



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES
CANADA

45th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

Standing Committee on International Trade

EVIDENCE

NUMBER 024

PUBLIC PART ONLY - PARTIE PUBLIQUE SEULEMENT

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Chair: Judy A. Sgro



Standing Committee on International Trade

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

• (1145)

[*English*]

The Chair (The Honourable Judy A. Sgro (Humber River—Black Creek, Lib.)): I call the meeting to order.

I'll turn the floor over to Mr. Savard-Tremblay.

[*Translation*]

Simon-Pierre Savard-Tremblay (Saint-Hyacinthe—Bagot—Acton, BQ): Thank you, Madam Chair.

I will read the following motion, which was presented to the committee on December 4, 2025:

Whereas the Liberal government announced in its March 2023 budget, and reiterated in its 2024 budget, its intention to introduce before the end of the respective year a bill aimed at eliminating forced labour from Canadian supply chains and strengthening the prohibition on importing goods produced through forced labour;

Whereas this commitment was not renewed in the 2025 budget, and no government bill has been introduced to date;

That the committee report to the House to deplore the government's current lack of legislative commitment to combating forced labour in supply chains and to urge the government to act; and

That the committee request a response from the government pursuant to section 109 of the rules of procedure.

[*English*]

The Chair: Thank you very much.

Mr. Naqvi, go ahead please.

Yasir Naqvi (Ottawa Centre, Lib.): Thank you very much, Chair.

I appreciate Mr. Savard-Tremblay's tabling of the motion.

I propose a slight amendment, which I've discussed. I hope it will be agreeable to all members. I've shared the English version with the clerk.

After the paragraph with “Whereas this commitment was not renewed in the 2025 budget, and no government bill has been introduced to date”, we will take the remaining two paragraphs out and replace them with the following: “That the Committee report to the House to call on the Government to renew their commitment and table legislation to combat forced labour in supply chains, and that pursuant to Standing Order 109, the government table a comprehensive response.”

The Chair: Mr. Savard-Tremblay, are you in agreement?

[*Translation*]

Simon-Pierre Savard-Tremblay: Yes, I agree to the proposed amendment.

[*English*]

The Chair: All in favour of the motion as amended?

(Motion as amended agreed to)

The Chair: Thank you very much.

We will now go in camera.

The meeting is suspended.

[*Proceedings continue in camera*]

Published under the authority of the Speaker of
the House of Commons

SPEAKER'S PERMISSION

The proceedings of the House of Commons and its committees are hereby made available to provide greater public access. The parliamentary privilege of the House of Commons to control the publication and broadcast of the proceedings of the House of Commons and its committees is nonetheless reserved. All copyrights therein are also reserved.

Reproduction of the proceedings of the House of Commons and its committees, in whole or in part and in any medium, is hereby permitted provided that the reproduction is accurate and is not presented as official. This permission does not extend to reproduction, distribution or use for commercial purpose of financial gain. Reproduction or use outside this permission or without authorization may be treated as copyright infringement in accordance with the Copyright Act. Authorization may be obtained on written application to the Office of the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Reproduction in accordance with this permission does not constitute publication under the authority of the House of Commons. The absolute privilege that applies to the proceedings of the House of Commons does not extend to these permitted reproductions. Where a reproduction includes briefs to a committee of the House of Commons, authorization for reproduction may be required from the authors in accordance with the Copyright Act.

Nothing in this permission abrogates or derogates from the privileges, powers, immunities and rights of the House of Commons and its committees. For greater certainty, this permission does not affect the prohibition against impeaching or questioning the proceedings of the House of Commons in courts or otherwise. The House of Commons retains the right and privilege to find users in contempt of Parliament if a reproduction or use is not in accordance with this permission.

Also available on the House of Commons website at the following address: <https://www.ourcommons.ca>

Publié en conformité de l'autorité
du Président de la Chambre des communes

PERMISSION DU PRÉSIDENT

Les délibérations de la Chambre des communes et de ses comités sont mises à la disposition du public pour mieux le renseigner. La Chambre conserve néanmoins son privilège parlementaire de contrôler la publication et la diffusion des délibérations et elle possède tous les droits d'auteur sur celles-ci.

Il est permis de reproduire les délibérations de la Chambre et de ses comités, en tout ou en partie, sur n'importe quel support, pourvu que la reproduction soit exacte et qu'elle ne soit pas présentée comme version officielle. Il n'est toutefois pas permis de reproduire, de distribuer ou d'utiliser les délibérations à des fins commerciales visant la réalisation d'un profit financier. Toute reproduction ou utilisation non permise ou non formellement autorisée peut être considérée comme une violation du droit d'auteur aux termes de la Loi sur le droit d'auteur. Une autorisation formelle peut être obtenue sur présentation d'une demande écrite au Bureau du Président de la Chambre des communes.

La reproduction conforme à la présente permission ne constitue pas une publication sous l'autorité de la Chambre. Le privilège absolu qui s'applique aux délibérations de la Chambre ne s'étend pas aux reproductions permises. Lorsqu'une reproduction comprend des mémoires présentés à un comité de la Chambre, il peut être nécessaire d'obtenir de leurs auteurs l'autorisation de les reproduire, conformément à la Loi sur le droit d'auteur.

La présente permission ne porte pas atteinte aux privilèges, pouvoirs, immunités et droits de la Chambre et de ses comités. Il est entendu que cette permission ne touche pas l'interdiction de contester ou de mettre en cause les délibérations de la Chambre devant les tribunaux ou autrement. La Chambre conserve le droit et le privilège de déclarer l'utilisateur coupable d'outrage au Parlement lorsque la reproduction ou l'utilisation n'est pas conforme à la présente permission.

Aussi disponible sur le site Web de la Chambre des communes à l'adresse suivante :
<https://www.noscommunes.ca>