the response to Question No. 89, dated November 23, 2021, appearing on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper* in the name of the Honourable Senator Plett, regarding the Independent Advisory Board for Senate Appointments.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

**Hon. Patti LaBoucane-Benson (Legislative Deputy to the Government Representative in the Senate):** Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 5-13(2), I move:

That the Senate do now adjourn.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Is leave granted, honourable senators?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

*(At 3:24 p.m., the Senate was continued until tomorrow at 2 p.m.)*

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