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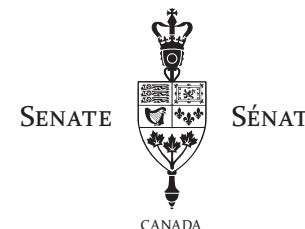
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**The Honourable
Noël A. Kinsella**

Speaker of the Senate



In the midst of continued economic and political uncertainty abroad, Canada maintains a well-earned reputation as a country where stability and freedom are enjoyed to an unparalleled degree. This is in large measure due to the work of our parliamentary institutions.

At the time of Confederation, the Senate stood as a chamber of sober second thought, a place to cool the passions of the moment reflected in bills passed by the members of the House of Commons. Although the emphasis may have changed over time, the two chambers have always worked together for the betterment of the nation.

In more recent times, the Senate and its committees have examined the protection and promotion of human rights. It has also conducted studies of the implementation of economic, cultural and social rights of Canadians, including landmark studies on health care, mental health, post-secondary education, and child poverty.

Senators use a range of discussion mechanisms to bring their unique qualifications to bear for the common good of Canadians. Senators are cognizant of their role in bringing attention to issues and their potential impact on individuals and groups.

The Senate complements the work of the House of Commons. Unintended errors in the technical drafting of bills may lead to misunderstandings when it comes to implementation and may obscure the interpretation of the law. In reviewing bills to locate and correct possible errors of this nature, the Senate draws on the wide-ranging backgrounds of its members in many different areas, including education, law, commerce, farming, military service and even entertainment.

In September 2010, Speakers and presiding officers of the upper and unicameral houses of the G20 were invited to come to Canada to discuss global food security. The first Speakers' Consultation was held in the Senate Chamber, with productive discussions. The Republic of Korea took on the task of hosting the second Speakers' Consultation in May 2011. There was general agreement that it is a useful forum, one which we were pleased to initiate in Canada. It also helps to strengthen relations between the parliaments of the G20 member states.

This annual report of the Senate presents an overview of the Senate's activities in fiscal year 2010–11, providing insight into the operations and functions of the upper chamber and its members as they work in the public interest of all Canadians.



**The Honourable
David Tkachuk**

Chair, Standing Committee
on Internal Economy,
Budgets and Administration

The year bracketed by April 1, 2010, and March 31, 2011, was a substantial one for the Senate. The parliamentary session resulted in much legislative work being accomplished. It was an excellent year for our Administration, as well, which advanced significantly in its policy framework and its continual efforts to be an ever-sounder and more transparent administrative body.

The year was also one of continuing fiscal restraint for a government responding to the fragile global economic recovery. While not subject to the policies and guidelines that direct the administration of the government, the Senate still adheres as closely as possible to the good management practices contained therein. To this end, we have incorporated the principles of internal audit and risk management. This is a process begun by the senators who previously occupied the seats now held by the current members of the Standing Senate Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, which I have chaired since 2009. We are grateful for their hard work and take satisfaction in continuing to streamline and modernize our practices to the benefit of the Canadian taxpayer and citizen.

In this fiscal year, the report on the first full audit of the Senate's financial statements, for fiscal year 2009–10, was tabled in the Senate Chamber. This follows the establishment of a policy of annual audits by our committee in 2009. In 2010–11, this was once again carried out by independent firm KPMG in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. The audit resulted in an unqualified opinion and provided verification that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the current fiscal year. Also this year, the Senate voluntarily began releasing quarterly reports on senators' expenditures, a measure intended to increase the transparency and accountability of our house of Parliament to the Canadians to whom it belongs.

Further, in November 2010 the Senate invited the Auditor General to examine its administrative practices. While the report is still pending, we look forward to this assessment as an opportunity to find new ways of improving our efficiency.

What I am most proud of, however, is that this year the Senate Administration saw a lapse of nearly nine per cent in its budget. This lapse, which saved Canadian taxpayers six million dollars, was the result of the diligent efforts of our management team to be frugal in their spending. This is a significant accomplishment in an environment of rising costs and an increasing requirement for both greater accountability and transparency, and the appearance of them.

On the part of our committee, I can pledge this: we will continue to find ways to become more effective and more transparent while reducing our costs. This is not an easy task, but it is a necessary one. We look forward to the challenge.





Gary W. O'Brien

Clerk of the Senate and
Clerk of the Parliaments

As its chief operating officer, I oversee the Senate Administration, an organization of some 420 employees who serve the Senate, senators and Senate committees. We enable the efficient running of all aspects of the Senate's work.

Though we are not part of the federal public service, we are servants of Parliament. We take this literally and seriously. In all our products and services, we consider how to best serve the senators we support in their work to improve Canadian society. In all our administrative practices, we also consider how to best serve that society by being accountable for the money we spend and responsible in how we manage our programs.

These priorities have been laid bare for us by the economic turmoil of the past few years. Like everyone else, we have pledged to do more with less. Because of this, we have found ways to be more efficient. For instance, this year a management subcommittee was tasked with re-allocating resources between sectors. Where one directorate had a budgetary lapse, the Human Resources and Finance Subcommittee could shift it to fund necessary projects in another directorate. Because of this process, we managed to function within our salary envelope this year. A Management Assessment Framework review proves that this, along with other subcommittees created this year, is improving our corporate governance structure.

Despite the climate of restraint, our policy framework was also significantly advanced this year. Our internal audit process is showing us where we can improve and where we can be more efficient. Several gaps were identified and filled this year. Policies on official languages, information technology security, Senate committee working meals, discipline, use of taxis, annual leave for senators' staff, grievances, and health and safety were all approved and implemented. Filling these gaps is helping to create a solid base from which to build a more efficient institution and a healthier workplace for our people.

The rolling internal audit plan established in 2009 will ensure that these improvements to corporate governance keep coming. It allows us to set goals and evaluate whether we're meeting them. This clarifies the striving for excellence that characterizes our institution and convinces us that regardless of the challenges of the future, we are prepared to serve senators to our utmost.





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01 Senators

Serving Canadians

The Senate is composed of 105 men and women who hail from many places in Canada. They come from towns across the Prairies, urban neighbourhoods, cities tucked into the coast and communities carved into the tundra. Some were born here; some are immigrants; some are Aboriginal; some are visible minorities; some are Jewish, Christian or Muslim. Some senators are career politicians; others were nurses, teachers, lawyers, police officers, business people or judges before the Governor General called them to the Senate. Together, they point to the broad meaning of “Canadian.”

As parliamentarians, senators serve Canadians in many ways. They review proposed laws and regulations; suggest solutions to societal problems; keep important issues in current debate; carry out research; act as federal ombudsmen for the people of their communities; and serve as ambassadors abroad for our country and its system of governance. The activities of senators are as varied as the Senate itself; each member finds a unique way to fulfill the mandate of a Canadian parliamentarian.

Fiscal year 2010–11 was encompassed by a single session: the 3rd Session of the 40th Parliament. It opened on March 3, 2010, before the start of the fiscal year, and ended with the dissolution of Parliament for a general election on March 26, 2011.

Senators

on March 31, 2011

Abbreviations

C	Conservative Party of Canada
Ind	Independent
Lib	Liberal Party of Canada
PC	Progressive Conservative



**A. Raynell
Andreychuk**
C — Saskatchewan



W. David Angus
C — Alma, Quebec



Salma Ataullahjan
C — Toronto, Ontario



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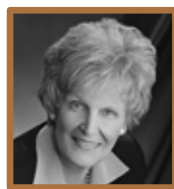
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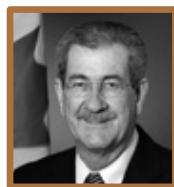
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Lib — Nova Scotia



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Kennebecasis,
New Brunswick



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Quebec



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C — Nova Scotia



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C — Ontario



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Prince Edward Island



Michael Duffy
C — Prince Edward Island



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Lib — Saskatchewan



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C — Ontario



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Lib — Toronto, Ontario



Joyce Fairbairn, P.C.
Lib — Lethbridge, Alberta



Doug Finley
C — South Coast, Ontario



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Joan Fraser
Lib — De Lorimier, Quebec



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Lib — Newfoundland
and Labrador



Irving Gerstein
C — Ontario



Stephen Greene
C — Halifax—The
Citadel, Nova Scotia



Mac Harb
Lib — Ontario



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Lib — Bedford, Quebec



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C — Wellington, Quebec



Elizabeth Hubley
Lib — Prince
Edward Island



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Lib — British Columbia



Janis G. Johnson
C — Manitoba



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Lib — Kennebec, Quebec



Colin Kenny
Lib — Rideau, Ontario



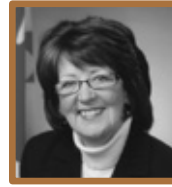
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Sunbury, New Brunswick



Vim Kochhar
C — Ontario



Daniel Lang
C — Yukon



Marjory LeBreton, P.C.
C — Ontario



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Losier-Cool**
Lib — Tracadie,
New Brunswick



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Lib — New Brunswick



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Lib — Toronto, Ontario



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Marshall**
C — Newfoundland
and Labrador



Yonah Martin
C — British Columbia



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Lib — De Lanaudière,
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PC — Alberta



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Halifax, Nova Scotia



Pana Merchant
Lib — Saskatchewan



Don Meredith
C — Ontario



Grant Mitchell
Lib — Alberta



Percy Mockler
C — New Brunswick



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South Shore, Nova Scotia



Jim Munson
Lib — Ottawa / Rideau
Canal, Ontario



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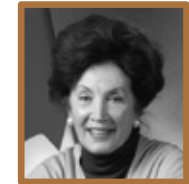
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Nova Scotia



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C — Nunavut



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Lib — Shawinigan,
Quebec



Robert W. Peterson
Lib — Saskatchewan



Donald Neil Plett
C — Landmark, Manitoba



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**Marie-P. Poulin
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Lib — Northern Ontario, Ontario



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Pierrette Ringuette
Lib — New Brunswick



Michel Rivard
C — The Laurentides, Quebec



Jean-Claude Rivest
Ind — Stadacona, Quebec



Fernand Robichaud, P.C.
Lib — New Brunswick



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Lib — Newfoundland and Labrador



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Lib — Cobourg, Ontario



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Terry Stratton
C — Red River, Manitoba



Claudette Tardif
Lib — Alberta



David Tkachuk
C — Saskatchewan



John D. Wallace
C — New Brunswick



Pamela Wallin
C — Saskatchewan



Charlie Watt
Lib — Inkerman, Quebec



Rod A. A. Zimmer
Lib — Winnipeg, Manitoba

In the Chamber

Though it is made up of 105 individuals, the Senate as a whole is the chamber of legendary “sober second thought”: the second chamber in our bicameral system of government. Together, its members’ varied backgrounds and experiences make it a place where the torrent of ideas on Parliament Hill can be slowed down for careful consideration from many perspectives.



Senators considered 39 government bills this fiscal year. They passed 36, including 4 with amendments.

The Senate is also a place where that torrent of ideas is spring-fed. Senators can add topics and ideas to the ongoing discussion that is the Senate Chamber, Parliament Hill and the broader national debate.

Between April 1, 2010, and March 31, 2011, the Senate held 85 sittings for a total of 262 hours and 37 minutes.

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

The Senate’s first job is to study the bills put forward by the government of the day. These bills can be introduced in either the Senate or the House of Commons.

The Senate excels at finding technical errors in legislation: unclear wording or translation accidents, for example, that can confuse the intent of a bill. Senators also give the specific measures of each bill a rigorous examination. They can express their own opinion on legislation, and that of their political party, during the debates in the Senate Chamber. They also have the power to introduce amendments, which the Senate votes to accept or reject, and to participate in the committee study to which each bill is subjected.

In 2010–11, 39 government bills were debated in the chamber. Of these, nine were introduced in the Senate. Senators passed 36 government bills during the fiscal year, making 15 amendments. Based on the recommendations of the Senate’s Human Rights Committee, which had long studied the issue, the Senate made nine amendments to Bill S-4, Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act. One amendment was made to Bill S-7, Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act, at third reading. Senators made one amendment to Bill S-10, Penalties for Organized Drug Crime Act, based on a recommendation from its Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs. It also made four amendments to Bill S-13, Keeping Canadians Safe (Protecting Borders) Act. Three of these were recommended in the report on the bill by the Senate Committee on National Defence and Security, and one was adopted at third reading. Senate committees also appended observations to reports on five government bills.

STATEMENTS, MOTIONS AND INQUIRIES

Each sitting of the Senate is structured as a formal meeting, with an agenda known as the *Order Paper and Notice Paper*. This agenda usually opens with Senators’ Statements. These three-minute speeches can deal with any topic a senator would like to raise. In 2010–11, senators made some 520 statements.

After senators have finished debating government legislation, there is time on the agenda for other motions, and inquiries, to be debated. Senators can use these as public policy tools, allowing them to raise topics that interest them and to have their ideas debated by other senators.

Motions are closed-ended, resulting in a vote in the Senate Chamber to either support or defeat the motion. Most motions in the Senate are procedural; for example, a motion is needed to pass a bill or to authorize a Senate committee to study a particular topic. Senators, however, may also introduce “substantive” motions as a way to make a strong statement on a topic. If passed, the wording of a motion becomes a statement from the Senate expressing its will or opinion. In 2010–11, senators debated 20 of these substantive motions, passing 12.



This year, senators held 35 inquiries, brought forth 20 substantive motions and debated 26 private senators’ bills in the Senate Chamber.

Inquiries, on the other hand, are open-ended debates. Senators will start a debate by speaking on a topic important to them. The debate is then open to any other senator. The inquiry is a way of digging into ideas and contrasting viewpoints on a subject and will stay on the agenda as long as there is a desire to continue debate on the topic. In 2010–11, senators debated 35 inquiries.



Senators listen to an address by the Speaker of the Senate of Poland, His Excellency Bogdan Borusewicz, in Committee of the Whole on May 5, 2010.

PRIVATE SENATORS' BILLS

Senators may also introduce their own bills at any time, allowing them to propose a solution to a problem they see. These bills may address any topic, but may not lead to the use of public funds (a prerogative of the government in the House of Commons). In 2010–11, senators introduced 13 bills and continued to debate another 13 introduced at the start of the session in March. They brought six amendments to bills they had finished studying. Three private senators' bills were passed by the Senate and one was given Royal Assent.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Senate sometimes invites witnesses or dignitaries to address the entire Senate Chamber. This is done by suspending the sitting and beginning a meeting of "Committee of the Whole." The Senate met in Committee of the Whole three times in fiscal year 2010–11. On May 5, 2010, it heard from the Speaker of the Senate of the Republic of Poland. Senators had a chance to welcome and question Ms. Suzanne Legault on June 22 concerning her appointment as Information Commissioner of Canada, and Ms. Jennifer Stoddart on November 25 respecting her appointment as Privacy Commissioner of Canada.

