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Parliamentary Session Ends

On November 12, Governor General Adrienne Clarkson informed Senate Speaker Dan Hays and House of Commons Speaker Peter Milliken that the 2nd Session of the 37th Parliament prorogued.

Prorogation is the ceremonial ending of a parliamentary session. All pending business before the two Houses is abolished and all committee work is halted between the announcement of the prorogation and the commencement of the new session. A Throne Speech will open the 3rd Session of the 37th Parliament.

All in a Session's Work

Facts and figures from the 2nd Session (September 30, 2002 to November 12, 2003)

Bills studied by the Senate (see Legislative Activities, p. 3):	74
Bills given Royal Assent:	35
Total hours Senate committees were in session:	1,091
Witnesses who appeared before committees:	1,656
Committee reports released:	160
Highest number of words recorded in Hansard, the official verbatim record of debates, during a sitting this session:	51,033
Newly appointed senators (see Appointments, p. 20):	9
Vacant seats at prorogation (see Standings, p. 20):	3
High school students who visited the Senate as part of Encounters with Canada, a national Canadian studies program:	3,601
University students who served as Senate Pages:	30

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LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Parliament of Canada examines proposed legislation in a wide variety of areas in the form of bills. Bills can be introduced either in the Senate (in which case their number is preceded by the letter S) or in the House of Commons (in which case their number is preceded by the letter C) by either the Government (i.e. a cabinet minister) or by private members (i.e. either a Senator or a Member of Parliament). There are two types of bills:

1. **Public bills**, which deal with public policy; and
2. **Private bills**, which convey special rights or powers on a particular individual or a specific group.

Below is a list of bills considered by the Senate during the 2nd Session of the 37th Parliament (September 30, 2002 to November 12, 2003). For the **status of a bill**, please refer to the Status of Legislation chart on page 9.

Public Bills Introduced by the Government in the Senate

S-2

Tax Conventions Implementation Act, 2002

The main purpose of this Act is to implement tax treaties that have been concluded with Kuwait, Mongolia, the United Arab Emirates, Moldova, Norway, Belgium and Italy. This enactment also amends the enacted text of three tax treaties with Vietnam, Portugal and Senegal.

S-13

An Act to amend the Statistics Act

This Act allows genealogical and historical researchers access to census records taken between 1910 and 2003 under certain conditions for a 20-year period, beginning 92 years after the census took place.

Public Bills Introduced by the Government in the House of Commons

C-2

Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act

This Act establishes a Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board with assessment staff in six or more designated offices in communities throughout Yukon.

C-3

An Act to amend the Canada Pension Plan and the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board Act

This Act permits all amounts held to the credit of the Canada Pension Plan Account to be transferred to the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board; establishes a means by which the Investment Board may be required to transfer funds to the government, to the credit of the Canada Pension Plan Account; transfers to the Investment Board the right, title or interest in each security held by the Minister of Finance, and establishes the conditions in which the securities may be redeemed or replaced; provides that the foreign property limit in the *Income Tax Act* applies to the Investment Board and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis and provides that the Investment Board will be considered to hold the property of its subsidiaries for the purpose of applying the foreign property limit;

and makes housekeeping amendments to the Investment Board's reporting requirements.

C-4

An Act to amend the Nuclear Safety and Control Act

This Act varies the classes of persons that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission may order to take measures to reduce the level of contamination of a place.

C-5

Species at Risk Act

The Act prevents Canadian indigenous species, subspecies and distinct populations of wildlife from becoming extirpated or extinct, provides for the recovery of endangered or threatened species, and encourages the management of other species to prevent them from becoming at risk.

C-6

Specific Claims Resolution Act

This Act establishes the Canadian Centre for the Independent Resolution of First Nations Specific Claims, including the Commission Division to help first nations and the Crown resolve specific claims, and the Tribunal Division to decide certain issues arising from those claims if they cannot be otherwise resolved.

C-8***Pest Control Products Act***

This Act provides a pest control product registration regime that gives the Minister of Health the necessary powers to ensure that pest control products are registered only if their risks and value are determined by the Minister to be acceptable.

C-9***An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act***

This Act establishes a federal environmental assessment coordinator for projects that undergo screening or comprehensive study-level assessment. It modifies the comprehensive study process to prevent a second environmental assessment of a project by review panel, while extending the participant funding program to comprehensive studies. The Act expands existing regulation-making authority for projects on federal lands, provides a new use for class screening reports as a replacement for project-specific assessments and makes follow-up programs mandatory for projects after a comprehensive study or review panel.

To provide Canadians with access to information about the environmental assessment of specific projects, this Act creates the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry. It requires that the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency establish and lead a quality assurance program, promote and monitor compliance and assist relevant parties in building consensus and resolving disputes.

C-10***An Act to amend the Criminal Code (cruelty to animals and firearms) and the Firearms Act***

This Act was divided into C-10A and C-10B on November 28, 2002.

C-10A***An Act to amend the Criminal Code (firearms) and the Firearms Act***

This Act amends the *Criminal Code* and the *Firearms Act* in order to simplify compliance with the firearms program, to modernize administrative procedures and to meet Canada's emerging international obligations.

C-10B***An Act to amend the Criminal Code (cruelty to animals)***

This Act amends the *Criminal Code* by consolidating animal cruelty offences and increasing the maximum penalties.

C-11***An Act to amend the Copyright Act***

This Act amends the definition of "retransmitter."

C-12***Physical Activity and Sport Act***

This Act sets out the Government of Canada's policies regarding physical activity and sport, and establishes the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada.

C-13***Assisted Human Reproduction Act***

This Act prohibits assisted reproduction procedures that are considered to be ethically unacceptable, such as human cloning. The creation and use of embryos for research purposes is also addressed. The Act creates the Assisted Human Reproduction Agency of Canada, which will be responsible for the issuance and review of licences, the collection and analysis of health reporting information, inspections and the enforcement of the enactment.

C-14***Export and Import of Rough Diamonds Act***

This Act permits exports of rough diamonds to be made only to countries participating in the Kimberley Process, an international certification scheme that aims to break the link between armed conflict and the trade in rough diamonds.

C-15***An Act to amend the Lobbyists Registration Act***

This Act amends the definition of "lobbying." It requires that all lobbyists file a return every six months and imposes most of the registration obligations that apply to in-house lobbyists for organizations on in-house lobbyists for corporations.

C-17***Public Safety Act, 2002***

This Act amends certain Acts of Canada, and enacts the *Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention Implementation Act*, in order to enhance public safety.

C-21***Appropriation Act No. 3, 2002-2003*****C-23*****Sex Offender Information Registration Act***

This Act helps police services investigate crimes of a sexual nature by requiring the registration of certain information relating to sex offenders.

C-24***An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act and the Income Tax Act (political financing)***

This Act amends the *Canada Elections Act* to extend disclosure requirements to electoral district associations and to leadership contestants and nomination contestants of registered parties. It also amends the *Income Tax Act* to increase by \$200 each of the brackets for which a tax credit for political contributions is eligible and to allow electoral district associations to issue tax receipts.

C-25***Public Service Labour Relations Act***

This Act provides for a new *Public Service Employment Act* (PSEA); a new *Public Service Labour Relations Act* (PSLRA); and amends the *Canadian Centre for Management Development Act* (CCMDA) and the human resources provisions of the *Financial Administration Act* (FAA).