GOVERNMENT BILLS CONSIDERED BY THE SENATE, 2010–11

Bills considered by the Senate	39
Bills introduced in the Senate	9
Bills received from the House of Commons	27
Bills passed by the Senate	36
Bills with amendments or observations by the Senate	9
Percentage of bills with Senate amendments or observations	22

SENATE BY THE NUMBERS 2010–11

- 85 sittings in the Senate Chamber
- 262 hours and 37 minutes in the chamber
- 113 orders of reference to committees
 - 58 to study bills
 - 54 to conduct special studies
 - 1 to conduct the pre-study of a bill's subject matter
- 591 committee meetings
- Over 1,060 hours in committee
- 1,887 witnesses heard in committees
- 125 committee reports delivered
- Over 1,344 hours of Senate committee meetings broadcast on CPAC, the Cable Public Affairs Channel



In the Senate Chamber before the beginning of a ceremony of Royal Assent, Senator Marjory LeBreton, Leader of the Government in the Senate, converses with Governor General David Johnston.

In Committees

The future of Canada's energy supply; women's rights in Afghanistan; elections on First Nations reserves; the protection of Canadian Arctic sovereignty: these are a few of the issues that the Senate's committees studied in fiscal year 2010–11.

Senate committees are groups of 5 to 15 senators who, on behalf of the Senate, examine issues and bills in a particular policy area. Senators are asked to serve on certain committees because their background gives them an interesting perspective on the topic; often, they have built up significant expertise over several years on a committee.



Though sometimes Senate committees travel to consult Canadians, most of their meetings are held in Ottawa, where members gather information from invited witnesses. Here, Senators Paul Massicotte and Richard Neufeld listen intently to a witness at such a meeting.

Committees' work is determined by the orders of reference they receive from the Senate; these are mandates to conduct research on a topic. They go about this by calling witnesses to provide information or opinions, by calling for official documents to be produced, and by visiting communities in Canada and abroad to gather facts. Their reports on public policy questions usually contain a wealth of information as well as recommendations to the federal government about how to improve the situation they studied.

Committees also tackle the study of bills. After a period of calling witnesses and studying documentation, a committee will usually consider the clauses in a bill one by one. Its report may recommend the bill be passed as is, suggest amendments to particular clauses, or advise that the Senate reject the bill. The committee may also attach observations to such a report. These usually explain its recommendations or append notes about other information discovered in the course of the study but not directly related to the bill.

In fiscal year 2010–11, Senate committees held 591 meetings, totaling over 1,060 hours. They heard 1,887 witnesses and delivered 125 reports.

Substantive Committees

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples

In fiscal year 2010–11, the Committee on Aboriginal Peoples spent much of its time studying First Nations education reform. It held 20 meetings and heard 57 witnesses on this study during the fiscal year. While most witnesses were heard in Ottawa, several committee members travelled to Saskatchewan, Alberta, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to gather evidence.

This year, the committee tabled a report on its study, conducted the previous year, of elections held under the *Indian Act*. Its May 2010 report, entitled *First Nations Elections: The Choice Is Inherently Theirs*, made recommendations to the government aimed at helping First Nations to customize, streamline and better control their governance.

The committee also had a mandate to examine the progress made on commitments endorsed by parliamentarians of both chambers since the government's apology to former students of Indian residential schools. It held five meetings and heard 10 witnesses on the subject and tabled its report, *The Journey Ahead: Report on progress since the Government of Canada's apology to former students of Indian residential schools*, in the Senate Chamber on December 14. The report noted that progress has been made in healing the wounds of residential school survivors, but that a full recovery will require continuing the reconciliation process with survivors, the government and, indeed, all Canadians.

On the legislative front, the committee studied Bill C-24, First Nations Certainty of Land Title Act, reporting it without amendment. On December 14, the committee was tasked with considering Bill S-11, Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act. It held 9 meetings and heard from 47 witnesses, but had not finished its study by the end of the fiscal year.



Senators Patrick Brazeau, Gerry St. Germain and Lillian Eva Dyck discuss their committee's report on First Nations elections at a press conference in May 2010.

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry



Members of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee visit Pioneer Log Homes in Williams Lake, B.C., in September 2010. On their fact-finding trip, they learned that the wood product industry uses every scrap of wood, from building log homes to burning chips for biomass energy.

In 2010–11, the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry continued to study the current state and future of the forestry sector in Canada. The committee had tabled an interim report in December 2009 entitled *The Canadian Forest Sector: Past, Present, Future*. The report had proposed several avenues for continuing its study, including examining possible courses of action such as working with U.S. officials to grow demand for wood products in North America and encouraging research and development in the Canadian forest sector.

The committee explored these and other themes more deeply in 2010–11. It held hearings in Ottawa and conducted three fact-finding missions in the fall of 2010: to British Columbia, with visits to Vancouver, Williams Lake and Penticton/Kelowna; to Timmins, Ontario, and Chibougamau, Quebec; and in the Outaouais region with visits to Thurso and Lachute, Quebec. The committee was studying a draft final report in March before the dissolution of Parliament.

Special Committee on Anti-terrorism

When the Special Senate Committee on Anti-terrorism was re-established in May 2010, its primary task was expected to be the review of legislation relating to anti-terrorism. While waiting for legislation to arrive at the committee stage in the Senate, however, the committee received Senate approval to conduct a special study on matters relating to anti-terrorism. Under this order of reference, the committee decided to examine the changing nature of terrorism, including the rise in the phenomenon of home-grown terrorists. The committee held 11 hearings between May 2010 and February 2011 on this topic and heard from 32 witnesses. These witnesses included scholars and members of the law-enforcement and intelligence communities from countries including Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia.

In March 2011, the committee released its interim report *Security, Freedom and the Complex Terrorist Threat: Positive Steps Ahead*, which deals with the changing threat-environment, the challenges associated with terrorist investigations and parliamentary oversight of national security. The report highlights two major concerns: the long-standing absence in Canada of appropriate and in-depth parliamentary oversight of national security, and the lack of research on the transition from people's radicalization to their committing acts of violence.

During fiscal year 2010–11, the committee also studied one piece of legislation, Bill S-7, Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act. After holding three hearings on this bill, the committee reported it without amendment but with observations on five points.



At a press conference in March 2011, Senators Hugh Segal (left) and Serge Joyal present their committee's report *Security, Freedom and the Complex Terrorist Threat: Positive Steps Ahead*.

Standing Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce



One of the Banking Committee's studies this year evaluated Canadians' ability to save for retirement. Here, Deputy Chair Céline Hervieux-Payette and Chair Michael Meighen discuss their final report on the subject with the media (October 2010).

During fiscal year 2010–11, the Banking, Trade and Commerce Committee conducted several studies. First, it examined the extent to which Canadians are saving in tax-free savings accounts (TFSAs) and registered retirement savings plans. It issued an interim and a final report under the title *Canadians Saving for Their Future: A Secure Retirement*. The committee's six recommendations include creating a lifetime contribution room of \$100,000 for the TFSA in addition to the annual contribution room, allowing people to use an inheritance or windfall for tax-assisted savings, potentially for retirement. It also recommended the creation of a Canada-wide voluntary retirement plan for those with no occupational pension plan.

Second, it completed the 10-year statutory review of the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) required by the *Business Development Bank of Canada Act*. Its 12 recommendations were mainly aimed at focusing the BDC's efforts, in coming years, on helping the growth of small and medium-sized businesses, the "engines of the country's economy."

Third, it scrutinized the Department of Industry User Fee Proposal for Services under the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act*, pursuant to the *User Fees Act*, S.C. 2004, c. 6, sbs. 4(2), recommending that the proposal be approved. It also continued its work under its general mandate on the present state of the domestic and international financial system with eight meetings, but did not issue a report this fiscal year.

The committee also considered five bills:

- Bill C-14, Fairness at the Pumps Act (reported without amendment)
- Bill S-216, Protection of Beneficiaries of Long Term Disability Benefits Plans Act (reported with a recommendation that the Senate not proceed with the bill)
- Bill S-206, Board of Directors Gender Parity Act (reported with a recommendation that the Senate not proceed with the bill)
- Bill S-3, Tax Conventions Implementation Act, 2010 (reported without amendment)
- Bill S-201, An Act to amend the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Act (credit and debit cards) (not reported before the dissolution of the 40th Parliament)

The committee also received orders of reference to consider two additional bills, but had not begun its study by the end of the fiscal year.



Senators Vim Kochhar and Wilfred Moore (left) prepare to hear from Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney at a meeting of the Banking, Trade and Commerce Committee in April 2010.

Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

In June 2010, the Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources released its interim report on the current state and future of Canada's energy sector. *Attention Canada! Preparing for Our Energy Future* reports on what the committee had heard from Canada's leading energy thinkers, research institutions and other stakeholders. It concludes that Canada needs a national discussion on possible strategies to sustainably meet the country's future energy needs.



This committee was the first body on Parliament Hill to launch a Twitter feed. Here, Senators Paul Massicotte, David Angus and Grant Mitchell discuss a report on Canada's energy strategy with media on May 27, 2010. Their study was supported by the Twitter feed and a website seeking public input.

To help foster that discussion, the committee launched canadianenergyfuture.ca, a website dedicated to its study. The committee also became the first Canadian parliamentary committee to use Twitter (@SCEENR_SAYS), with a view to engaging Canadians in the discussion about Canada's energy needs.

Continuing their research, the committee members conducted fact-finding trips in fall 2010 and winter 2011. These included visits to Ontario nuclear facilities in Chalk River, Port Hope, Clarington and Tiverton. Senators also carried out fact-finding activities and held public hearings in Montréal, Québec, and in each Atlantic province. In addition to gaining a better understanding of regional issues, committee members heard from witnesses on topics such as the links between energy and economic development and the social impact of building and operating projects to generate energy.

The committee also responded to Canadians' concerns following the disastrous BP incident in the spring of 2010, when millions of barrels of crude oil spewed into the Gulf of Mexico. Six weeks of hearings on Canada's own offshore drilling operations resulted in the committee's report *Facts Do Not Justify Banning Canada's Current Offshore Drilling Operations: A Senate Review in the Wake of BP's Deepwater Horizon Incident*, tabled in August 2010.

The committee also examined one order and one bill in 2010–11:

- Order Amending Schedule 2 to the *Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act*, together with the Report to Parliament entitled *Gwaii Haanas National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Haida Heritage Site* (the committee approved the order)
- Bill S-210, An Act to amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act and the Auditor General Act (involvement of Parliament) (reported without amendment)



Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans

In early 2010–11, the Committee on Fisheries and Oceans tabled two reports on Canada's Western Arctic based on its work in the previous year. In April, it re-published a report from just before Parliament's 2010 prorogation: *Rising to the Arctic Challenge: Report on the Canadian Coast Guard*. The report continues the committee's long interest in the role of the Coast Guard in Canada's North. It describes the impact of increased international shipping traffic in the Northwest Passage and recommends strengthening the Canadian Coast Guard as Canada's first tool in surveillance and control of Arctic waters.

The committee tabled a second report on the Western Arctic in May, based on hearings in Ottawa and in Yellowknife and Inuvik, Northwest Territories. *Management of Fisheries and Oceans in Canada's Western Arctic* makes 14 recommendations for sustainably developing both coastal and freshwater fisheries to the benefit of Canada and of the region's citizens.



Members of the Fisheries and Oceans Committee meet with the local development committee in Crow Head, Newfoundland and Labrador, in October 2010. They learned that a lightkeeper-staffed, upgraded lighthouse could stimulate tourism and support the local economy.

In March 2010, at the request of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the committee began a study of Canada's lighthouses and the services provided by their lightkeepers. It broadened the scope of this study to include the implementation of the *Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act* (HLP), which was due to enter into force at the end of May 2010. The committee engaged lightkeepers, recreational boaters, commercial shippers and fishers, and business and community interests by holding hearings in Ottawa and fact-finding missions in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and British Columbia.

The committee published two reports on the subject: the first, on lighthouse staffing, in December 2010; and the second, on the HLP, in March 2011. *Seeing the Light: Report on Staffed Lighthouses in Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia* reported that lightkeepers fulfill many — but not widely-recognized — services and add much value to light stations. It recommended changing the policy of de-staffing lighthouses to a case-by-case assessment of whether removing a lighthouse's keeper is the right choice. The second report makes 10 recommendations to ensure that heritage lighthouses are protected.

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Since March 2008, the committee has been studying the rise of China, India and Russia in the global economy and the implications for Canadian policy. The main objective of this study was to better understand the high levels of economic growth of these countries in order to make concrete recommendations on Canada's policy response. As part of this study, the committee travelled in September 2010 to India, where members met with business leaders and government officials. Its final report on this study, *A Workplan for Canada in the New Global Economy: Responding to the Rise of Russia, India and China*, was tabled in December 2010. It makes 23 recommendations for raising the profile of Canada in these countries whose economies are quickly gaining momentum. This, the committee feels, will enhance the trade opportunities between our nations to the benefit of Canadians.

In November, the committee began a study on the political and economic developments in Brazil and the implications for Canadian policy and interests in the region. It held 12 meetings on the subject before the end of the fiscal year.

During this fiscal year, the committee examined Bill C-2, the Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act. It also studied Bill C-61, Assets of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act. It reported both bills without amendment.



Members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met with officials in India in September 2010 to better understand that country's rapid economic growth and its implications for Canadian policy.

Standing Committee on Human Rights



Among other subjects, the Human Rights Committee this year examined how the Canadian Forces could promote women's rights in Afghanistan after the end of the combat mission in 2011. Here, Senators Salma Ataullahjan, Nancy Ruth and Mobina Jaffer present the report *Training in Afghanistan: Include Women* to media (December 2010).

In March 2010, the Committee on Human Rights received a number of orders of reference from the Senate to continue previous studies. Under the general order of reference to study issues related to human rights, the committee focused its attention on three issues in 2010–11.