C-28***Budget Implementation Act, 2003***

This Act implements certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 18, 2003.

C-29***Appropriation Act No. 4, 2002-2003*****C-30*****Appropriation Act No. 1, 2003-2004***

C-31***An Act to amend the Pension Act and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act***

This Act recognizes, for the purpose of pension benefits under the *Pension Act*, service as part of a “special duty operation.” Members of the Canadian Forces and the RCMP serving as part of a special duty operation, or their survivors, will be provided, in the event of the member’s disability or death, with the same pension coverage as that currently provided in respect of service in a “special duty area.”

C-32***An Act to amend the Criminal Code and other Acts***

This Act creates a *Criminal Code* offence of setting a deadly trap in a place used for a criminal purpose; permits reasonable force to prevent criminal activity onboard an aircraft in flight that could endanger the aircraft or any person or property on board; and creates an exemption to the offence of intercepting private communications in order to protect computer systems.

C-34***An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Ethics Commissioner and Senate Ethics Officer) and other Acts in consequence***

This Act provides for the appointment of a Senate Ethics Officer to perform the duties and functions assigned by the Senate regarding the conduct of its members. It also provides for the appointment of an Ethics Commissioner to perform the duties and functions assigned by the House of Commons regarding the conduct of its members and to administer any ethical principles, rules or obligations established by the Prime Minister for public office holders.

C-35***An Act to amend the National Defence Act (remuneration of military judges)***

This Act allows for the regulations made by the Treasury Board prescribing the rates and conditions of military judges’ pay to have retroactive effect.

**C-36*****Library and Archives of Canada Act***

This Act creates the Library and Archives of Canada as the successor to the National Library and the National Archives of Canada, and provides for the appointment of its head, the Librarian and Archivist of Canada.

C-37***An Act to amend the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts***

This Act makes changes to the pension benefit scheme provided under the *Canadian Forces Superannuation Act*.

C-39***An Act to amend the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act and the Parliament of Canada Act***

This Act sets out the cost of elective service for members of the House of Commons and Senators who make an election after January 1, 2001 in respect of past service. This enactment also amends the *Parliament of Canada Act* to provide salaries to Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Special Committees.

C-41***Amendments and Corrections Act, 2003***

This Act amends and makes corrections to certain laws of Canada.

C-42***Antarctic Environmental Protection Act***

This Act creates bans to protect the Antarctic marine environment; specially

L to R: Senator Michael Forrestall (PC-Dartmouth/Eastern Shore, Nova Scotia); Vernon Theriault, Westray miner and Medal of Bravery recipient; Senator Wilfred Moore (L-Stanhope St./Bluenose, Nova Scotia); Peter Boyle, President, Local 343, United Steelworkers of America; and Del Paré, miner, witnessed Royal Assent of Bill C-45 on November 7. The bill is part of the Government’s response to the Westray mine tragedy, which took the lives of 26 miners at Plymouth, Pictou County, Nova Scotia on Saturday, May 9, 1992.

protected areas and historic sites and monuments in the Antarctic; and species that are native to the Antarctic.

C-44***Injured Military Members Compensation Act***

This Act provides compensation to serving and former members of the Canadian Forces who suffered an injury attributable to service that resulted in dismemberment or the loss of sight, hearing or speech, and who were not entitled to a lump-sum payment under an insurance plan provided by the Government of Canada.

C-45***An Act to amend the Criminal Code (criminal liability of organizations)***

This Act establishes rules for attributing criminal liability to organizations, including corporations, for the acts of their representatives; establishes a legal duty for all persons directing work to take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of workers and the public; sets out factors for courts to consider when sentencing an organization; and provides optional conditions of probation that a court may impose on an organization.

C-46***An Act to amend the Criminal Code (capital markets fraud and evidence-gathering)***

This Act creates a new offence of prohibited insider trading and creating a new offence to prohibit threatening or retaliating against employees for disclosing unlawful conduct.

C-47***Appropriation Act No. 2, 2003-2004*****C-48*****An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (natural resources)***

This Act gives effect to the new structure for federal income taxation of resource income as announced in the 2003 Budget and the Department of Finance Technical Paper, "Improving the Income Taxation of the Resource Sector in Canada," released on March 3, 2003.

C-49***An Act respecting the effective date of the representation order of 2003***

This Act accelerates the coming-into-force of the new electoral boundaries resulting from adjustments made to reflect the 2001 Census. The new boundaries would take effect following the first dissolution of Parliament on or after April 1, 2004 rather than the current trigger date of August 25, 2004.

C-50***An Act to amend the statute law in respect of benefits for veterans and the children of deceased veterans***

This Act amends the *Children of Deceased Veterans Education Assistance Act* to re-establish the Education Assistance Program and increases the monthly allowance payable under that program. It also amends both the *Pension Act* to broaden the eligibility criteria for prisoner-of-war compensation benefits and the *War Veterans Allowance Act* to clarify who qualifies as a "Canadian veteran of World War I or World War II."

C-53***An Act to change the names of certain electoral districts***

This Act changes the names of 38 electoral districts.

C-55***An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of Canada for the financial year ending March 31, 2004***

Public Bills Introduced by Private Members in the Senate

S-3***An Act to amend the National Anthem Act to include all Canadians***

Senator Vivienne Poy (Lib-Toronto, Ontario)

This Act substitutes the words "of us" for the words "thy sons" in the English version of the national anthem.

S-4***Federal Nominations Act***

Senator Terry Stratton (PC-Red River, Manitoba)

This Act establishes a committee of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada to develop public criteria and procedures, provides a process to identify and assess candidates and provides for parliamentary review of appointments.

S-5***National Acadian Day Act***

Senator Gerald J. Comeau (PC-Nova Scotia)

This Act designates the 15th day of August in each and every year as "National Acadian Day." It recognizes that Acadians established the first permanent agricultural settlement from France in present-day Nova Scotia and that they have contributed to the economic, cultural and social vitality of Canada for nearly 400 years. Since 1881, August 15 has been the day on which Acadians celebrate National Acadian Day.

S-6***Public Service Whistleblowing Act***

Senator Noël A. Kinsella (PC-Fredericton-York-Sunbury, New Brunswick)

This Act promotes establishes a regime for dealing with wrongdoing in the Public Service of Canada. The regime will be under the direction of a commissioner to be designated the Public Interest Commissioner.

S-7***Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act***

Senator J. Michael Forrestall (PC-Dartmouth/Eastern Shore, Nova Scotia)

This Act protects heritage lighthouses within the legislative authority of Parliament by providing a means for their designation as heritage lighthouses.

S-8***An Act to amend the Broadcasting Act***

Senator Noël A. Kinsella (PC-Fredericton-York-Sunbury, New Brunswick)

This Act amends the *Broadcasting Act* in order to enable the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to make regulations establishing criteria for the awarding of allowed expenses, and to give the Commission the power to review expenses to determine if they are authorized and reasonable.

S-9***Louis Riel Act***

Senator Thelma Chalifoux (Lib-Alberta)

This Act honours Louis Riel as a Metis patriot and Canadian hero and establishes May 12 as Louis Riel Day. It recognizes, in part, that Riel (1844-85) was a central figure in the political process that eventually led to the creation of the Province of Manitoba in 1870.

S-10***Personal Watercraft Act***

Senator Mira Spivak (PC-Manitoba)

This Act requires the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to make regulations forbidding or restricting the use of personal watercraft.

S-11***An Act to amend the Official Languages Act (promotion of English and French)***

Senator Jean-Robert Gauthier
(Lib–Ottawa–Vanier, Ontario)

This Act amends the *Official Languages Act* to enhance the implementation and enforceability of the Government of Canada's commitments respecting the advancement of English and French.

S-12***Statutes Repeal Act***

Senator Tommy Banks
(Lib–Edmonton, Alberta)

This Act repeals legislation that has not been brought into force within 10 years of receiving royal assent.

S-14***An Act to amend the National Anthem Act to reflect the linguistic duality of Canada***

Senator Noël A. Kinsella
(PC–Fredericton–York–Sunbury, New Brunswick)

This Act combines portions of the English and French versions of the national anthem to create a version that reflects the linguistic duality of Canada.

S-15***Marriage Act***

Senator Anne C. Cools
(Lib–Toronto Centre–York, Ontario)

This Act amends the *Marriage (Prohibited Degrees) Act* in order to remove any doubts and uncertainties respecting the meaning of the term “marriage.”

S-16***An Act to amend the Constitution Act, 1867 and the Parliament of Canada Act (Speakership of the Senate)***

Senator Donald H. Oliver
(PC–Nova Scotia)

This Act amends the *Constitution Act, 1867* to provide for the election of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the Senate. Currently, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the Senate are appointed by the Governor General on the recommendation of the Prime Minister.

**S-17*****Canadian International Development Agency Act***

Senator Roch Bolduc
(PC–Golfe, Quebec)

This Act provides for the continuation of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). It specifies the Agency's mandate, governance, administration, organization, powers, functions and accountability, and sets out criteria respecting resource allocation and conditions respecting cash contributions to international development assistance agencies and international emergency relief agencies.

S-18***An Act to amend the Criminal Code (lottery schemes)***

Senator Jean Lapointe
(Lib–Saurel, Quebec)

This Act narrows the exemption that allows provincial governments to lawfully conduct and manage lottery schemes involving video lottery terminals and slot machines by limiting the locations at which such machines can be installed to racetracks and premises dedicated to gaming.

S-20***An Act to amend the Copyright Act***

Senator Joseph A. Day
(Lib–Saint John–Kennebecasis, New Brunswick)

This Act amends the *Copyright Act* to eliminate an exception to the general rule on ownership of copyright. Under that exception, a person who commissioned a photograph, engraving or portrait for consideration is the first owner of the copyright in the work.

Royal Assent on Friday, November 7.

From L to R: Senators Catherine Callbeck and Lise Bacon; Speaker Dan Hays; Mace Bearer Richard Logan; the Hon. Don Boudria, then-Leader of the Government in the House of Commons; Clinton Unka, Page; Deputy Chief Page Davy Coyle; Governor General Adrienne Clarkson; Lindsay Mossman, Page; Capt. Sylvain Gagnon, Aide-de-Camp to the Governor General; the Hon. Sharon Carstairs, then-Leader of the Government in the Senate; and Usher of the Black Rod Terrance Christopher. Standing at the Table addressing the Governor General is Charles Robert, Principal Clerk, Procedure. Senate Clerk Paul C. Bélisle is seated opposite.

S-22***America Day Act***

Senator Jerahmiel S. Grafstein
(Lib–Metro Toronto, Ontario)

This Act commemorates the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001 and establishes September 11 as a day of remembrance and reflection on which to consider our common values and differences.

S-23***Spam Control Act***

Senator Donald H. Oliver
(PC–Nova Scotia)

This Act provides for initiatives to control spam on the Internet.

S-24***An Act to amend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act (modernization of employment and labour relations)***

Senator Pierre Claude Nolin
(PC–De Salaberry, Quebec)

This Act provides for a comprehensive system for the certification of a police association composed of members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and for collective bargaining rights.

Public Bills Introduced by Private Members in the House of Commons

C-205

An Act to amend the Statutory Instruments Act (disallowance procedure for statutory instruments)

Gurmant Grewal, MP
(CA—Surrey Central)

This Act amends the *Statutory Instruments Act* to establish a statutory disallowance procedure that applies to all regulations subject to review and scrutiny by the Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations. In so doing, this enactment ensures that both Houses of Parliament will have the opportunity to disallow any regulation made pursuant to authority delegated by Parliament.

C-212

User Fees Act

Roy Cullen, MP (Lib—Etobicoke North)

This Act provides for parliamentary scrutiny and approval of user fees set by regulating authorities. It also provides for greater transparency in the cost recovery and fee setting activities of those authorities, by requiring them to engage in a participatory consultation with clients and other service users before introducing or amending those fees.

C-227

Vimy Ridge Day Act

Brent St. Denis, MP
(Lib—Algoma-Manitoulin)

This Act designates April 9 as a national day of remembrance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. During the First World War, Vimy Ridge, near Arras in France, was one of the key German-held positions on the Western Front. It had resisted earlier French and British assaults before being taken by Canadian troops on April 9, 1917.

C-249

An Act to amend the Competition Act

Dan McTeague, MP
(Lib—Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge)

The Act clarifies the Competition Tribunal's powers to make (or not to make) an order in the case of a merger when gains in efficiency are expected or when the merger would create or strengthen a dominant market position.

C-250

An Act to amend the Criminal Code (hate propaganda)

Svend Robinson, MP
(NDP—Burnaby-Douglas)

This Act expands the definition “identifiable group” relating to the area of hate propaganda in the *Criminal Code* to include any section of the public distinguished by sexual orientation.

C-260

An Act to amend the Hazardous Products Act (fire-safe cigarettes)

John McKay, MP
(Lib—Scarborough East)

This Act adds to the list of prohibited products cigarettes that do not meet the flammability standard to be set out in the regulations.

C-300

An Act to change the names of certain electoral districts

Marlene Catterall, MP
(Lib—Ottawa West-Nepean)

This Act changes the names of 14 electoral districts.

C-411

Merchant Navy Veterans Day Act

Paul Bonwick, MP (Lib—Simcoe-Grey)

This Act proclaims September 3 of each year as “Merchant Navy Veterans Day.”

C-459

Holocaust Memorial Day Act

Richard Marceau, MP
(BQ—Charlesbourg-Jacques Cartier)

This Act proclaims Yom ha-Shoah or the Day of the Holocaust, as determined in each year by the Jewish lunar calendar, as Holocaust Memorial Day.

Private Bills Introduced by Private Members in the Senate

S-19

Scouts Canada Act

Senator Consiglio Di Nino
(PC—Ontario)

This Act consolidates and updates the statutes governing the corporation known as the Boy Scouts of Canada in order to reflect more accurately its current status in Canada. It also changes the name of the corporation to “Scouts Canada.”

S-21

The Financial Advisors Association of Canada Act

Senator Michael Kirby
(Lib—South Shore, Nova Scotia)

This Act amalgamates the Canadian Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and The Canadian Association of Financial Planners and continues them as one corporation under the name “The Financial Advisors Association of Canada.”



Status of Legislation Studied by the Senate

2nd Session, 37th Parliament
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The chart below shows the status of each bill at the time of prorogation. For the summary of a bill, please see Legislative Activities on page 3.