The first issue reflected the committee's ongoing interest in the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council. In June 2010, the committee tabled an extensive report concluding a long-term study of the development of the council since its inception in 2006. The report also examined Canada's first review of its human rights record under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism before the council. The second issue was related to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security. The committee tabled a report on their study of this resolution in November 2010, focusing on the role of women as agents of conflict resolution and peace building, and on sexual violence against women and girls during war. The committee continued to study the third issue, Canada's obligations under the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* to provide programs supporting sport and recreational activities for children and youth with disabilities.

The committee tabled a report in June 2010 on its study of discrimination in the hiring and promotion practices of the federal public service. The report detailed the progress made by the federal government in implementing the *Employment Equity Act* and improving representation of certain groups within the federal public service. While concluding that the government was meeting many of its targets, the committee made recommendations to help the government achieve its goals for the representation of visible minorities.

The committee also undertook a study of the role the Government of Canada may play in promoting and protecting women's rights in Afghanistan after the end of its combat operations in 2011. The committee tabled its report in December 2010, recommending that Canada make the advancement of women's rights one of its top five priorities in Afghanistan. A number of other recommendations were also made in the areas of reconciliation, security, justice, education and development.

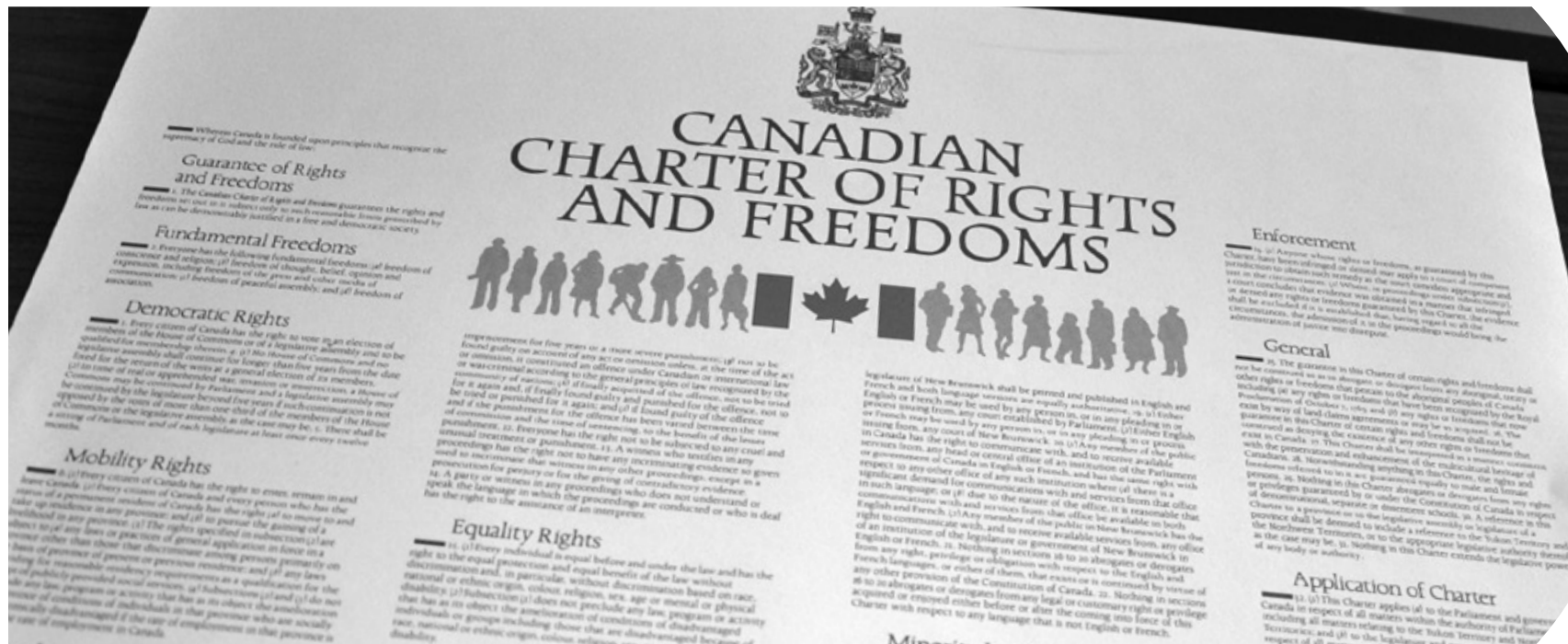
The committee considered two pieces of legislation during the fiscal year. It studied Bill S-4, Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act, and reported the bill back to the Senate recommending 12 amendments on June 15. Bill C-3, Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act, was studied by the committee and reported without amendment but with observations on December 7.



Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

The vast majority of this committee's work is in considering legislation. During this fiscal year, the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee studied and reported on the following bills:

- Bill C-475, An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (methamphetamine and ecstasy) (reported without amendment)
 - Bill C-59, Abolition of Early Parole Act (reported without amendment)
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- Bill C-30, Response to the Supreme Court of Canada Decision in R. v. Shoker Act (reported without amendment)
 - Bill C-21, Standing Up for Victims of White Collar Crime Act (reported without amendment)
 - Bill C-48, Protecting Canadians by Ending Sentence Discounts for Multiple Murders Act (reported without amendment)
 - Bill C-22, An Act respecting the mandatory reporting of Internet child pornography by persons who provide an Internet service (reported without amendment but with observations)
 - Bill S-12, Federal Law-Civil Law Harmonization Act, No. 3 (reported without amendment)
 - Bill S-10, Penalties for Organized Drug Crime Act (reported with one amendment)
 - Bill C-464, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (justification for detention in custody) (reported without amendment)
 - Bill C-23A, Limiting Pardons for Serious Crimes Act (reported without amendment)



- Bill S-9, Tackling Auto Theft and Property Crime Act (reported without amendment)
- Bill S-6, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and another Act (reported without amendment)
- Bill S-215, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (suicide bombings) (reported without amendment)
- Bill S-2, Protecting Victims From Sex Offenders Act (reported without amendment)

During this fiscal year, the committee also completed three special studies: a study on the provisions and operation of the *DNA Identification Act*, a study on the National Parole Board User Fees Proposal and a study on the use of electronic assistive voting devices for persons with disabilities. The committee also began a special study on the provisions and operation of the *Act to amend the Criminal Code (production of records in sexual offence proceedings)* but did not complete its review prior to the dissolution of Parliament.

Standing Committee on National Finance



In fiscal year 2010–11, the Committee on National Finance studied the value of the penny and ultimately recommended that Canada scrap it. Here, Deputy Chair Richard Neufeld and Chair Joseph Day present their report to the media (December 2010).

As in most years, much of the Committee on National Finance's attention this fiscal year was focused on the estimates, which outline the government's spending plans. The committee held several meetings to examine the government's planned expenditures for 2010–11 and 2011–12, including the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2010-11, Supplementary Estimates (B) 2010-11, and Supplementary Estimates (C) 2010-11. The committee brought a range of related issues to the attention of the Senate.

In its study of the Main Estimates 2010-11, the committee focused on issues such as the funding and operations of regional development agencies and Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, Canada Post and CBC/Radio-Canada. Furthermore, the committee once again considered the Extraordinary Financing Framework. It also spent several meetings looking at the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy and the functions of bankruptcy trustees and credit counsellors. As in most years, the committee heard from representatives of the Public Service Commission of Canada and the Auditor General.

The committee undertook a preliminary examination of the Main Estimates 2011-12 in March 2011. It presented an interim report to the Senate just before the dissolution of the 40th Parliament.

The committee also reported two bills: Bill C-9, Jobs and Economic Growth Act (reported with four amendments), and Bill C-47, Sustaining Canada's Economic Recovery Act (reported without amendment). The study of Bill C-47 was preceded by a study of the subject matter of the bill, but the committee did not report separately on the pre-study.

The committee also undertook a study of the costs and benefits of Canada's penny. The committee heard from stakeholders including representatives of the federal government, financial institutions, consumer associations, the retail industry, charitable organizations, universities, collectors and foreign governments. After hearing this testimony, the committee tabled a report in December 2010, recommending that Canada remove the penny from circulation. In doing so, the committee recommended that a voluntary symmetrical rounding system be implemented after consultation with all stakeholders, including the retail and service sectors as well as provincial and territorial governments.



Standing Committee on National Security and Defence

The Senate created the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence in 2001 during the 1st Session of the 37th Parliament. Since its inception, the committee has studied many important issues and recommended measures to improve Canadians' security and allow Canada to contribute to global security.



The Defence Committee travelled to CFB Edmonton in December 2010 to talk to troops and gather information for their study on Arctic security. Here, Deputy Chair Roméo Dallaire speaks to Brigadier-General Paul Wynnyk.

During the past fiscal year, the committee studied two pieces of legislation, Bill S-13, An Act to implement the Framework Agreement on Integrated Cross-Border Maritime Law Enforcement Operations between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America (reported with amendments) and Bill C-55, An Act to amend the Canadian Forces Members and Veterans Re-establishment and Compensation Act and the Pension Act (reported without amendment). The committee also studied a Senate Chamber motion by Senator William Rompkey that suggested a change to the official structural name of the Canadian navy, and tabled its report in December 2010 recommending the Senate pass a modified version of the motion.

The committee tabled two interim reports on its study on the national security and defence policies of Canada. The first, *Where We Go from Here: Canada's Mission in Afghanistan*, was tabled in June 2010. It dealt with the question of whether or not the Canadian Forces



Committee Chair Pamela Wallin led a delegation of members of the National Security and Defence Committee on a fact-finding mission to Washington, D.C., in February 2011. Here, the delegation meets with Canadian Ambassador to the United States Gary Doer.

should continue to play a role in Afghanistan after 2011. It recommended that Canada remain engaged in training and mentoring the Afghan National Army and the Afghan National Police beyond 2011. The second interim report, *Sovereignty & Security in Canada's Arctic*, was tabled in March 2011. The report examined the differences between "sovereignty" and "security," and recommended steps that Canada could take to improve its presence in the Far North. The committee conducted two fact-finding missions on this study. The first was to Canadian Forces Base Edmonton in December 2010. The second took place in February 2011, when the committee travelled to Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs



In the 3rd Session of the 40th Parliament, the Standing Senate Committee on National Security and Defence delegated to this subcommittee a mandate to study the services and benefits provided to members of the Canadian Forces, veterans, and members and former members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and their families.

Under this order of reference, the subcommittee continued a series of public hearings on the implementation of the New Veterans Charter. It heard from many senior government officials, stakeholders and academics to gather evidence for a report on the status of the Charter's implementation. At the time of the dissolution of the 40th Parliament, the subcommittee was considering a draft report.

Standing Committee on Official Languages

At the start of the fiscal year, the Committee on Official Languages continued its study on how Part VII of the *Official Languages Act* is being implemented. In particular, it aimed to evaluate how well federal bodies are complying with amendments to Part VII made in November 2005. After hearing from federal departments and agencies, official-language minority communities and legal experts, the committee published its report in June 2010. It concluded that while the government has made efforts to enforce the act, and while many departments have shown their commitment to using both official languages, there is still more to be done. The committee urged the government to increase its efforts to enforce the act across departments.

In the winter of 2009, the committee began an in-depth study of English-speaking communities in Quebec, examining their development and vitality (e.g. community development, education, youth, arts and culture, and health). The committee held public hearings in Ottawa as well as in Sherbrooke, Montréal and the city of Québec, to familiarize itself with the nature and challenges of the province's English-speaking communities. Its March 2011 report describes the relationships and disparities between these communities and the francophone majority, and makes 16 recommendations for addressing gaps in services to anglophone Quebecers.

In addition to studying these two topics, the committee examined the annual reports of the Commissioner of Official Languages, the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Treasury Board. It also looked at other issues relating to official languages, like minority-language teaching and media.



How are anglophone communities in Quebec faring? Members of the Committee on Official Languages travelled to some of these communities in 2010 to find out. Here, committee members visit the Morrin Centre, which boasts the only English library in the city of Québec (September 2010).

Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology

In the 3rd Session of the 40th Parliament, the Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology continued its study on Canadians' access to post-secondary education, wrapping up its hearings in June 2010. The committee also examined Health Canada's Proposal to Parliament for User Fees and Service Standards for Human Drugs and Medical Devices Programs in May 2010, recommending that it be approved.

The committee began a study on Canada's pandemic preparedness in September 2010 at the request of the Minister of Health. It tabled its final report, *Canada's Response to the 2009 H1N1 Pandemic*, in December, focusing on the role of the federal government in the pandemic response. The committee

felt that the response had indeed controlled the spread of H1N1 in Canada, but recommended ways that the response plans could be improved. For example, it recommended that the federal government clarify the responsibilities of the different levels of government in a pandemic, and that it secure a reliable backup source for vaccines in case initial supplies fail.

The committee resumed its study of social issues pertaining to Canada's largest cities in February 2011, hearing from witnesses on the study's second theme: social inclusion and cohesion.

The committee also studied the following bills in 2010–11:

- Bill C-268, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (minimum sentence for offences involving trafficking of persons under the age of eighteen years) (reported without amendment)
- Bill S-211, World Autism Awareness Day Act (reported with amendments)
- Bill S-203, National Philanthropy Day Act (reported with amendments)
- Bill C-34, Creating Canada's New National Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 Act (reported without amendment)





- Bill C-11, Balanced Refugee Reform Act (reported without amendment)
- Bill C-13, Fairness for Military Families (Employment Insurance) Act (reported without amendment)
- Bill C-40, Celebrating Canada's Seniors Act (reported without amendment)
- Bill C-36, Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (reported without amendment)
- Bill C-31, Eliminating Entitlements for Prisoners Act (reported without amendment)
- Bill C-35, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (reported without amendment)
- Bill C-442, National Holocaust Monument Act (reported without amendment)

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications



During the 3rd Session of the 40th Parliament, the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications continued its examination of the wireless sector in Canada's telecommunications industry. Part-way through its study, however, changes to the wireless sector broadened the committee's focus, leading it to address issues such as access to high-speed Internet, the supply of bandwidth, the nation-building role of wireless telecommunications, and the pace of the adoption of technological innovations.

In its report entitled *Plan for a Digital Canada*, tabled in the Senate on June 16, the committee urged the federal government to plan for a "digital society": a society where information technologies such as the Internet and smart phones are integrated into its economy and its delivery of services. The report suggested the government lead by example and integrate digital communications into its own operations to the extent that it uses such technology to run itself and to serve its citizens. The report also recommended that Canada present a strategy for ensuring that all citizens are included in this new digital society, avoiding the creation of "'information haves' and 'information have-nots.'"