Bills that did not receive Royal Assent died on the Order Paper. Government bills may be revived in the next session. Bills may be reinstated at the same stage they had reached at the end of the previous session.

Public Bills Introduced by the Government in the Senate

Bill	1 st Reading (DD/MM/YY)	2 nd Reading (DD/MM/YY)	Committee	Report (DD/MM/YY)	3 rd Reading (DD/MM/YY)	Royal Assent (DD/MM/YY)
S-2						12/12/02
S-13					27/05/03	

Public Bills Introduced by the Government in the House of Commons

Bill	1 st Reading (DD/MM/YY)	2 nd Reading (DD/MM/YY)	Committee	Report (DD/MM/YY)	3 rd Reading (DD/MM/YY)	Royal Assent (DD/MM/YY)
C-2						12/12/02
C-3					27/05/03	
C-4						13/02/03
C-5						12/12/02
C-6						07/11/03
C-8						12/12/02
C-9						11/06/03
C-10			Legal and Constitutional Affairs			
C-10A						13/05/03
C-10B					06/11/03	
C-11						12/12/02
C-12						19/03/03
C-13			Social Affairs, Science and Technology			
C-14						12/12/02
C-15						11/06/03
C-17	08/10/03					
C-21						12/12/02
C-23	05/11/03					
C-24						19/06/03
C-25						07/11/03
C-28						19/06/03
C-29						27/03/03
C-30						27/03/03
C-31						19/06/03
C-32	30/10/03					
C-34					07/11/03	
C-35			Legal and Constitutional Affairs			
C-36			Social Affairs, Science and Technology			
C-37						07/11/03
C-39						19/06/03
C-41			Legal and Constitutional Affairs			
C-42						20/10/03
C-44						19/06/03
C-45						07/11/03
C-46	05/11/03					
C-47						19/06/03
C-48						07/11/03
C-49	23/10/03					
C-50						07/11/03
C-53			Legal and Constitutional Affairs			
C-55						07/11/03

Status of Legislation Studied by the Senate

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Public Bills Introduced by Private Members in the Senate

Bill	1 st Reading (DD/MM/YY)	2 nd Reading (DD/MM/YY)	Committee	Report (DD/MM/YY)	3 rd Reading (DD/MM/YY)	Royal Assent (DD/MM/YY)
S-3				23/10/03		
S-4	02/10/02					
S-5						19/06/03
S-6	03/10/02					
S-7					24/09/03	
S-8					02/04/03	
S-9			Legal and Constitutional Affairs			
S-10					04/11/03	
S-11				04/11/03		
S-12			Legal and Constitutional Affairs			
S-14				05/11/03		
S-15		Dropped from Order Paper				
S-16	18/03/03					
S-17			National Finance			
S-18			Legal and Constitutional Affairs			
S-20			Social Affairs, Science and Technology			
S-22	16/09/03					
S-23	17/09/03					
S-24	23/10/03					

Public Bills Introduced by Private Members in the House of Commons

Bill	1 st Reading (DD/MM/YY)	2 nd Reading (DD/MM/YY)	Committee	Report (DD/MM/YY)	3 rd Reading (DD/MM/YY)	Royal Assent (DD/MM/YY)
C-205						19/06/03
C-212			National Finance			
C-227						03/04/03
C-249			Banking, Trade and Commerce			
C-250	18/09/03					
C-260	03/11/03					
C-300			Legal and Constitutional Affairs			
C-411						19/06/03
C-459						07/11/03

Private Bills Introduced by Private Members in the Senate

Bill	1 st Reading DD/MM/YY	2 nd Reading DD/MM/YY	Committee	Report DD/MM/YY	3 rd Reading DD/MM/YY	Royal Assent DD/MM/YY
S-19			Legal and Constitutional Affairs			
S-21						07/11/03

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Committees have three basic functions: (1) detailed study of proposed legislation; (2) investigation of policy matters; and (3) examination of government spending proposals. Senate committees are groups of five to 15 senators who call and listen to expert witnesses and Canadians affected by a proposed bill. A committee completes its study of a bill with a clause-by-clause analysis, before producing a report for the full Senate to consider.

Below are highlights of Senate committee activities, including reports released and bills studied, between the June 19 adjournment of the Senate and the November 12 prorogation of Parliament (i.e. the end of the parliamentary session at which time all committee work is halted).

For coverage prior to this time period, or for more detailed information, visit www.parl.gc.ca and select "Committee Business." Or, contact the Senate's Committees Directorate at 1-800-267-7362.

Aboriginal Peoples

Examines legislation and matters relating to the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada.

Reports released: *Urban Aboriginal Youth—An Action Plan for Change*, released on October 20, examines issues affecting urban Aboriginal youth. Highlights include the need for urban transition services to help youth adjust to city life; measures to address the high dropout rates; and community-based youth programs that promote sound parenting skills and long-term, strategic approaches for labour-market readiness.

Bills studied: C-6 (*Specific Claims Resolution Act*)

Agriculture and Forestry

Examines legislation and matters relating to agriculture and forestry generally, and the Canadian Wheat Board.

Reports released: *Climate Change: We Are At Risk*, tabled on November 6, distils more than 70 hours of testimony from 109 witnesses in four provinces into seven recommendations. They include making water research a national priority; substantially increasing the funding of and coordinating studies into climate change impacts and adaptation efforts; designing a realistic safety net to incorporate risks associated with climate change; and conducting regular systematic reviews of existing and new federal government programs and policies.

Activities: The Committee addressed the closure of the U.S. border to Canadian cattle, following the single case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) discovered in Alberta in May 2003. The Committee heard from officials from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Banking, Trade and Commerce

Examines legislation and matters relating to finance and business, including: (1) banking, insurance, trust and loan companies, credit societies, "Caisses populaires" and small loan companies; (2) customs and excise; (3) taxation legislation; (4) patents and royalties; (5) corporate affairs; and (6) bankruptcy.

Reports released: *Debtors and creditors sharing the burden: A Review of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (BIA) and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA)*, released in November, aims to determine whether the two Acts, as they are currently written, are meeting the needs of the full range of stakeholders: debtors, creditors, judges, lawyers, trustees and other insolvency practitioners, the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy and—importantly—all Canadians through the impact of insolvency laws on our economy.

The report highlights the testimony presented to the Committee by witnesses, as well as 19 recommendations for changes to the statutes and conclusions reached.

The Committee heard from a wide range of groups and individuals: academics, a variety of practitioners, credit counsellors, labour unions, business groups and others. They shared their insights into this complex area: what is working, what is not, and how they think the BIA and the CCAA should be changed.

Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources

Examines legislation and matters relating to energy, the environment and natural resources generally, including: (1) mines and natural resources, other than fisheries and forestry; (2) pipelines, transmission lines and energy transportation; (3) environmental affairs; and (4) other energy-related matters.

Bills studied: C-42 (*Antarctic Environmental Protection Act*) and S-10 (*Personal Watercraft Act*)

Fisheries and Oceans

Examines legislation and matters relating to fisheries generally.

Reports released: In November, the Committee released its interim report, *Fish Habitat*, the title of which refers to the natural environments on which fish depend. The final report's objectives will be to provide an overview of the jurisdictional framework for managing fish habitat in Canada; outline the types of government programs under way across the country; assess the effectiveness of federal programs, particularly those that involve partnerships and joint stewardship with industry, non-governmental organizations, Aboriginal peoples, local communities, and the public; report on any new or innovative strategies in support of stewardship; and report on the work that volunteer citizens and public groups undertake in protecting, restoring and developing fish habitat.

The interim report concludes that "the Department [of Fisheries and Oceans] does not have adequate resources to meet current challenges in fish habitat, let alone future ones."

Activities: From September to November, the Committee invited select witnesses from Nunavut, Nunavik (Quebec's arctic region, bordered by Hudson Bay to the west, Hudson Strait to the north, and Ungava Bay and Labrador to the east) and Ottawa to participate in a special study on quota allocations and benefits to Northern fishers. The Committee also solicited written comments from Northern fishers and fishing organizations on this subject.

Foreign Affairs

Examines legislation and matters relating to foreign and Commonwealth relations, including: (1) treaties and international agreements; (2) external trade; (3) foreign aid; (4) defence; and (5) territorial and offshore matters.

Reports released: Released on November 6, *The Rising Dollar: Explanation and Economic Impacts (Volume 2)* studies how fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Canadian and American dollars affect bilateral Canada-U.S. trade and the Canadian economy.

Human Rights

Examines matters related to human rights generally.

Reports released: In November, the Committee released its interim report, *A Hard Bed to Lie In: Matrimonial Real Property on Reserve*.

The Committee concluded that "Aboriginal women living on reserves do not have the same rights as other women in Canada, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, living off reserve. They face unfair and unconstitutional discrimination in the exercise of a right which has profound effects on every day life; the right to a fair share of the matrimonial property on the break-up of their marriage or common law relationship ... Consequently, the Committee recommends that the federal government adopt as soon as possible adequate measures to end the discrimination endured by First Nations women on reserve with respect to the division of matrimonial property and ensure that they enjoy the same rights as other women in Canada."

The Committee also released *Report on the Fact-Finding Visit to Geneva, Switzerland and Strasbourg, France, October 10 to 17, 2003*.

The report outlines the results of a visit to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva to inquire into Canada's compliance with the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; and to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg to inquire into areas of application of the European Social Charter as a model in Canada.

Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration

The Committee considers all financial or administrative matters relating to the internal management of the Senate.

The Committee met six times between June 19 and November 12. On November 6, the Committee met with CPAC's Board of Directors to discuss the renewal of the Senate's broadcasting agreement.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Examines legislation and matters relating to legal and constitutional matters generally, including: (1) federal-provincial relations; (2) administration of justice, law reform and all related matters; and (3) the judiciary.

Activities: The Committee reviewed the Regulations pursuant to Section 118 of the *Firearms Act*.

It made two recommendations to the Solicitor General of Canada: (1) a report should be made public on the consultations that are currently being held by the Canadian Firearms Centre with individuals and groups from across the country, seeking their feedback on the said Regulations and on the delivery of the firearms program in general; and (2) all fees should be reviewed to ensure that they are affordable for individuals and businesses and that the firearms community is not required to cover a disproportionate level of the costs of the firearms program.

Bills studied: C-45 (*An Act to amend the Criminal Code (criminal liability of organizations)*)

National Finance

Examines government spending and the report of the Auditor General.

Activities: The Committee examined and reported on *Supplementary Estimates (A), 2003-2004*, outlining the major changes in the federal government's financing requirements in the fiscal year that ends on March 31, 2004.

Bills studied: C-25 (*Public Service Labour Relations Act*)

National Security and Defence

Examines matters relating to national defence and security generally.

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs examines matters pertaining specifically to Canadian veterans.

Reports released: Released on October 29, *The Longest Under-Defended Borders in the World* concludes that gaps in surveillance, intelligence and interdiction capacity on our coasts are—to some extent—manifestations of an unfocused, ad hoc federal approach to anticipating and responding to man-made and natural disasters.

One of the major recommendations is that the Coast Guard be revamped so that it has the mandate and capability to properly patrol, search and seize, and that all other mandates take a secondary role when the Canadian Navy directs it to get involved in constabulary activities.

Activities: On November 4, the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs released a study on (1) the services and benefits provided to veterans of war and peacekeeping missions in recognition of their services to Canada; (2) the commemorative activities undertaken by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and (3) the need for an updated Veterans Charter to outline the right to preventative care, family support, treatment and re-establishment benefits.

Among the recommendations are that Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and its partners increase their efforts to find funds and develop programs which will provide to as many young Canadians as possible the opportunity to visit overseas battlefields; and that VAC continue to give a high priority to the restoration of the Canadian National Vimy Memorial and other First World War memorials in Europe.

The Committee received a National Champion of Mental Health award on October 7 (see Recognition and Honours on page 18). On hand to receive the award were (back row, L to R) Senators Joan Cook, Yves Morin, Jane Cordy, Catherine Callbeck, Marilyn Trenholme Counsell and Viola Léger; and (front row, L to R) Senators Wilbert Keon, Marjory LeBreton, Michael Kirby and Brenda Robertson.

(Photo: Ron deVires)

Official Languages

Examines matters relating to official languages generally.

Reports released: Released in October, *Study of the Action Plan For Official Languages and the Annual Reports of the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages, Treasury Board and the Department of Canadian Heritage.*

The five-part report (1) sets out the main objectives of the Action Plan and identifies major official languages expenditures; (2) shows that the government has to increase cooperation with a number of key players in order to foster the full development of official language communities; (3) discusses the issues of accountability, monitoring and evaluation in the context of programs aimed at official language communities; (4) underscores the need to consult communities on a recurring basis in order to more clearly define and better meet their needs; and (5) urges institutions responsible for official languages to take a proactive approach in order to foster the advancement of linguistic duality in Canada.

Activities: In November, the Committee received a response from the Government to its report released on May 28, 2003, *Environmental Scan: Access to Justice in Both Official Languages*. The Government has reviewed the recommendations and is working on implementing them.

Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament

Proposes amendments to the [procedural] rules of the Senate; examines and reports on any question of privilege; and considers the orders and customs of the Senate and privileges of Parliament.

Bills studied: C-34 (*An Act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (Ethics Commissioner and Senate Ethics Officer)*) and other Acts in consequence

Social Affairs, Science and Technology

Examines legislation and matters relating to social affairs, science and technology generally, including: (1) veterans affairs; (2) Indian and Inuit affairs; (3) cultural affairs and the arts; (4) social and labour matters; (5) health and welfare; (6) pensions; (7) housing; (8) fitness and amateur sport; (9) employment and immigration; (10) consumer affairs; and (11) youth affairs.

Reports released: Released on November 5, *Reforming Health Protection and Promotion in Canada: Time To Act* outlines the role of the federal government in responding to health emergencies such as SARS, West Nile Virus and Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).

The 12-point plan includes the creation of a new arms-length Health Protection and Promotion Agency. Other recommendations include the development of guidelines for health professionals for the coming respiratory virus season, improved infectious disease surveillance, a national immunization program and better human resources management in the health protection and promotion field.