Upon completing this study, the committee began another on the emerging issues related to the Canadian airline industry. Its mandate set out four main issues of focus: the global context, the domestic market, the industry's business relationship with its passengers, and the economic impact of airports. As part of this study,

the committee conducted a fact-finding visit to the Ottawa International Airport.

In addition to carrying out these special studies, the committee examined four bills:

- Bill C-42, Strengthening Aviation Security Act (reported without amendment)
- Bill C-28, An Act to promote the efficiency and adaptability of the Canadian economy by regulating certain activities that discourage reliance on electronic means of carrying out commercial activities, and to amend the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Act, the Competition Act, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act and the Telecommunications Act (reported without amendment)
- Bill S-5, Ensuring Safe Vehicles Imported from Mexico for Canadians Act (reported without amendment)
- Bill S-219, An Act to amend the Canada Post Corporation Act (rural postal services and the Canada Post Ombudsman) (not reported to the chamber before the end of the fiscal year)



Internal Standing Committees

CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR SENATORS

The Committee on Conflict of Interest for Senators was created under the *Rules of the Senate* to be responsible for all matters relating to the *Conflict of Interest Code for Senators* (adopted in 2005). It also exercises general direction over the Senate Ethics Officer.

The membership of the committee is determined by a process that differs from that of other committees. Two members are elected by secret ballot in each of the caucuses of the government and opposition parties. A fifth member is then chosen by these four members. To become chair of the committee, a member must have at least four votes.

INTERNAL ECONOMY, BUDGETS AND ADMINISTRATION

The Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration has a mandate to consider all matters of a financial or administrative nature relating to the internal management of the Senate. It reviews and authorizes the budget applications of committees and sets guidelines and policies on items such as senators' travel and budget expenditures. It also presents the Estimates of the Senate to the Senate Chamber for approval. Under the *Rules of the Senate*, this committee is authorized to carry out its mandate on its own initiative rather than being dependent on an order of reference from the Senate.

In fiscal year 2010–11, the committee tabled nine administrative reports, examining senators' proposed international travel budgets, the Senate's Main Estimates, the Senate's taxi policy, and budgets for Senate committees. It also produced four substantive reports. Two of these tabled external audits carried out to verify the Senate's financial statements. A third report recommended the Senate invite the Auditor General of Canada to carry out a performance audit of the Senate Administration. The last reported on audits carried out with respect to fiscal year 2009–10, the first year to be examined in the Senate's rolling three-year internal audit plan.

SELECTION

At the start of each parliamentary session, the Committee of Selection is appointed to undertake two functions: the nomination of a Speaker *pro tempore* and the nomination of senators to serve on most Senate committees. Fiscal year 2010–11 was encompassed by a single session, the 3rd Session of the 40th Parliament, which began on March 3, 2010, before the start of this fiscal year. The Selection Committee did not, therefore, table a report in 2010–11.



Auditor General Sheila Fraser appears before the Internal Economy Committee to discuss how she would conduct a performance audit of the Senate's administrative programs (October 2010).

Joint Standing Committees

RULES, PROCEDURES AND THE RIGHTS OF PARLIAMENT

In 1968, a Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders was established, following a report by the Special Committee on the *Rules of the Senate*, which had been appointed to examine the Rules and to recommend improvements. This committee was replaced in June 1991 by the Committee on Privileges, Standing Rules and Orders, which assumed the function of examining the orders, customs and privileges of the Senate, a function previously performed by the Committee on Privileges (a committee of all the senators present during the session). In September 2001, the committee adopted its current name to better reflect its mandate and responsibilities.

In 2010–11, the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament tabled three substantive reports. Two recommended amendments to the *Rules of the Senate* on questions of privilege and the elimination of reference to two inoperative joint committees. The committee also undertook a review of the Senate's committee structure, and made an initial report on the matter to the Senate.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

The Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament assists the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons in directing and controlling the Library of Parliament. It makes recommendations to the Speakers about the governance of the library and the purchase of books, maps or other articles.

In fiscal year 2010–11, the committee held eight meetings. It started a study of *Parliament 2020: Visioning the Future of Parliament*, a report commissioned by the Library of Parliament. It invited several witnesses to discuss the report's subject — in particular, how parliamentary libraries can develop new public outreach initiatives to bridge the gap between the public (especially young voters) and Parliament. The committee also held one meeting especially to prepare to study the Library of Parliament's Main Estimates for 2011–12 and examined the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2010–2011: Vote 10B.

SCRUTINY OF REGULATIONS

The mandate of the Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations is defined by the *Statutory Instruments Act*, which authorizes it to review and scrutinize certain statutory instruments made after January 1, 1972. Since 1980, the Senate and the House of Commons have renewed an additional order of reference at the beginning of each parliamentary session, authorizing the joint committee to study the means by which Parliament can better oversee and control the government's regulatory process. Taken together, these mandates allow the committee to inquire into, and report on, most aspects of the federal regulatory process.

In fiscal year 2010–11, the committee held 15 meetings. While the committee rarely calls witnesses, it did so this year. Ms. Laureen Kinney, Director General of Aviation Security at Transport Canada, appeared before the committee in December 2010.

In the Community and the World



Senator Ethel Cochrane addresses the Newfoundland & Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs (NLOWE) in March 2011.

As representatives of their geographic region, senators bring many local, regional, provincial and territorial issues to the attention of Parliament. They use statements, motions, inquiries and private senators' bills — the tools of debate in the Senate Chamber — and their influence on Parliament Hill to advocate for causes, often over a period of years. They also advocate for these causes away from Parliament Hill, talking to the media, participating in events, and lending their credibility to causes.

Beyond Canada, senators are representatives of their country and particularly of its bicameral parliament. They take part in Speakers' delegations that conduct diplomacy in other countries and participate in international conferences. They also take part in the many interparliamentary groups and associations on Parliament Hill. These non-partisan groups of senators and members of the House of Commons work with legislators all over the world on issues of shared interest like human rights, international law and world economics. Many associations are bilateral and allow better cooperation between Canada and particular countries or regions.

In 2010–11, senators participated in the 16 recognized interparliamentary associations and groups:

- Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association
- Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association — Canadian Delegation to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly
- Canadian Branch of the *Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie*
- Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
- Canadian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association
- Canadian Section of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas
- Canada-China Legislative Association
- Canada-France Interparliamentary Association
- Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group
- Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association
- Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group
- Canada-Germany Interparliamentary Group
- Canada-Ireland Interparliamentary Group
- Canada-Israel Interparliamentary Group
- Canada-Italy Interparliamentary Group



Senator Claudette Tardif (with former Senator Dan Hays, left) represents the Canadian delegation to the 37th annual meeting of the Canada-France Interparliamentary Association in August 2010.





The Speaker of the Senate

Wearing traditional black robes and tab collar, the Speaker of the Senate presides from the dais at the head of the chamber during Senate sittings. The role of the Speaker is effectively that of “chair” of the Senate when it meets; he ensures that proper procedure is followed and decorum is maintained. He hosts ceremonies that take place in the chamber, including Royal Assent to bills, the swearing-in of the Governor General and senators, and the opening of Parliament.

The Speaker stands fourth in the order of precedence for Canada, after Her Majesty the Queen, who is represented in Canada by the Governor General; the Prime Minister; and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. In this role, he conducts diplomatic missions to other countries and their legislatures, often leading delegations of Canada’s parliamentarians. He also receives foreign diplomats, prime ministers, presidents and high-ranking officials during their visits to Canada and to Parliament Hill.

The Speaker as Presiding Officer



The Speaker of the Senate is its presiding officer. Sittings of the Senate begin with the entrance of the Speaker's Parade and conclude when the Speaker leaves the chamber after adjournment. During the sitting, he assists senators in the orderly conduct of their proceedings by formally leading them through the *Order Paper and Notice Paper*, the daily business of the Senate. From time to time, he rules on disputes in the chamber over proper procedure. At all times, he ensures the order and decorum of the proceedings.

In 2010–11, Speaker Kinsella made eight formal rulings on procedure. They can be read at <http://sen.parl.gc.ca/nkinsella/English/Rulings-e.htm>.

PRESIDING OFFICER OF CEREMONIES IN THE SENATE

In the Senate Chamber, the Speaker presides over formal and official parliamentary ceremonies. This year, he presided over the following:

- May 26, 2010** Swearing-in of the Honourable David Braley
- July 12, 2010** Ceremony of Royal Assent
- July 12, 2010** Swearing-in of the Honourable Salma Ataullahjan

- October 1, 2010** Installation of His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada

- November 5, 2010** Ceremony of Remembrance
- November 25, 2010** Swearing-in of the 2010–11 Senate pages
- December 15, 2010** Ceremony of Royal Assent
- February 1, 2011** Swearing-in of the Honourable Don Meredith and the Honourable Larry Smith



OUTREACH EVENTS

Speaker Kinsella hosted a number of events and attended others on behalf of the Senate during the year. Among them were the following:

- April 13, 2010** Reception in honour of the Council of Arab League Ambassadors to Canada and the Canada-Arab World Parliamentary Association
- April 14, 2010** Reception in honour of His Excellency David Jacobson, Ambassador of the United States of America to Canada, held by the board of directors of the Canadian American Business Council
- April 15, 2010** Visit to the Polish Embassy to sign the book of condolences for the late President of the Republic of Poland, Lech Kaczynski
- April 19, 2010** Tribute to the Honourable Wilbert Keon by the Canadian Medical Association
- April 19, 2010** Israel Independence Day reception
- April 20, 2010** Meeting with representatives of the New Brunswick Police Association
- April 20, 2010** Meeting with representatives of Irving Consumer Products
- April 20, 2010** Meeting with representatives of the Dairy Farmers of New Brunswick hosted by the Honourable Greg Thompson
- April 21, 2010** Farewell dinner for His Excellency Stanislav Opiela, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic, hosted by the Ambassador of Hungary
- April 22, 2010** Reception in honour of Canada's winter Olympic and Paralympic athletes
- May 2, 2010** Sixty-fifth anniversary ceremony of the victory in the Battle of the Atlantic, National War Memorial, Ottawa
- May 3, 2010** Reception in commemoration of the Third of May 1791 Constitution of Poland with His Excellency Bogdan Borusewicz, Speaker of the Senate of the Republic of Poland
- May 4, 2010** Meeting with representatives of the Saint John Port Authority
- May 7, 2010** Retirement reception for the Right Honourable Herb Gray
- May 11, 2010** Forty-fifth annual National Prayer Breakfast
- May 11, 2010** Farewell reception for the Honourable Wilbert Keon for his contributions to the Senate of Canada from 1990 to 2010



- May 12, 2010** Reception in honour of His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, hosted by Speaker Kinsella
- May 12, 2010** Visit of the Parliamentary Spouses Association and the Heads of Missions Spouses Association to the Senate Chamber on the occasion of a coffee morning hosted by Mrs. Ann Kinsella
- May 22, 2010** Cultural Gala Night by the Asian Heritage Society of New Brunswick
- May 25, 2010** Reception in honour of Argentina's National Day hosted by the Ambassador, His Excellency Arturo Guillermo Bothamley
- May 25, 2010** Reception in honour of Air Force Day hosted by the Air Force Association of Canada
- June 1, 2010** Celebration of Arab Day 2010, Château Laurier, Ottawa
- June 2, 2010** Reception held by the New Brunswick Maple Syrup Association
- June 7, 2010** "Welcome Back to the Hill" reception for the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians and presentation of the Distinguished Service Award
- June 7, 2010** Meeting with representatives of the Canadian Association for Community Living
- June 7, 2010** Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians Memorial Service: A Celebration of Public Lives and Public Service
- June 9, 2010** Reception in honour of the restoration of the Ascension window at the St. James Parish, Barbados
- June 9, 2010** Reception in honour of the Canadian Parliamentary Intern Program
- June 11, 2010** Senate of Canada Employee Awards breakfast
- June 15, 2010** Meeting with representatives of the Moncton 2010 International Association of Athletics Federations' World Junior Championships
- June 17, 2010** The annual Speaker's Barbecue
- June 21, 2010** Visit with members of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Royal New Zealand Navy hosted by Speaker Kinsella and the Honourable Fabian Manning
- June 21, 2010** Information session for the Saint John Port Authority hosted by Speaker Kinsella



June 22, 2010	Address to the banquet of the 2010 Intelligence Community Conference
June 23, 2010	Farewell breakfast in honour of the Senate pages
July 12, 2010	Dinner in honour of Anne Leahy, Ambassador of Canada to the Holy See
July 15, 2010	St. Thomas University Summer Convocation
July 19, 2010	Opening ceremony of the International Association of Athletics Federations' World Junior Championships in Moncton, New Brunswick
August 12, 2010	Visit of His Eminence Telesphore P. Cardinal Toppo to the Senate of Canada
August 20, 2010	HMCS Fredericton Bike for Wishes
August 26, 2010	Inspection of the Guard of the City of Fredericton
September 15, 2010	Lunch and reception for the diplomatic corps hosted by Speaker Kinsella and House of Commons Speaker Peter Milliken at Upper Canada Village and <i>HMCS Fredericton</i>
September 22, 2010	Eighty-sixth annual Thomas More Lawyers Guild of Toronto Red Mass
September 27, 2010	Farewell reception in honour of Her Excellency the Governor General Michaëlle Jean and His Excellency Jean-Daniel Lafond
September 30, 2010	Reception to celebrate 20 years of German unity
September 30, 2010	Reception on the occasion of the 61st anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China
September 30, 2010	Reception on the occasion of the 41st anniversary of the Great First of September Revolution, National Day of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
October 2, 2010	Presentation of the John Sweeney Award to Speaker Kinsella at St. Jerome's University, Waterloo
October 3, 2010	Address to the 2010–11 Christian Culture Series at Assumption University, Windsor, Ontario
October 26, 2010	Farewell luncheon for His Excellency Lan Lijun, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, hosted by Speaker Kinsella
October 26, 2010	Reception in honour of the St. Thomas University alumni





- October 28, 2010** True Patriot Love New Brunswick–Prince Edward Island Dinner, Fredericton, New Brunswick
- November 2, 2010** Reception on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic
- November 4, 2010** Visit of the participants of the Teachers Institute on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy to the Senate Chamber
- November 5, 2010** Presentation of the Grand Officier de l'Ordre de la Pléiade to Speaker Kinsella
- November 15, 2010** Banquet address to the annual general meeting of the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists in Montréal
- November 16, 2010** Homecoming on the Hill Reception hosted by the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations
- November 16, 2010** Meeting with representatives of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations
- November 19, 2010** Visit of the Sault Ste. Marie Wildcats to the Senate of Canada
- November 19, 2010** Reception in honour of the 225th anniversary of Fredericton High School
- November 24, 2010** Meeting with Ms. Evaline Apoko, a former captive of Ugandan rebels and a spokesperson for young people in armed conflicts
- November 24, 2010** Dinner in honour of Monsignor Liam Bergin, Rector of the Irish Pontifical College, on the occasion of his first visit to Canada, hosted by Speaker Kinsella
- November 24, 2010** Ceremony for the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the Father Sean O'Sullivan Meditation Room
- November 30, 2010** Reception to celebrate the appointment of the Honourable Salma Ataullahjan to the Senate of Canada
- November 30, 2010** Farewell reception for the Honourable Jean Lapointe honouring his contributions to the Senate of Canada from 2001 to 2010
- December 2, 2010** Christmas Lights Across Canada ceremony
- December 3, 2010** Speaker of the Senate's annual Christmas party

December 7, 2010	Reception on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Italian unification
December 7, 2010	Reception for Chiefs of Protocol Conference
December 8, 2010	Farewell dinner for His Excellency Anthony Cary, High Commissioner of the United Kingdom
December 14, 2010	Meeting with Mr. Christophe Kervégant-Tanguy, CEO of the Association of Universities of the Canadian Francophonie (AUFC)
December 16, 2010	Farewell reception for the Ambassador of Croatia, Her Excellency Vesela Mrden Korac
February 1, 2011	Visit of participants in the Canadian Bureau for International Education Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program to the Senate of Canada
February 9, 2011	Speaker Kinsella hosts members of the 30th Field Artillery Regiment at the Senate of Canada
February 10, 2011	Reception in celebration of the Day of the Diplomatic Service
February 11, 2011	Kennebecasis Valley High School Crusaders Reach for the Top team visits the Senate of Canada
March 3, 2011	Farewell reception in honour of Mr. Fidel Coloma, Counsellor, Embassy of Chile
March 3, 2011	Presentation of the Canadian Martin Luther King Day Coalition 2011 DreamKEEPERS Lifetime Award to the Honourable Donald Oliver, the Senate's Speaker <i>pro tempore</i>
March 9, 2011	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Commonwealth Day reception
March 10, 2011	Meeting with the recipients of the first annual John Diefenbaker Defender of Human Rights and Freedom Award
March 21, 2011	Annual investiture ceremony of the <i>Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie</i> Order of the Pléiade



The Speaker as Diplomat

PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGES

Canada promotes stronger relations with other states and their legislatures through parliamentary exchanges. There is no substitute for personal contact as parliamentarians promote our national interest, learn about other nations and seek international common ground. The Speaker is frequently called upon to host and greet representatives and delegations from other legislatures and governments when they visit Canada. He also makes diplomatic visits and leads parliamentary delegations abroad.

INCOMING VISITS

May 1 to 9, 2010

Visit of His Excellency Bogdan Borusewicz, Speaker of the Senate of the Republic of Poland, and a parliamentary delegation

May 30 to June 5, 2010

Visit to Canada of His Excellency Dr. Yahya Mahfoodh Al Manthri, Chairman of the State Council of the Sultanate of Oman, and a parliamentary delegation

June 15 to 16, 2010

Visit to the Parliament of Canada by Mr. Yvon Vallières, MNA, President of the National Assembly of Quebec

June 27 to 29, 2010

Visit to Canada of His Most Eminent Highness the Prince Fra' Matthew Festing, Grand Master of the Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta, and a delegation

September 2 to 5, 2010

Consultation with the presiding officers of the upper and unicameral houses of the G20 nations, Ottawa

Following the G20 Summit held in Toronto, the Speaker of the Senate welcomed the Speakers and other officials of legislative upper chambers and of unicameral legislatures of the G20 nations to Ottawa in September 2010 for discussions on food security in the context of global food supply problems. Legislative officials from many nations across the world joined the Speaker for a thorough discussion in the Senate Chamber on this topic, which was to become the subject of an important international debate in the months to follow.

October 20 to 23, 2010

Visit to Canada of His Excellency Blaz Kavcic, President of the National Council of the Republic of Slovenia, and a parliamentary delegation

November 1 to 5, 2010

Visit to Canada of His Excellency Trajko Veljanoski, President of the Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, and a parliamentary delegation



- November 2 to 7, 2010** Visit to Canada of His Excellency Mircea Geoana, President of the Senate of Romania
- February 8 to 11, 2011** Visit to the Senate of Canada of the Honourable Paul Okalik, MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut

OUTGOING VISITS

- October 10 to 14, 2010** Speaker Kinsella leads a parliamentary delegation to the Czech Republic
- October 14 to 20, 2010** Speaker Kinsella leads a parliamentary delegation to Slovakia, the Holy See, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, and Italy

- October 17, 2010** Speaker Kinsella and a parliamentary delegation visit the Holy See on the occasion of the canonization of Brother André

- January 12 to 15, 2011** Speaker Kinsella leads a parliamentary delegation to the Kingdom of Bahrain
- January 16, 2011** Speaker Kinsella leads a parliamentary delegation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- January 19 to 25, 2011** Speaker Kinsella leads a parliamentary delegation to the Republic of Turkey

OTHER OFFICIAL EVENTS

In fiscal year 2010–11, the Speaker of the Senate received the following individuals:

- May 11, 2010** Visit of Mr. Lu Yongxiang, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) of the People's Republic of China
- May 27, 2010** Visit of His Excellency Felipe Calderon Hinojosa, President of the United Mexican States, to the Parliament of Canada
- June 25, 2010** Visit by His Excellency Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China
- December 8, 2010** Visit of members of the Saudi-Canadian Parliamentary Friendship Committee of the Majlis Ash Shura (Consultative Council) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- February 8, 2011** Visit of the Honourable Richard Sealy, Minister of Tourism of Barbados



PROTOCOL AND DIPLOMATIC EVENTS

As part of his role as a representative of Canada, Parliament and the Senate, the Speaker also hosts and takes part in many official events both at home and abroad. This year, the Speaker participated in the following special events:

May 25, 2010

Unveiling of the portrait of the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien

June 3, 2010

Unveiling of works of art given to the Parliament of Canada by the Government of New Zealand

June 18, 2010

Speaker Kinsella and House of Commons Speaker Peter Milliken host the diplomatic corps in Kingston, Ontario

December 9, 2010

Ceremony for the unveiling of the carved corbel of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

February 1, 2011

Meeting of His Excellency Edward Evelyn Greaves, High Commissioner of Barbados, with participants of the CBIE Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program in the Senate of Canada

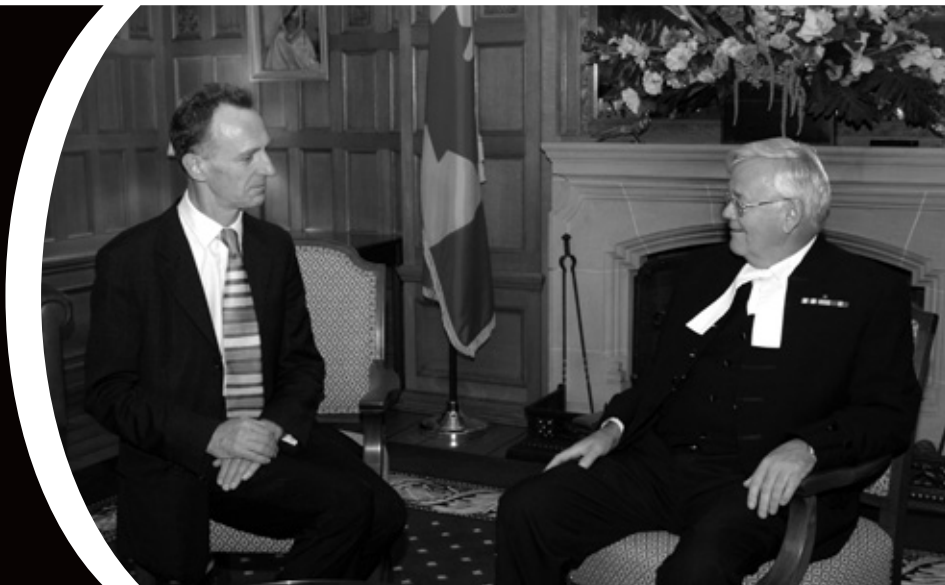
March 22, 2011

Speaker Kinsella and His Excellency Edward Evelyn Greaves, High Commissioner of Barbados, host a reception for the launch of the book *Some Barbadian Canadians*

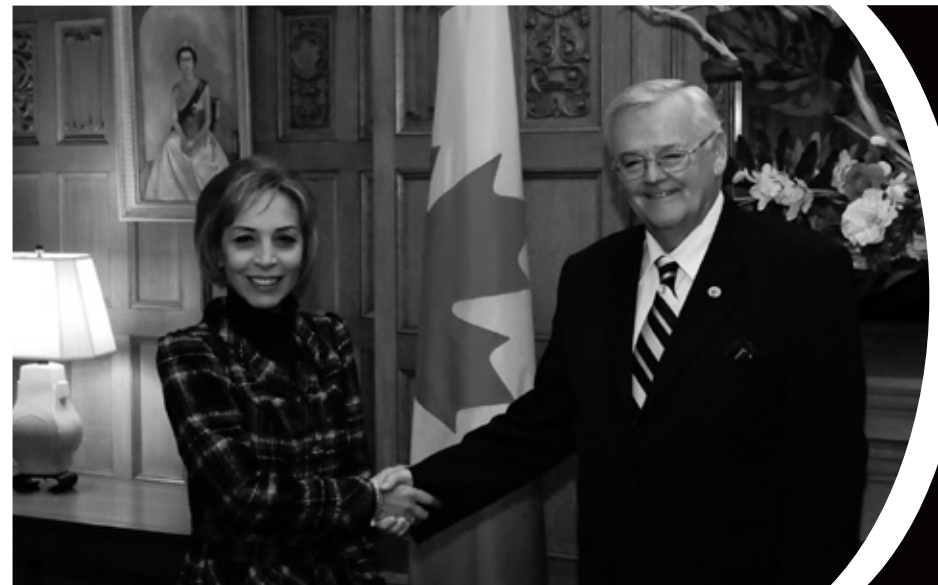


COURTESY CALLS

The Speaker often receives foreign delegations, high commissioners and ambassadors, as well as other Canadian and foreign dignitaries and officials. This fiscal year, Speaker Kinsella held courtesy calls with representatives of Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, India, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Latvia, Macedonia, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, New Zealand, Paraguay, Poland, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the United States, Venezuela and Vietnam. He also met with the Kuwait Friendship Group and representatives of the Holy See, the United Nations, and of the Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar People.



Speaker Kinsella and His Excellency Anthony Cary, British High Commissioner, discuss Canadian-British relations.



Speaker Kinsella greets Her Excellency Jhannett Maria Madriz Sotillo, Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to Canada, on October 26, 2010.

The Royal Tour 2010



Her Majesty the Queen of Canada and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh were in Canada from June 28 to July 6, 2010. Their Royal Tour began in Halifax, and continued on to the National Capital Region, Winnipeg, Toronto and Kitchener-Waterloo. The Speaker of the Senate was pleased to join them as a representative of the Senate on a number of occasions.

Speaker Kinsella greeted the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at a luncheon at CFB Halifax hosted by Minister of National Defence Peter MacKay. He was aboard *HMCS Toronto* during the Sail-Past, wearing his uniform as an honorary captain of the Royal Canadian Navy, as Her Majesty reviewed the fleet from the deck of *HMCS St. John's*. The ceremony was part of the celebration of the centennial of the navy.

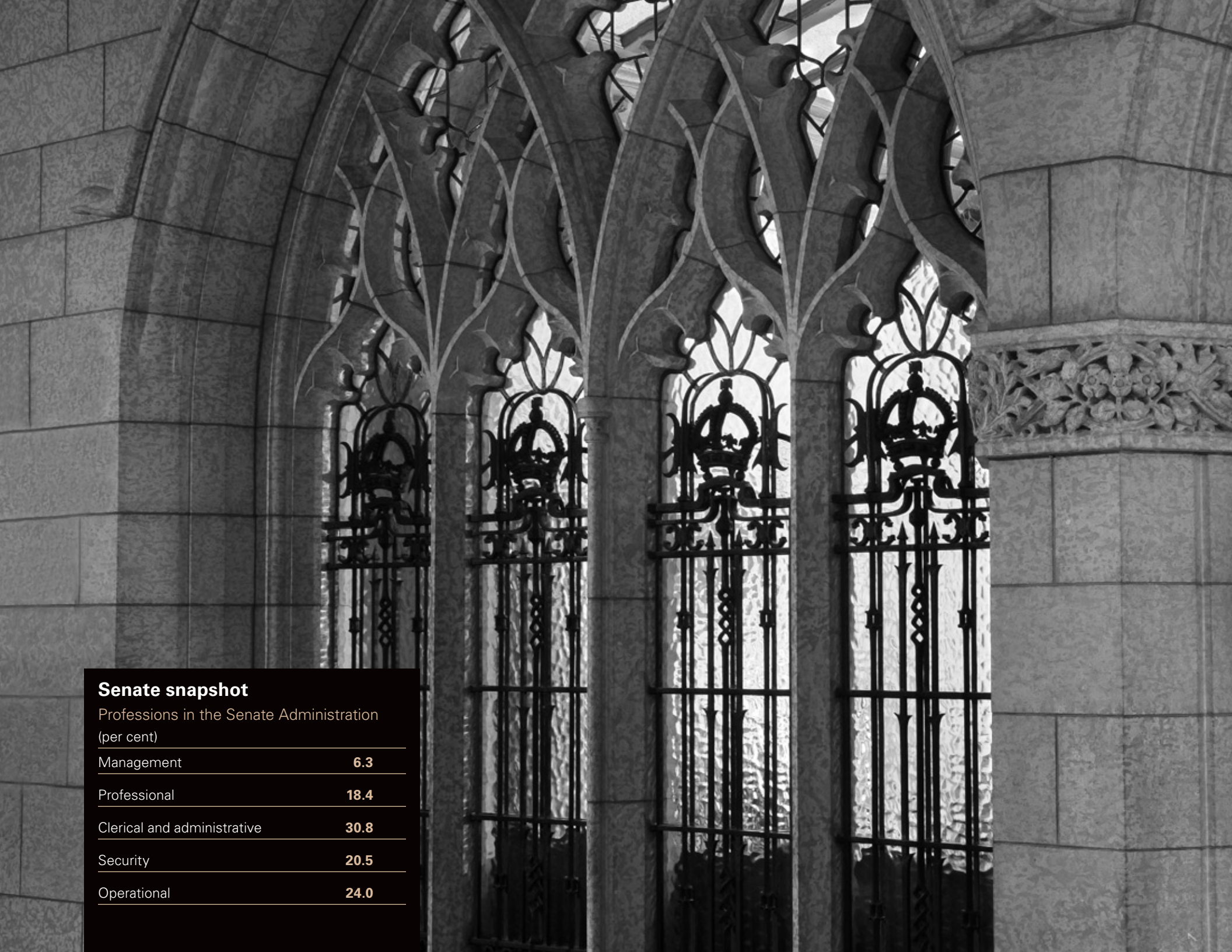
In anticipation of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee year, two art projects were commissioned by the Senate for the foyer of the Senate on Parliament Hill. The first is a portrait of the Queen carved in stone by the Dominion Sculptor, Phil White, destined to be added to the Sovereign's Arches opposite the Senate antechamber. The second is a magnificent stained-glass window to be produced by Goodman Zissoff Stained Glass Studio of Kelowna,

British Columbia, with two major panels, one bearing the likeness of Queen Victoria and the other that of Queen Elizabeth II. They are Canada's only reigning monarchs to celebrate their Diamond Jubilees. On June 30, the Speaker welcomed the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at a ceremony at Rideau Hall, where Her Majesty first unveiled a maquette of the carved portrait, followed by the design for the Diamond Jubilee window. She was delighted with both.