Bills studied: S-3 (*An Act to amend the National Anthem Act to include all Canadians*), C-37 (*An Act to amend the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts*), and C-50 (*An Act to amend the statute law in respect of benefits for veterans and the children of deceased veterans*)

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES

Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF)

The 29th annual session of the APF and the 2nd Parlement francophone des jeunes (PFJ) were held in Niamey, Niger, from July 5 to 9. The delegation was led by the First Vice-Chairperson and Chairperson of the Canadian Branch of the APF, MP Bernard Patry (Lib–Pierrefonds-Dollard, Quebec), and included Senator Rose-Marie Losier-Cool (Lib–Tracadie, New Brunswick).

In addition to serving as rapporteur for the Co-operation and Development Committee, Senator Losier-Cool is active in the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the APF and was elected vice-chair of the steering committee for a two-year term.

The debates, which had as their general theme “violence, the rule of law and development,” provided an overview of the political situation in the Francophone world and in the Middle East, in particular Iraq. The APF affirmed its position through various resolutions.

The 20th session of the Americas Regional Assembly of the APF took place in Lafayette, Louisiana, from September 17 to 21. Senator Gerald Comeau (PC–Nova Scotia) led the Canadian delegation, which included Senator Maria Chaput (Lib–Manitoba). Senator Comeau served as rapporteur for the theme “electoral observer missions.”

The APF was created in 1967. Its goals include representing the interests and aspirations of French-speaking peoples before Francophone governing bodies; promoting co-operation and strengthening solidarity within the Francophone community while respecting the right to development; and contributing to the spread of the French language.

Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association

The Joint Inter-Parliamentary Council, followed by the Board of Internal Economy of the House of Commons and the Senate Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration, recently approved the creation of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association. This initiative was spearheaded by the new association co-chairs, Senator Raynell Andreychuk (PC–Saskatchewan) and MP Mauril Bélanger (Lib–Ottawa-Vanier).

One of the association’s primary objectives will be to support the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD). Other goals include promoting democracy and good governance in Africa, establishing closer ties between Canadian and African parliamentarians, seeking dialogue on key policy questions with African legislators and, as a result, contributing to Canada’s efforts in Africa by introducing a parliamentary dimension.

Canada-China Legislative Association

The Sixth Bilateral Meeting of the Canada-China Legislative Association took place in Canada from September 19 to 29 and was co-chaired by Senator Jack Austin (Lib–Vancouver South). The Chinese delegation, which comprised four members of the National People’s Congress and was led by Mr. Liu Zhen, Deputy Secretary General of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, visited the cities of Victoria, Vancouver, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City, Niagara-on-the-Lake (Ontario) and Toronto. The itinerary included tours of various industrial and agricultural plants. The Honourable Daniel Hays, Speaker of the Senate, received the delegation in his offices during its stay in Ottawa.

The agenda for the working session attended by Senator Joseph A. Day (Lib–Saint John-Kennebecasis, New Brunswick), included the Kyoto Accord and compliance issues, and democratic reform in the Parliament of Canada.

Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group

The Canada-Japan Inter-Parliamentary Group, which is co-chaired by Senator Marie-P. Poulin (Lib–Northern Ontario), participated in the following forums:

- The meeting of International Parliamentarians for Social Service, held in Seoul, South Korea, from August 28 to 31;
- The meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Inter-Parliamentary Organization, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from September 7 to 12; and
- The Asia-Pacific Parliamentarians’ Conference on Environment and Development, held in Cozumel, Mexico, from November 13 to 15.

Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association (CEPA)

Senators Consiglio Di Nino (PC–Ontario) and Lucie Pépin (Lib–Shawinigan, Quebec) were members of the Canadian delegation that travelled to Italy for the Fourth Part of the Ordinary Session of the CEPA, held in Strasbourg from September 22 to October 2. The mission to Italy took place during the Italian presidency of the European Union and was intended to make Italian parliamentarians and senior officials aware of Canadian expectations with respect to the summit between Canada and the European Union, scheduled for December 2003.

In Strasbourg, Senators Di Nino and Pépin distinguished themselves by their contribution on three topics: racism, xenophobia and intolerance in politics (Di Nino), the Mexico City Policy on the free choice of contraception in Europe (Pépin), and the reconciliation of fairness, quality and efficiency in the reform of the health systems of Europe (Pépin).

Founded in 1980, the aim of this Association is to provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas between Canadian parliamentarians and the members of European parliamentary institutions and each national parliament.

Canada-France Interparliamentary Association

From July 7 to 15, the Canada-France Interparliamentary Association held its 32nd Annual Meeting in France. The Canadian delegation was led by Senator Lise Bacon (Lib–De la Durantaye, Quebec), Chair of the Canadian Section; Senators Gérald Beaudoin (PC–Rigaud, Quebec) and Shirley Maheu (Lib–Rougemont, Quebec) represented the Senate. The agenda items included justice and public security, bioethics, the expansion of the European Union and Canada-France co-operation in space.

The aim of the Association, which was founded in 1965, is to promote a dialogue between Canadian and French parliamentarians on issues of common interest.

Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association

The Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association held its annual general meeting on October 29 with U.K. High Commissioner David Reddaway as the guest speaker.

Senator Donald Oliver (PC–Nova Scotia) was re-elected as vice-chair of the association, while Senators Gérald A. Beaudoin (PC–Rigaud, Quebec) and David Smith (Lib–Cobourg, Ontario) were elected as members at large to the executive committee.

Established in 1998, the association promotes exchanges between British and Canadian parliamentarians and increases cooperation between parliamentarians on matters of mutual concern in international bodies and on domestic issues.

Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association

Senators Jane Cordy (Lib–Nova Scotia), Raynell Andreychuk (PC–Saskatchewan) and Pierre Claude Nolin (PC–De Salaberry, Quebec) attended the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Parliamentary Assembly's 49th Annual Session in Orlando, Florida, November 7–11.

Senator Cordy is Vice-Chair of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association; Senator Nolin chairs the Science and Technology Committee at the Assembly; and Senator Andreychuk serves as Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on Central and Eastern Europe.

The focus of this year's session was the state of NATO and the continued threat of global terrorism. Five committees covered varied topics such as free trade, human trafficking, rogue states, and drug trafficking.

Established in 1955, the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association increases knowledge of NATO concerns among parliamentarians and provides an essential link between NATO and its members' parliaments.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)

Six Canadians attended the 49th CPA Conference in Dhaka, Bangladesh, October 4–12. Senator Raynell Andreychuk (Lib–Saskatchewan) and Senator David Smith (Lib–Cobourg, Ontario), were participants, the former as moderator of a workshop entitled “Anti-Terrorism Legislation: Have We Achieved Any Tangible Results?”

Founded in 1911, the CPA provides a means of regular consultation between members of the Commonwealth Parliaments. The CPA supports parliamentarians in their work, seeking to improve practice and procedures, and thus strengthen the representative institutions of the Commonwealth.

Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas (FIPA)

FIPA Chair Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette (Lib-Bedford, Quebec) and MP John Godfrey (Lib-Don Valley West, Ontario), Chair of the FIPA Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA) Working Group, met with members of the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. on October 1 and 2.

Discussion topics included the FTAA negotiating process, the development of the FIPA Working Group of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas and participation in the 2004 FIPA Plenary Meeting in Chile.

While in the U.S. capital, Senator Hervieux-Payette also met with Organization of the American States (OAS) Secretary-General César Gaviria to discuss FIPA activities.