The next day, Speaker Kinsella welcomed Her Majesty and His Royal Highness to Parliament Hill for the celebration of Canada Day, with larger than usual crowds present. After the traditional fly-past of the Snowbirds, the noon show featured performances by Canadian artists.

Finally, the Speaker of the Senate was present for the reception and dinner in honour of the Queen on July 5, hosted at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto by Prime Minister Harper and Mrs. Harper.





Senate snapshot

Professions in the Senate Administration
(per cent)

Management	6.3
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Professional	18.4
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Clerical and administrative	30.8
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Security	20.5
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Operational	24.0
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The Senate's

Administration and Finances

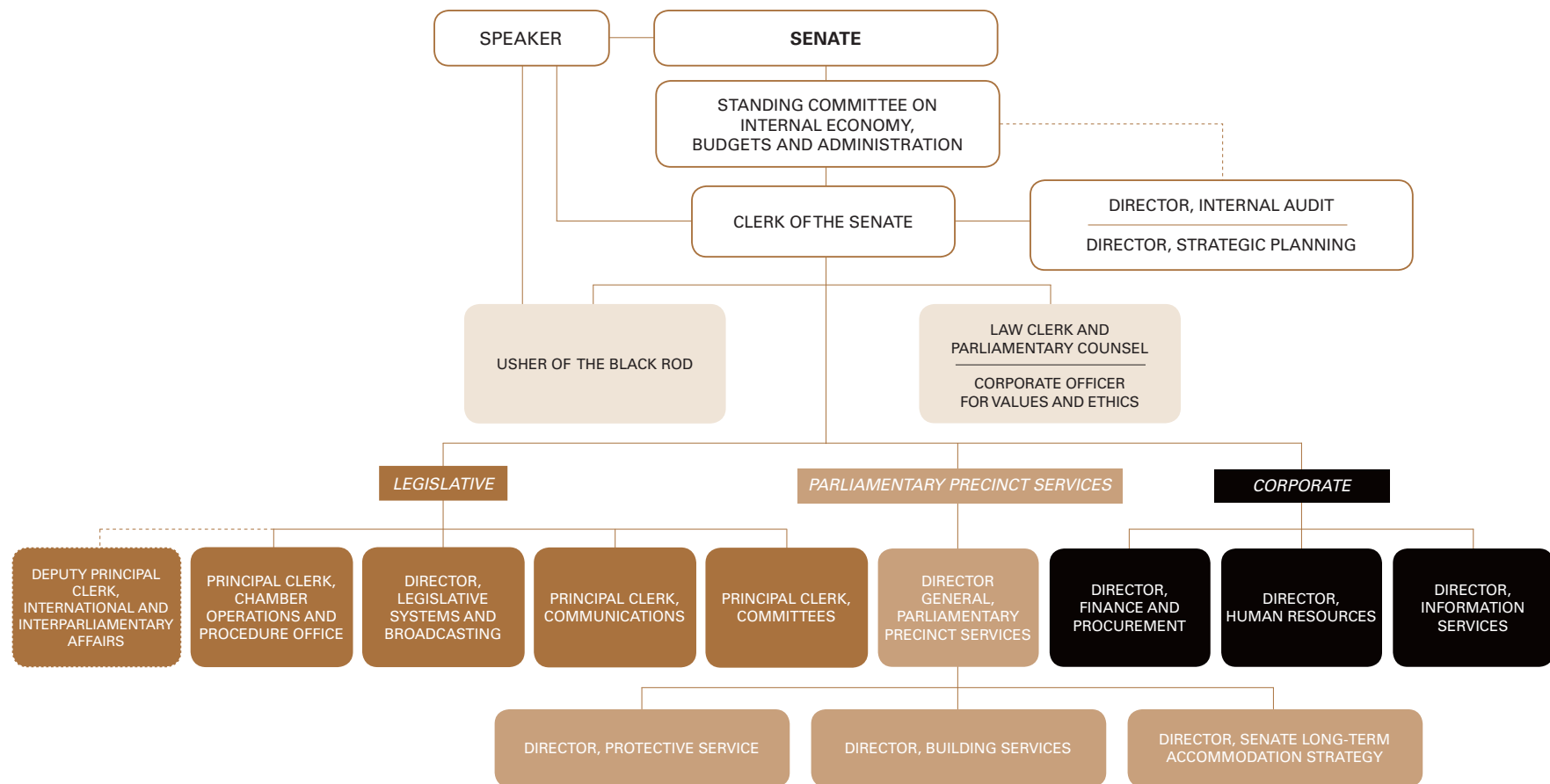
Senators work on public policy issues in the chamber, the committee room, in the community and on the world stage. But they would be hard pressed to do this without the supporting pillars of the Senate's administrative team and finances.

Without committee clerks, stenographers and security staff, there would be no committee meetings. Without computer and audio-visual technology experts, there would be no Internet, no telephones, and no broadcast of the Speech from the Throne or Senate proceedings. Without employees to keep buildings heated and in good repair, there would be nowhere for senators to meet and work. Senators rely on employees in communications, printing, cleaning, transportation, shipping, finance, human resources, publishing, maintenance and many other areas to allow them to concentrate on their job as parliamentarians. Together, these employees compose the professional body known as the Senate Administration.

Under the direction of the Standing Senate Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and the Clerk of the Senate, it is this team that also helps manage the Senate's finances. As a modern public institution, the Senate strives for transparency, accountability and expenditure control.

The Senate Administration

The Senate's administrative functions and budgets are overseen by the Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration. This committee of 15 senators is responsible for approving administrative policy and overseeing the work of the Senate Administration. It also reviews and allocates the budgets of Senate committees, as well as funds for Senate-related activities not accounted for in senators' office budgets.



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MEMBERS OF THE STANDING SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL ECONOMY, BUDGETS AND ADMINISTRATION ON MARCH 31, 2011*

David Tkachuk, chair
George J. Furey, deputy chair
Larry W. Campbell
Claude Carignan
Gerald J. Comeau
Jane Cordy
Consiglio Di Nino
Percy E. Downe
Stephen Greene
Mobina S. B. Jaffer
Noël A. Kinsella
Elizabeth (Beth) Marshall
Jim Munson
Marie-P. Poulin (Charette)
Carolyn Stewart Olsen

** A complete list of senators who served on this committee in 2010–11 can be found in Appendix E.*

THE CLERK OF THE SENATE

The Clerk of the Senate, who is also the Clerk of the Parliaments, acts as clerk of Senate Chamber sittings. In addition, he is responsible for the Senate Administration's day-to-day operations. In this capacity, he reports to the Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, and is supported by a senior management team that implements his vision.

Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the Parliaments on March 31, 2011

Gary W. O'Brien

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM, SENATE ADMINISTRATION, ON MARCH 31, 2011

Director, Internal Audit; Director, Strategic Planning

Jill Anne Joseph

Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel; Corporate Officer for Values and Ethics

Mark Audcent

Usher of the Black Rod

Kevin MacLeod

Director General, Parliamentary Precinct Services

Gilles Duguay

Director, Senate Long-Term Accommodation Strategy

Brigitte Desjardins

Director, Building Services

Marysa Oueriemmi

Director, Protective Service

Pat McDonell

Principal Clerk, Committees

Heather Lank

Principal Clerk, Chamber Operations and Procedure Office

Charles Robert

Principal Clerk, Communications

Blair Armitage

Director, Legislative Systems and Broadcasting

Diane Boucher

Director, Finance and Procurement

Nicole Proulx

Comptroller

Bonnie Marga

Director, Human Resources

Linda Dodd

Director, Information Services

Hélène Bouchard

Strategic Vision

This fiscal year, the Senate Administration continued to improve its services to senators and to streamline its internal processes. In 2010–11, this resulted in a 3.5 per cent reduction in spending over the previous year. The Administration's process of continual improvement is guided by a clear strategic vision, strong performance reporting and a supporting results framework.

VISION AND MISSION

To provide exemplary support to senators in discharging their parliamentary duties

STRATEGIC OUTCOME

To provide the best possible environment for senators to effectively contribute to federal legislation and public policy issues in the best interest of all Canadians

INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES

- A:** Advice, products and processes that support legislative and policy-issue decision making
- B:** Stewardship of parliamentary traditions
- C:** An informed citizenry with respect to the Senate and its work
- D:** Advice, products and processes that support bilateral and multilateral relationships
- E:** Sound management with the best use of resources
- F:** A representative, well-trained and productive workforce
- G:** A safe, secure and accessible environment

Progress on Strategic Priorities in 2010–11

Under the strategic framework, the Clerk of the Senate sets priorities for concrete achievements in the Senate Administration. The Administration's offices and directorates worked successfully toward its goals under the Clerk's strategic priority areas in fiscal year 2010–11.

IMPROVING OUR DELIVERY AND PROCESS

Demonstrating more transparent public management

- The 2009–10 Audited Financial Statements of the Senate of Canada were tabled in November 2010. The Senate's first-ever audited statements received an unqualified audit opinion from independent audit firm KPMG.
- Financial reports on senators' and the Clerk of the Senate's expenditures, as well as Senate Administration contracts above \$10,000, were publicly disclosed for the first time. These reports will now be made every quarter.
- Automatically updated reports were developed for the Senate Administration's managers, providing them access to their actual budgets and human resources information from their desktop.
- A series of risk management workshops were held to further integrate effective risk management into operations and project management.
- The fourth annual *Senate Administration Performance Report* was published and distributed to all senators.

- Training was conducted with senior and middle managers, as well as other employees in the Senate Administration, on performance measurement.

Exploring partnership opportunities

- A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was reached with Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC). Under this agreement, PWGSC will compensate the Senate for coordinating and communicating the Senate's needs for work space and building maintenance under Parliament's Long Term Vision and Plan.
- The Senate collaborated with Algonquin College to establish a co-op program for students in Algonquin's Materiel Management and Inventory Program.
- The Senate reviewed the new printing operations of the House of Commons printing services in order to validate the Senate's operational settings and ascertain production trends in print products as part of its initiative to reduce printing runs and costs.



Strengthening security

- The screening facility at the vehicle entrance of Parliament Hill was updated to include a larger operations facility, a vehicle crash barrier and a third search lane to allow more efficient screening of construction vehicles during the renovation of the West Block.
- The Senate Protective Service worked in partnership with the House of Commons Security Service (HCSS) and the RCMP to plan the modernization of certain integrated aspects of security on Parliament Hill for current and future needs.

- Awareness sessions were given to senators and employees on the continuity of constitutional government and of Senate business in times of catastrophe (under the Continuity of Constitutional Government initiative and the Senate Business Continuity Management Program).
- A joint concept of operations was discussed with the HCSS for the anticipated move of members of the Senate and the House of Commons to the Wellington Building due to renovations to the East and West Blocks of Parliament Hill.

Leveraging IM/IT

- Audio and video of the Senate's committee proceedings were made available to the public on demand on the ParlVu website.
- The Function-Based Classification System and the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule, new measures in document archiving, were approved by the Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration.
- A system for sending electronic copies of blues (unedited transcripts of committee meetings and Senate sittings) to senators' offices was put into place. The system reduces the use of paper and is more efficient than the previous system of faxed transcripts.
- Phase one of the redesign of the Senate's Web portal was completed, creating the *sen.parl.gc.ca* gateway.

- The information architecture design and metadata model for the electronic and records management system was completed.
- The use of a central web-based repository for work-plan documents was piloted. The pilot project used Microsoft Sharepoint and enabled users to share, and collaborate on, yearly work plans.
- Software was designed and put into place for use by the Senate's table officers during sittings. It replaces hand-written logs to record the speakers and the length of speeches on each item on the *Order Paper and Notice Paper*, as well as votes.
- Data and process maps for the Legislative Systems Renewal initiative were developed, working towards a system to capture, cross-reference and make searchable all of the Senate's legislative information.
- The Senate moved closer to putting into place the Electronic Document and Records Management System by adopting an email directive and an e-file naming convention.
- The functional and multimedia requirements, design and architectural drawings for a new committee room in the Wellington Building were completed.
- The Senate contributed to the renewed Parliament of Canada website and the redesign of the LEGISinfo portal.

REINFORCING RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

Updating financial processes

- Senate Administration expenditures were reviewed to identify spending reductions needed to compensate for mandatory spending increases (incremental salary increases, for example) without raising overall costs.
- The reallocation of financial resources between offices or directorates was enhanced to include a thorough review of such requests by the Human Resources and Finance Subcommittee of the Administration's senior management committee.

Internal audit

- Almost all employees participated in audit awareness sessions. These sessions informed them of how a performance audit is carried out and how it may involve or affect them.
- *The Annual Report on Internal Audits 2009-2010* was finalized and tabled in the Senate.