Interparliamentary Union (IPU)

From June 16 to 18, Senator Donald H. Oliver (PC-Nova Scotia) attended the fourth session of the Post-Doha Steering Committee in Geneva and the World Trade Organization symposium, entitled Challenges Ahead on the Road to Cancun.

On September 5, Senator Joan Fraser (Lib-De Lorimier, Quebec) attended the meeting of the Steering Committee of the Twelve Plus Group (a geo-political group within the IPU) in Oslo, Norway.

From November 26 to October 3, The IPU held its 109th Conference in Geneva. The Canadian delegation was led by Ms. Paddy Torsney (President of the Canadian Group of the IPU), and included Senator Donald Oliver (First Vice-President of the Group), Senator Joan Fraser, MP Sébastien Gagnon (BQ-Lac St-Jean-Saguenay, Quebec), and MP Maurice Vellacott (CA-Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, Saskatchewan).

Founded in 1889, the IPU is an international organization linking the parliaments of sovereign states. Its aims are to promote contacts, co-ordination and the sharing of experiences between parliaments and parliamentarians from every country.

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA)

Senators Jerry Grafstein (Lib-Metro Toronto), Len Gustafson (PC-Saskatchewan) and Colin Kenny (Lib-Rideau, Ontario) attended the OSCE PA's 12th Annual Session in Rotterdam, Netherlands, July 5-9. The main topic was security and cooperation in Europe in light of European Union enlargement and NATO expansion.

Senator Kenny continued his participation on the Political Affairs and Security Committee, while Senator Gustafson served on Economic Affairs and the Environment. As the OSCE PA's treasurer, Senator Grafstein delivered his budget report for the first nine months of 2002-2003, as well as the 2003-2004 budget. He was also re-elected for a second two-year term.

Established in 1975, the OSCE PA is the primary instrument for early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation in Europe. It also plays an important role in election monitoring.

Speaker Leads Delegations to Mongolia, Malaysia and Korea

At the invitation of His Excellency Sanjibegz Tumor-Ochir, Chairman of the Mongolian Parliament (State Great Khural), Senate Speaker Dan Hays travelled with a parliamentary delegation to Mongolia from September 8 to 12.

The official delegation led by Speaker Hays included Senators Jane Cordy (Lib-Nova Scotia) and Pierrette Ringuette (Lib-New Brunswick).

The delegation met with President Natsagiin Bagabandi, Prime Minister Nambariin Enkhbayar, Chairman Sanjibegz Tumor-Ochir, Trade and Industry Deputy Minister O. Erdenee, members of the Mongolia-Canada Parliamentary Group, and members of the Mongolia-Canada Society.

Following the visit to Mongolia, Speaker Hays and the delegation moved on to Malaysia at the invitation of His Excellency Tan Sri Dr. Abdul Hamid Pawanteh, President of the Malaysian Senate (Dewan Negara).

From September 12 to 16, the delegation met with Senate President Tan Sri Dr. Abdul Hamid Pawanteh and Foreign Affairs Minister Dato' Seri Panglima Syed Hamid Bin Syed Jaafar Albar. The delegation also met with Malaysian senators at an official dinner hosted by President Hamid, and with Canadian business representatives at an official dinner hosted by the Canadian High Commission.

From October 11 to 17, Speaker Hays led a second delegation to the Republic of Korea at the invitation of National Assembly Speaker Kwan Yong Park.

The delegation led by Speaker Hays included Senators Terry Stratton (PC-Red River, Manitoba), Vivienne Poy (Lib-Toronto, Ontario) and George Furey (Lib-Newfoundland and Labrador).

The delegation met with President Roh Moo-Hyun; National Security Advisor Jong Il Ra; Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Yoon Young Kwan; National Assembly Speaker Kwan Yong Park; Representatives Lah Oh Yeon, Chair of the Finance and Economy Committee, and Lee Yang Hee, Chair of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee; and members of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Korea.

Delegates also visited the Hyundai Motor Company, Wolsong Nuclear Power Plant, Kyongju World Culture EXPO, the Pohang Iron and Steel Company and the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and Korea; the 50th anniversary of the end of the Korean War; and the 30th anniversary of the opening of the Canadian Embassy in Seoul.

SPECIAL EVENTS

National Child Day

On November 20, Senator Landon Pearson (Lib–Ontario), Advisor on Children’s Rights to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, hosted National Child Day celebrations in the Senate. Over 200 children and youth filled the Red Chamber to hear from Lt. General (Ret.) Roméo Dallaire, Advisor to the Minister of International Cooperation on War-Affected Children, and Olympic rowing silver medallist Silken Laumann.

Laumann literally brought the audience to its feet, leading the assembly in a series of stretches and cheers, to underline the importance of physical activity in the lives of children and youth. She also announced the establishment of a foundation to combat childhood physical inactivity.

Dallaire stressed the need for adults to listen to children. While serving as commander of UN peacekeeping forces in Rwanda in 1993, he explained, he noticed Rwandan children playing soccer in their hilltop villages with homemade balls of tied-up banana leaves. During a trip to Canada, he decided to bring real soccer balls back to Rwanda for the kids. Surprised by their rather indifferent reaction, Dallaire learned that what frustrated the kids most was not the lack of real soccer balls, but the need to fetch balls rolling downhill from the hilltop playing fields. This, said Dallaire, taught him that adult assumptions about children’s needs aren’t always right.

National Child Day commemorates the unanimous adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989. Canada ratified the Convention in December 1991.



Senators, dignitaries and guests gathered in the Senate Chamber for the Ceremony of Remembrance

Ceremony of Remembrance

On November 4, an annual ceremony of remembrance was held in the Senate Chamber to launch Veterans’ Week in Canada.

This year’s event commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Korean War and the 2003 Veterans’ Week theme, “Canada Remembers the Korean War.”

“The contribution that Canadian soldiers made as part of the United Nations forces in Korea is immeasurable,” said Korean Ambassador Ki-ho Chang. “It was their service and sacrifice that cast the foundation for the special friendship that Canada and Korea enjoy today.”

Youth representative Agnès Kim echoed the importance of Canada’s role in the Korean War, making her remarks in English, French and Korean. Kim, who was born in Korea and came to Canada as a child, is also one of 15 university students currently serving in the Senate Page Program.

The next-of-kin of five Canadian soldiers from the 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery who died in a train wreck in Canoe River, B.C. on November 21, 1950 while en route to training and eventual embarkation for Korea were also on-hand to receive Memorial Crosses.

Third Annual Senators Against Landmines Night of a Thousand Dinners

On October 27, 166 people gathered in East Block on Parliament Hill for the Third Annual Night of a Thousand Dinners. Senators Elizabeth Hubley (Lib–Prince Edward Island) and Ione Christensen (Lib–Yukon Territory) co-chaired the Senators Against Landmines dinner, which raised \$17,350 toward the removal of landmines in mined countries around the world.

Senator Laurier LaPierre (Lib–Ontario) was master of ceremonies. The evening also featured entertainment by the Singing Senators, and solo piano and vocal performances by Senators Tommy Banks (Lib–Edmonton, Alberta) and Pierrette Ringuette (Lib–New Brunswick), respectively.