- In the latter half of the fiscal year, the Senate Administration collaborated with the Office of the Auditor General to plan and launch a performance audit.
- The internal audit of the Senate's Long Term Vision and Plan was completed.

Reinforcing environmental stewardship

- An assessment of current practices in printing and distribution of documents was carried out with a view to reducing environmental impact and printing costs.
- The number of official documents printed by the Senate was reduced by almost 40 per cent, and printing costs by just over \$175,000, from the previous year.

SUPPORTING OUR PEOPLE

Promoting values and ethics

- A code of conduct for employees of the Senate Administration was drafted and presented to the Senior Management Committee.
- Three meetings of the Ethics Subcommittee of the Management Committee were held and the Corporate Officer for Values and Ethics gave presentations on ethics to 11 groups of employees.
- The Senate Administration's values and ethics were integrated into all its job competitions through new behavioural competencies and related interview questions.
- The Corporate Officer for Values and Ethics gave a presentation on the ethics involved in social media to the Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel.

Succession management program

- Leadership competencies and the *Competency-Based Management Manual* were developed and information sessions were provided.
- The Succession Management Program was approved by the Committee on Internal Economy and launched.



Summary Financial Statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2011



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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Chair of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, the Senate of Canada

The accompanying summary financial statements of the Senate of Canada, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at March 31, 2011 and the summary statement of operations and deficit for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, of the Senate of Canada as at and for the year ended March 31, 2011.

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated September 18, 2011.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian public sector accounting standards applied in the preparation of the audited financial statements of the Senate of Canada. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of the Senate of Canada.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements on the basis described in note 1.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements."

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of the Senate of Canada as at and for the year ended March 31, 2011 are a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with the basis described in note 1.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KPMG LLP' with a horizontal line underneath.

Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants
February 20, 2012
Ottawa, Canada

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

March 31, 2011, with comparative figures for 2010

(In dollars)	2011	2010
Assets		
Financial assets:		
Deposits on hand at year end	\$ 6,160	\$ 7,327
Due from the Consolidated Revenue Fund	3,048,347	4,051,274
Accounts receivable and advances	347,589	387,800
	3,402,096	4,446,401
Non-financial assets:		
Tangible capital assets	5,123,359	5,679,869
Prepaid expenses	73,888	–
	5,197,247	5,679,869
Total assets	\$ 8,599,343	\$ 10,126,270
Liabilities and Deficit		
Financial liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 3,227,674	\$ 4,347,422
Vacation pay and compensatory leave	1,644,855	2,037,614
Employee severance benefits	8,859,888	8,203,081
	13,732,417	14,588,117
Deficit of the Senate of Canada	(5,133,074)	(4,461,847)
Total liabilities and deficit	\$ 8,599,343	\$ 10,126,270

See accompanying notes to summary financial statements.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND DEFICIT

Year ended March 31, 2011, with comparative figures for 2010

(In dollars)	Budget (unaudited)	2011	2010
Expenses:			
Expenses subject to budgetary spending authorities:			
Salaries and benefits	\$ 66,716,304	\$ 67,816,972	\$ 66,697,994
Transportation and communications	13,500,235	11,985,257	12,883,669
Professional services, hospitality and meals	7,026,570	3,674,563	4,541,731
Machinery and equipment	1,795,130	834,512	1,059,919
Repairs and maintenance	1,660,802	1,266,501	1,387,191
Materials and supplies	1,036,659	912,763	986,366
Information and publications	523,700	724,720	792,371
Rentals	64,700	221,881	215,436
Miscellaneous	–	(13,498)	17,876
Contribution to external organizations	547,000	373,411	414,431
	\$ 92,871,100	87,797,082	88,996,984
Other expenses:			
Services provided without charge:			
Accommodation		12,172,745	11,801,286
Employer's contribution to the health and dental insurance plans		4,782,714	4,797,435
Workers' compensation services		190,369	189,716
Amortization of tangible capital assets		1,223,476	1,704,184
		18,369,304	18,492,621
Total expenses		106,166,386	107,489,605
Revenues:			
Refund of prior year expenditures		(107,272)	605,091
Proceeds on disposal of public goods		7,390	11,405
Miscellaneous revenues		2,157	3,014
Total revenues		(97,725)	619,510
Net cost of operations		106,264,111	106,870,095
Funded by:			
Net cash provided from the Consolidated Revenue Fund		89,449,983	90,262,907
Change in due from the Consolidated Revenue Fund		(1,002,927)	(619,562)
Services provided without charge		17,145,828	16,788,437
Total funds provided		105,592,884	106,431,782
Increase in the deficit of the Senate of Canada		(671,227)	(438,313)
Deficit of the Senate of Canada, beginning of year		(4,461,847)	(4,023,534)
Deficit of the Senate of Canada, end of year		\$ (5,133,074)	\$ (4,461,847)

See accompanying notes to summary financial statements.

NOTES TO SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended March 31, 2011

The Senate of Canada (the “Senate”) is a self-governing institution, established under the *Constitution Act, 1867*, and its authority to act on all financial and administrative matters is provided under the *Parliament of Canada Act*. The Senate has four main functions: to debate; to legislate; to investigate national issues; and to represent regional, provincial and minority interests. Senators perform these functions either individually through their offices or collectively through deliberations in the Senate Chamber and in committees. The Senate Administration provides the support services required by senators in the performance of these parliamentary functions.

1. Summary financial statements:

The summary financial statements are derived from the complete audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, as at and for the year ended March 31, 2011.


The preparation of these summary financial statements requires management to determine the information that needs to be reflected in the summary financial statements so that they are consistent, in all material respects, with or represent a fair summary of the audited financial statements.

These summarized financial statements have been prepared by management using the following criteria:

- (a) whether information in the summary financial statements is in agreement with the related information in the complete audited financial statements; and
- (b) whether, in all material respects, the summary financial statements contain the information necessary to avoid distorting or obscuring matters disclosed in the related complete audited financial statements, including the notes thereto.

Management determined that the statement of cash flows does not provide additional useful information and as such has not included it as part of the summary financial statements.

The complete audited financial statements of the Senate of Canada are available on the Senate of Canada’s website: www.sen.parl.gc.ca.



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- A short audio-visual presentation on the Senate's role in Parliament and the work senators accomplish; and
- Fact sheets and other publications on the Senate's history, heritage and role in our democracy.

The Senate also has an active Twitter feed. Please follow @SenateCA or #senca for updates.

Appendix A

Senate Membership, 2010–11

CHANGES IN SENATE MEMBERSHIP

Nominations

David Braley (C — Ontario)
May 20, 2010

Salma Ataullahjan (C — Toronto, Ontario)
July 9, 2010

Don Meredith (C — Ontario)
December 20, 2010

Larry W. Smith (C — Saurel, Quebec)
December 20, 2010

Resignations

P. Michael Pitfield, P.C. (Ind — Ottawa-Vanier, Ontario)
June 1, 2010

Raymond Lavigne (Lib — Montarville, Quebec)
March 21, 2011

Larry W. Smith (C — Saurel, Quebec)
March 25, 2011

Fabian Manning (C — Newfoundland and Labrador)
March 28, 2011

Retirements

Wilbert Joseph Keon (C — Ottawa, Ontario)
May 17, 2010

Peter A. Stollery (Lib — Bloor and Yonge, Ontario)
November 29, 2010

Jean Lapointe (Lib — Saurel, Quebec)
December 6, 2010

SENATORS BY PROVINCE/TERRITORY ON MARCH 31, 2011

	Sitting	Vacant seats
Alberta	6	0
British Columbia	6	0
Manitoba	6	0
New Brunswick	10	0
Newfoundland and Labrador	5	1
Northwest Territories	1	0
Nova Scotia	10	0
Nunavut	1	0
Ontario	24	0
Prince Edward Island	4	0
Quebec	22	2
Saskatchewan	6	0
Yukon	1	0
Total	102	3

POLITICAL AFFILIATION OF SENATORS ON MARCH 31, 2011

*denotes governing party

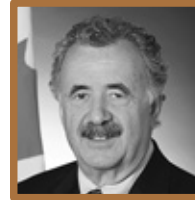
Conservative Party of Canada*	52
Liberal Party of Canada	46
Independent	2
Progressive Conservative	2
Vacant seats	3
Total	105

Appendix B

Holders of Key Roles in the Senate, 2010–11



Speaker of the Senate
Noël A. Kinsella



Government Whip
Consiglio Di Nino



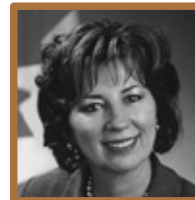
Speaker *pro tempore*
Donald H. Oliver



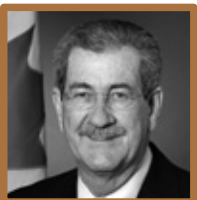
**Leader of the Opposition
in the Senate**
James S. Cowan



**Leader of the Government
in the Senate**
Marjory LeBreton, P.C.



**Deputy Leader of the
Opposition in the Senate**
Claudette Tardif



**Deputy Leader of the
Government in the Senate**
Gerald J. Comeau



Opposition Whip
Jim Munson

Appendix C

Bills Considered by the Senate, 2010–11

Government Bills

- S-2** Protecting Victims From Sex Offenders Act*
- S-3** Tax Conventions Implementation Act, 2010*
- S-4** Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act
- S-5** Ensuring Safe Vehicles Imported from Mexico for Canadians Act*
- S-6** An Act to amend the Criminal Code and another Act*
- S-7** Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act
- S-8** Senatorial Selection Act
- S-9** Tackling Auto Theft and Property Crime Act*
- S-10** Penalties for Organized Drug Crime Act
- S-11** Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act
- S-12** Federal Law-Civil Law Harmonization Act, No. 3
- S-13** Keeping Canadians Safe (Protecting Borders) Act
- C-2** Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act*
- C-3** Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act*
- C-9** Jobs and Economic Growth Act*
- C-11** Balanced Refugee Reform Act*
- C-13** Fairness for Military Families (Employment Insurance) Act*
- C-14** Fairness at the Pumps Act*
- C-21** Standing up for Victims of White Collar Crime Act*
- C-22** An Act respecting the mandatory reporting of Internet child pornography by persons who provide an Internet service*
- C-23A** Limiting Pardons for Serious Crimes Act*
- C-24** First Nations Certainty of Land Title Act*
- C-28** An Act to promote the efficiency and adaptability of the Canadian economy by regulating certain activities that discourage reliance on electronic means of carrying out commercial activities, and to amend the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Act, the Competition Act, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act and the Telecommunications Act*
- C-30** Response to the Supreme Court of Canada Decision in R. v. Shoker Act*
- C-31** Eliminating Entitlements for Prisoners Act*
- C-34** Creating Canada's New National Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 Act*
- C-35** An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*
- C-36** Canada Consumer Product Safety Act*
- C-40** Celebrating Canada's Seniors Act*
- C-42** Strengthening Aviation Security Act*
- C-44** Appropriation Act No. 2, 2010-2011*
- C-45** Appropriation Act No. 3, 2010-2011*
- C-47** Sustaining Canada's Economic Recovery Act*

C-48 Protecting Canadians by Ending Sentence Discounts for Multiple Murders Act*

C-54 Protecting Children from Sexual Predators Act

C-55 Enhanced New Veterans Charter Act*

C-58 Appropriation Act No. 4, 2010-11*

C-59 Abolition of Early Parole Act*

C-61 Assets of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act*

Private Senators' Bills

S-201 An Act to amend the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Act (credit and debit cards) **Sen. Ringuette**

S-202 An Act to amend the Canadian Payments Act (debit card payment systems) **Sen. Ringuette**

S-203 National Philanthropy Day Act **Sen. Mercer**

S-204 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (protection of children) **Sen. Hervieux-Payette**

S-205 An Act to provide the means to rationalize the governance of Canadian businesses during the period of national emergency resulting from the global financial crisis that is undermining Canada's economic stability **Sen. Hervieux-Payette**

S-206 Board of Directors Gender Parity Act **Sen. Hervieux-Payette**

S-208 An Act to amend the Conflict of Interest Act (gifts) **Sen. Day**

S-209 National Day of Service Act **Sen. Wallin**

S-210 An Act to amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act and the Auditor General Act (involvement of Parliament)* **Sen. Banks**

S-211 World Autism Awareness Day Act **Sen. Munson**

S-212 An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act (tax relief for Nunavik) **Sen. Watt**

S-213 An Act to amend the International Boundary Waters Treaty Act (bulk water removal) **Sen. Murray**

S-214 An Act to amend the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and other Acts (unfunded pension plan liabilities) **Sen. Ringuette**

S-215 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (suicide bombings)* **Sen. Frum**

S-216 Protection of Beneficiaries of Long Term Disability Benefits Plans Act **Sen. Eggleton**

S-217 Medical Devices Registry Act **Sen. Harb**

S-218 Canada-Russia Friendship Day Act **Sen. Stollery**

S-219 An Act to amend the Canada Post Corporation Act (rural postal services and the Canada Post Ombudsman) **Sen. Peterson**

S-220 An Act to amend the Official Languages Act (communications with and services to the public) **Sen. Chaput**

S-221 An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (carbon offset tax credit) **Sen. Mitchell**

S-222 Tartan Day Act **Sen. Wallace**

S-223 An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan (retroactivity of retirement and survivor's pensions) **Sen. Callbeck**

* Received Royal Assent in fiscal year 2010-11

- S-224** An Act to establish a national volunteer emergency response service
Sen. Harb
- S-225** An Act respecting the reorganization and privatization of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited **Sen. Hervieux-Payette**
- S-226** Maple Leaf Tartan Act **Sen. Hubley**
- S-227** An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (election expenses)
Sen. Dawson
- S-228** An Act respecting Giovanni Caboto Day **Sen. Di Nino**
- S-229** An Act to amend the Financial Administration Act (borrowing of money)
Sen. Murray
- S-1001** An Act respecting Queen's University at Kingston **Sen. Murray**

Private Members' Bills

- C-232** An Act to amend the Supreme Court Act (understanding the official languages)
- C-268** An Act to amend the Criminal Code (minimum sentence for offences involving trafficking of persons under the age of eighteen years)*
- C-288** An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (tax credit for new graduates working in designated regions)
- C-302** Italian-Canadian Recognition and Restitution Act
- C-311** Climate Change Accountability Act
- C-389** An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code (gender identity and gender expression)

- C-393** An Act to amend the Patent Act (drugs for international humanitarian purposes) and to make a consequential amendment to another Act
- C-442** National Holocaust Monument Act*
- C-464** An Act to amend the Criminal Code (justification for detention in custody)*
- C-465** National Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day Act
- C-470** An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (disclosure of compensation — registered charities)
- C-473** Protection of Insignia of Military Orders, Decorations and Medals Act
- C-475** An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (methamphetamine and ecstasy)*
- C-509** An Act to amend the Canada Post Corporation Act (library materials)

Appendix D

Senate Committee Special Study Reports, 2010–11

Controlling Canada's Arctic Waters: Role of the Canadian Coast Guard

Committee on Fisheries and Oceans
April 2010

First Nations Elections: The Choice Is Inherently Theirs

Committee on Aboriginal Peoples
May 2010

Globe 2010 Conference: Beyond the Science

Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources
May 2010

The Management of Fisheries and Oceans in Canada's Western Arctic

Committee on Fisheries and Oceans
May 2010

Attention Canada! Preparing for Our Energy Future

Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources
June 2010

Canadians Saving for their Future:

A Secure Retirement (interim report)
Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce
June 2010

Canada and the United Nations Human Rights Council: Charting a New Course

Committee on Human Rights
June 2010

Implementation of Part VII of the *Official Languages Act*: We Can Still Do Better

Committee on Official Languages
June 2010

Plan for a Digital Canada

Committee on Transport and Communications
June 2010

Reflecting the Changing Face of Canada: Employment Equity in the Federal Public Service

Committee on Human Rights
June 2010

Where We Go From Here: Canada's Mission in Afghanistan

Committee on National Security and Defence
June 2010

Facts Do Not Justify Banning Canada's Current Offshore Drilling Operations: A Senate Review in the Wake of BP's Deepwater Horizon Incident

Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources
August 2010

Canadians Saving for their Future:

A Secure Retirement (final report)
Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce
October 2010

A Workplan for Canada in the New Global Economy

Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade
October 2010

Women, Peace and Security: Canada Moves Forward to Increase Women's Engagement

Committee on Human Rights
November 2010

Canada's Response to the 2009 H1N1 Pandemic

Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology
December 2010

The Costs and Benefits of Canada's One-cent Coin to Canadian Taxpayers and the Overall Economy

Committee on National Finance
December 2010

The Journey Ahead: Report on Progress Since the Government of Canada's Apology to Former Students of Indian Residential Schools

Committee on Aboriginal Peoples
December 2010

Seeing the Light: Report on Staffed Lighthouses in Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia

Committee on Fisheries and Oceans
December 2010

Seizing Opportunities for Canadians: India's Growth and Canada's Future Prosperity

Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade
December 2010

Ten-year Statutory Review of the Business Development Bank of Canada

Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce
December 2010

Training in Afghanistan: Include Women

Committee on Human Rights
December 2010

Report on the Implementation of the *Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act*

Committee on Fisheries and Oceans
March 2011

Security, Freedom and the Complex Terrorist Threat: Positive Steps Ahead

Special Committee on Anti-terrorism
March 2011

Sovereignty & Security In Canada's Arctic

Committee on National Security and Defence
March 2011

The Vitality of Quebec's English-speaking Communities: From Myth to Reality

Committee on Official Languages
March 2011

Appendix E

Senate Committee Membership, 2010–11*

ABORIGINAL PEOPLES

Chair: Gerry St. Germain, P.C.

Deputy Chair: Lillian Eva Dyck

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Brazeau, Campbell, *Cowan (or Tardif), Demers, Dyck, Hubley, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Lovelace Nicholas, Patterson, Poirier, Raine, Sibbeston, Stewart Olsen and St. Germain, P.C.

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Banks, Chaput, Cordy, Dallaire, Eaton, Fairbairn, P.C., Greene, Kochhar, Lang, Marshall, Mockler, Moore, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Neufeld, Ogilvie, Pépin, Peterson and Seidman

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

Chair: Percy Mockler

Deputy Chair: Fernand Robichaud, P.C.

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators *Cowan (or Tardif), Duffy, Eaton, Fairbairn, P.C., *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Lovelace Nicholas, Mahovlich, Mercer, Mockler, Ogilvie, Plett, Rivard, Robichaud, P.C., and Segal

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Braley, Callbeck, Carignan, Chaput, Demers, Finley, Housakos, Hubley, Kochhar, MacDonald, Marshall, Martin, Meighen, Merchant, Nolin, Raine, Runciman, Wallace and Wallin

ANTI-TERRORISM (SPECIAL)

Chair: Hugh Segal

Deputy Chair: Serge Joyal, P.C.

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators *Cowan (or Tardif), Furey, Jaffer, Joyal, P.C., *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Marshall, Nolin, Segal, David P. Smith, P.C., Tkachuk and Wallin

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Dallaire, Duffy, Greene, Manning, Mitchell, Patterson and Plett

BANKING, TRADE AND COMMERCE

Chair: Michael A. Meighen

Deputy Chair: Céline Hervieux-Payette, P.C.

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators *Cowan (or Tardif), Gerstein, Greene, Harb, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Kochhar, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Massicotte, Meighen, Moore, Oliver, Ringuette, Rivard and St. Germain, P.C.

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Brown, Campbell, Cochrane, Dickson, Di Nino, Duffy, Eggleton, P.C., Frum, Housakos, Hubley, Manning, Marshall, Merchant, Mockler, Nancy Ruth, Neufeld, Nolin, Ogilvie, Patterson, Peterson, Plett, Poirier, Poy, Seidman, Larry Smith and Tkachuk

* As nominated by the Senate Standing Committee of Selection, except where noted. Chairs and deputy chairs are elected by the committee.

* Indicates ex officio member

CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR SENATORS

Members agreed to by motion of the Senate

Chair: Terry Stratton

Deputy Chair: Serge Joyal, P.C.

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Angus, Cordy, Joyal, P.C., and Stratton

ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Chair: W. David Angus

Deputy Chair: Grant Mitchell

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Angus, Banks, Brown, *Cowan (or Tardif), Frum, Housakos, Lang, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), McCoy, Merchant, Mitchell, Neufeld, Peterson and Seidman

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Baker, P.C., Campbell, Dickson, Eggleton, P.C., Fraser, Greene, Johnson, Martin, Moore, Nolin, Ogilvie, Patterson, Poulin, Raine, Rivard, Runciman, St. Germain, P.C., and Zimmer

FISHERIES AND OCEANS

Chair: William Rompkey, P.C.

Deputy Chair: Dennis Glen Patterson

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Cochrane, *Cowan (or Tardif), Dallaire, Hubley, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), MacDonald, Manning, Nancy Ruth, Patterson, Poirier, Poy, Raine, Rompkey, P.C., and Watt

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Ataullahjan, Downe, Johnson, Losier-Cool, Marshall, Martin, Meredith, Runciman and Stewart Olsen

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Chair: A. Raynell Andreychuk

Deputy Chair: Peter A. Stollery (until November 2010)

Deputy Chair: Percy E. Downe (from November 2010)

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, *Cowan (or Tardif), De Bané, P.C., Di Nino, Downe, Finley, Fortin-Duplessis, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mahovlich, Nolin, Segal, David P. Smith, P.C., Stollery and Wallin

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Banks, Brazeau, Dawson, Dickson, Frum, Housakos, Jaffer, Johnson, Kochhar, Marshall, Meighen, Meredith, Moore, Munson, Neufeld, Patterson, Peterson, Plett, Poirier, Raine, Rivard, Robichaud, P.C., Stewart Olsen, Stratton and Zimmer

HUMAN RIGHTS

Chair: Janis G. Johnson (until September 2010)

Chair: Nancy Ruth (from September 2010)

Deputy Chair: Mobina S. B. Jaffer

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Baker, P.C., Brazeau, *Cowan (or Tardif), Dallaire, Jaffer, Johnson, Kochhar, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Mitchell and Nancy Ruth

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Ataullahjan, Boisvenu, Di Nino, Dyck, Fairbairn, P.C., Finley, Hubley, Lovelace Nicholas, Marshall, Martin, Mercer, Munson, Oliver, Plett, Stratton and Zimmer

INTERNAL ECONOMY, BUDGETS AND ADMINISTRATION

Chair: David Tkachuk

Deputy Chair: George J. Furey

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Campbell, Carignan, Comeau, Cordy, *Cowan (or Tardif), Di Nino, Downe, Fox, P.C., Furey, Greene, Jaffer, Kinsella, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Marshall, Munson, Stewart Olsen and Tkachuk

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Dawson, Day, De Bané, P.C., Finley, Fraser, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Kochhar, MacDonald, Martin, Meighen, Mercer, Mitchell, Neufeld, Nolin, Peterson, Poulin, Raine, Stratton, Tardif and Wallace

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

Chair: Joan Fraser

Deputy Chair: John D. Wallace

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Angus, Baker, P.C., Boisvenu, Carignan, Carstairs, P.C., *Cowan (or Tardif), Fraser, Joyal, P.C., Lang, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Rivest, Runciman, Wallace and Watt

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Campbell, Chaput, Dallaire, Dawson, De Bané, P.C., Frum, Greene, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Housakos, Hubley, MacDonald, Mahovlich, Marshall, Meredith, Munson, Neufeld, Nolin, Ogilvie, Patterson, Peterson, Plett, Poulin, Raine, Rivard, Larry Smith, Stewart Olsen and Stratton

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT (JOINT)

Original members agreed to by motion of the Senate

Joint Chair: Percy E. Downe

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Downe, Greene, Lapointe, MacDonald and Stratton

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Housakos, Johnson, Kochhar, Mercer, Meredith, Seidman and Tkachuk

* Indicates ex officio member

NATIONAL FINANCE

Chair: Joseph A. Day

Deputy Chair: Irving Gerstein

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Callbeck, *Cowan (or Tardif), Day, Dickson, Eggleton, P.C., Finley, Gerstein, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Marshall, Murray, P.C., Neufeld, Poulin (Charette), Ringuette and Runciman

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Andreychuk, Angus, Ataullahjan, Baker, P.C., Banks, Boisvenu, Braley, Carignan, Chaput, Cordy, Dawson, Downe, Duffy, Eaton, Frum, Greene, Hubley, Lang, Losier-Cool, MacDonald, Manning, Martin, Massicotte, Meighen, Meredith, Mitchell, Mockler, Moore, Nolin, Oliver, Peterson, Plett, Raine, Rompkey, P.C., Seidman, Stratton, Tkachuk and Wallace

NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENCE

Chair: Pamela Wallin

Deputy Chair: Roméo Dallaire

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Banks, *Cowan (or Tardif), Day, Lang, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Manning, Meighen, Nolin, Pépin, Wallin and Zimmer

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Cordy, Dickson, Downe, Duffy, Greene, Harb, Hubley, Johnson, Marshall, Mercer, Mitchell, Munson, Neufeld, Patterson, Peterson, Plett, Robichaud, P.C., Rompkey, P.C., Segal, St. Germain, P.C., and Tkachuk

SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

Membership list as it appeared when the subcommittee was created

Chair: Tommy Banks (until October 4, 2010)

Chair: Roméo Dallaire (from October 4, 2010)

Deputy Chair: Fabian Manning

Members of the subcommittee:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Dallaire, Manning, Meighen and Wallin

Also participated in this subcommittee's work:

The Honourable Senators Day, Dickson, Downe, Johnson, Lang, Marshall, Neufeld, Nolin, Patterson, Peterson, Pépin, Plett, Rompkey, P.C., and St. Germain, P.C.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Chair: Maria Chaput

Deputy Chair: Andrée Champagne, P.C.

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Champagne, P.C., Chaput, *Cowan (or Tardif), De Bané, P.C., Fortin-Duplessis, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Losier-Cool, Mockler, Seidman and Tardif

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Brazeau, Dawson, Fraser, Greene, Munson, Poulin, Rivard, Robichaud, P.C., Runciman, Larry Smith and Wallace

RULES, PROCEDURES AND THE RIGHTS OF PARLIAMENT

Chair: David P. Smith, P.C.
Deputy Chair: Terry Stratton

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Brown, Carignan, Carstairs, P.C., Cools, *Cowan (or Tardif), Duffy, Fraser, Furey, Joyal, P.C., Keon, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), McCoy, Ogilvie, Oliver, David P. Smith, P.C., Stratton and Wallace

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Braley, De Bané, P.C., Greene, Lang, Mahovlich, Mockler, Munson, Peterson, Seidman and Tkachuk

SCRUTINY OF REGULATIONS (JOINT)

Original members agreed to by motion of the Senate

Joint Chair: Yonah Martin

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Boisvenu, Dickson, Harb, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., Martin, Moore, Poirier and Wallace

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Braley, Housakos, Johnson, Meighen and Stratton

SELECTION

Members agreed to by motion of the Senate

Chair: Consiglio Di Nino
Deputy Chair: Jim Munson

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators *Cowan (or Tardif), Di Nino, Fortin-Duplessis, Fraser, Greene, Hervieux-Payette, P.C., *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Martin, Munson, Robichaud, P.C., and Stewart Olsen

SOCIAL AFFAIRS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Chair: Art Eggleton, P.C.
Deputy Chair: Kelvin Kenneth Ogilvie

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Callbeck, Champagne, P.C., Cordy, *Cowan (or Tardif), Demers, Dyck, Eaton, Eggleton, P.C., Keon, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), Martin, Merchant, Ogilvie and Seidman

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Braley, Brazeau, Cowan, Dawson, Day, Dickson, Di Nino, Fairbairn, P.C., Fox, P.C., Greene, Housakos, Hubley, Jaffer, Kochhar, Lang, Mahovlich, Marshall, Mercer, Meredith, Munson, Nancy Ruth, Patterson, Peterson, Plett, Poirier, Raine, Rivard, Runciman, Stewart Olsen and Wallace

* Indicates ex officio member

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Chair: Dennis Dawson

Deputy Chair: Leo Housakos

Members of the committee:

The Honourable Senators Cochrane, *Cowan (or Tardif), Dawson, Fox, P.C., Frum, Housakos, Johnson, *LeBreton, P.C. (or Comeau), MacDonald, Martin, Mercer, Merchant, Plett and Zimmer

Also participated in this committee's work:

The Honourable Senators Banks, Boisvenu, Carignan, Carstairs, P.C., Comeau, Kochhar, Marshall, Meighen, Meredith, Mockler, Moore, Nancy Ruth, Ogilvie, Oliver, Raine, Seidman, Stratton and Wallin