An initiative of the Canadian Landmine Foundation, Night of a Thousand Dinners sees people all over the world organize local gatherings to enjoy a meal and to take action to eradicate landmines.

RECOGNITION AND HONOURS

University of Toronto Chancellorship

Senator Vivienne Poy (Lib–Toronto, Ontario) was installed as the University of Toronto’s 31st chancellor during convocation ceremonies on November 17. Elected by the alumni’s College of Electors for a three-year term, the chancellor is the ceremonial head of the university, presiding at convocations, conferring all university degrees and acting as ambassador.

Senator Vivienne Poy receives her Ph.D. hood from Prof. Michael Marrus before being installed as Chancellor of the University of Toronto. (Photo: Steve Frost)



National Champion of Mental Health Awards

The Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology was presented with a 2003 National Champion of Mental Health award by the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health.

The Committee won the award “in recognition of its commitment to undertake a public review of issues relating to mental illness and mental health in Canada.” Senator Michael Kirby, chair of the Committee, accepted the award on the Committee’s behalf at a luncheon in Ottawa on October 7.

Senator Michael Kirby (centre) accepts a National Champion of Mental Health award on behalf of the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology. Beside him are Phil Upshall (left), Chair of the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health, and Dr. Pierre Beauséjour (right), Chair of the Canadian Psychiatric Association. (Photo: Ron deVires)

Ordre national du Québec

Newly appointed Senator Madeleine Plamondon (Ind–The Laurentides, Quebec) (see Appointments, p. 20) was made a Knight of the Ordre national du Québec on October 28 during a ceremony at the Parliament Building in Quebec City. The Ordre national du Québec is the province’s highest distinction and recognizes outstanding contribution to Quebec.

Senator Plamondon was honoured for her work defending consumer rights and interests.

Who’s Who in Healthcare Awards

Senator Michael Kirby (Lib–South Shore, Nova Scotia) received a Who’s Who in Healthcare Award from *Canadian Healthcare Manager* magazine during a ceremony in Toronto on October 17. The awards recognize people in various arenas whose leadership has changed health care across Canada.

The magazine credited Senator Kirby for “revitalizing the debate over the future of healthcare in Canada” and “redefining the federal government’s role in national health with his sweeping report on system reform” through his chairmanship of the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, and the Committee’s 2002 report, *The Health of Canadians: The Federal Role*.

Most recently, the Committee released *Time To Act*, a report outlining the role of the federal government in responding to health emergencies. (See Committee Activities, p. 11)



Lebanese Syrian Canadian Association Lifetime Achievement Award

Senator Marcel Prud'homme (Ind-La Salle, Quebec) received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Montreal-based Lebanese Syrian Canadian Association (LSCA) on October 5 during a ceremony in Vaudreuil, Quebec.

French Legion of Honour

Senators Lise Bacon (Lib-De la Durantaye, Quebec) and Marie-P. Poulin (L-Northern Ontario) were made Officers of the French Legion of Honour on September 18 during a ceremony at the French Embassy in Ottawa. The Legion of Honour is the highest award given by the French Republic.

French Ambassador to Canada Philippe Guelluy remarked on each senator's commitment to minority Francophone rights in Canada and to strengthening political and cultural ties between Canada and France. He cited Senator Bacon's work as a provincial cabinet minister in Quebec between 1973 and 1994 as a significant contribution to Canada-France relations and Senator Poulin's role as founding director of the CBC's Northern Ontario French Services (which included launching Sudbury's French-language radio station, CBON) as instrumental in preserving and promoting Franco-Ontarians' language and culture.

Senator Poulin is currently president of the Fédération Canada-France, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting cultural, social and economic activities and exchanges between Canada and France. Senator Bacon chairs the Canada-France Inter-Parliamentary Association, a forum for the exchange of information and ideas between Canadian and French parliamentarians.

Senators Marie-P. Poulin (left) and Lise Bacon (right) with French Ambassador Philippe Guelluy (centre) after being made Officers of the French Legion of Honour.



(Photo: University of Ottawa Heart Institute)

Heart Institute Names Building After Senator Wilbert Keon

On September 15, the University of Ottawa Heart Institute honoured its founder, Senator Wilbert Keon (PC-Ottawa, Ontario), by naming its building in his honour.

A global leader in the fight against heart disease, the Heart Institute is Canada's only complete cardiac centre, encompassing prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, research and education. Senator Keon, a cardiac surgeon, continues to play an active role at the Institute as its President and CEO, and as Professor and Chairman of Cardiac Surgery. During the last parliamentary session, his senatorial duties included work on the Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, whose mandate includes health issues.

APPOINTMENTS

Between June 26 and November 7, Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, on the advice of then-Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, made the following appointments to the Senate:

- **Terry M. Mercer** (Lib–Nova Scotia) was appointed to the Senate on November 7. Mr. Mercer has been National Director of the Liberal Party of Canada since 1995. Previously, he held a wide variety of positions with various charitable institutions. He remains active in the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and is Chair-elect of the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy in Canada.
- **Mac Harb** (Lib–Ontario) was appointed to the Senate on September 9. Elected to the House of Commons as the MP for Ottawa Centre in 1988, Mr. Harb served on several committees, including Multiculturalism and Citizenship, House Affairs, Public Accounts, and the Members Services Board. He was Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Trade from December 1993 until 1995.
- **Madeleine Plamondon** (Ind–The Laurentides, Quebec) was appointed to the Senate on September 9. Founder and head of the Service d'aide au consommateur - Shawinigan since 1974, Mrs. Plamondon has worked for many years in the field of consumer affairs, namely financial services, energy, privacy protection and consumer rights, especially on behalf of the underprivileged, women and the elderly. She is a recipient of the Prix de la justice du Québec and the Ordre national du Québec (see Recognition and Honours, p. 18) for her contribution to defending consumer rights.
- **Marilyn Trenholme Counsell** (Lib–New Brunswick) was appointed to the Senate on September 9. First elected to the New Brunswick Legislature in 1987, Dr. Trenholme Counsell held the position of Minister of State for the Family from 1994 to 1995, a portfolio extended to include Community Services in 1995. In 1997, she was appointed Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. A doctor of medicine, she has practised as a family physician, general practitioner and researcher.
- **Percy Downe** (Lib–Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island) was appointed to the Senate on June 26. Mr. Downe has served as a senior advisor to a number of provincial and federal ministers. From 1986 to 1993, he was Executive Assistant to the Premier of P.E.I. In 1993, he moved to the federal arena as Executive Assistant to the Secretary of State for Veterans Affairs, then the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and, finally, the Minister of Labour. He became Director of Appointments in the Prime Minister's Office in 1998, then Chief of Staff in 2001.
- **Paul J. Massicotte** (Lib–De Lanaudière, Quebec) was appointed to the Senate on June 26. Mr. Massicotte was a senior manager of major real estate companies before becoming Chief Executive Officer of the Alexis Nihon Real Estate Investment Trust. A board member of several organizations, including the Bank of Canada, the Canadian Institute of Public Real Estate Companies and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, he has also been involved with several not-for-profit organizations and is a founding director of the Urban Development Institute of Quebec.

Standings in the Senate (as of November 12, 2003)

Liberal	67
Progressive Conservative	29
Independent	5
Canadian Alliance	1

Vacant Seats	3
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Ontario (1); Quebec (1); Alberta (1)

Total	105
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