

Why This Summer Guide On The Horizon

When speaking to his disciples about the harvest before them Jesus looked at them and said, "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" (John 4:35). When we look at the summer of 2008 this verse resounds in our hearts. As Members of Parliament (MPs), and even many Senators, are back in their home towns/constituencies for the summer this is your opportunity to reap a harvest of righteousness as you share your hearts with them about key issues facing Canada right now. Because of this awesome opportunity that you have we have taken the time to put together this SUMMER GUIDE that you are now reading. In it we have outlined 2 categories of bills. Firstly, the 'BILLS @ HAND'. These are bills that our MPs and Senators will be debating and voting on as soon as they return in the fall. They are current and active in debate. The second category are "BILLS ON THE HORIZON." These are bills that have been tabled (First Reading) but are not yet active in debate or committee. They may or may not come to debate in the fall, however, just that fact that they are on the table gives you a platform to speak into these issues. Please, do not put off till tomorrow what you can do today. Political analysts tell us that ONE PERSON (that is you) is equal to 1,000 (statistically) in their eyes. When you share your heart on these and other key issues they hear the voices of 1,000. We encourage you to write, meet with and pray for your MPs/Senators in a special way this summer. They have been given the awesome privilege of shaping this nation for generations to come, and we have been given the awesome privilege of giving them their marching orders.

GENERAL ACTION POINTS TO SHAPE CANADA:

Step 1 : Get Educated. Find a bill you are passionate about and really research it. When you write to or visit your Member of Parliament, they are going to want to know that you understand the issue. They will be impressed and listen with greater sensitivity if you do! (Check out our 'Get Informed' page and other pages as a resource).

Step 2: Meet With Your MP or Senator. Make an appointment to meet with your MP while they are in their constituency office for the summer. Honour them for all the hard work that they do, consider bringing them a thoughtful gift to show your appreciation and ask to share your heart with them on issues that you feel are affecting you as a Canadian. Tip: When you meet with them be sure to honour their time. NEVER take more time than they give you. If they say they have 20 minutes, take 18 minutes. By doing this you are showing honour and have a better chance that your opinion will be heard (because they will like you more). FYI: We have heard from many MPs that the most effective way of changing their vote is a good face to face meeting with a constituent.

Step 3: Write. This is so powerful. Many MPs have demonstrated to us that one of the primary ways they determine how Canadians want them to vote on an issue is by what is written in the local, regional and national papers on an issue. The good news is that it is not so hard to get your opinion in there if you write a good, sound, opinion piece or article. We encourage you to go for it! Write a letter to the editor or an article and submit it to your local and national newspapers. Not only will this influence your MPs and Senators but many others in your community (or nation!) as well. Long Term: If you would like to join our volunteer writers team that conference calls regularly and writes articles to national papers then e-mail us at admin@4mycanada.ca.

Step 4: Pray. Petition heaven on behalf of our government for wisdom and favour. Prayer is our most powerful weapon. With a potential election around the corner this is the time to pray like never before for our leaders and nation. Pray on your own, bring these issues to an existing prayer group, or start a prayer group to pray for righteous reformation in Canada. Go for it! PRAYER FOCUS ON C-484 (Unborn Victims of Crime Bill): We have called a national fast for Bill C-484 asking you to join us in prayer and fasting until C-484 is passed. For more information on this please see the E-mail Archives on our website.

Upcoming Bills to Keep Your Eyes On

- C-206- This enactment amends the Employment Insurance Act to increase the benefit period for parental leave from one to two years.
- C-214 -An Act to prevent the use of the Internet to distribute pornographic material involving children.
- C-220: An Act to amend the Corrections and Conditional Release Act, elimination of statutory release.
- C-245 - Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (increasing fines and sentences for trafficking a controlled substance within five hundred metres of an elementary school or a high school).
- C-248- Eliminating Conditional Sentencing For Sex Crimes and Violent Crimes.
- C-338- Making Abortion Illegal After 20 Weeks,
- C-384 - (Anti-Hazing) An Act to amend the Criminal Code by making it an offence to commit an act of mischief against an identifiable group of persons at an educational institution, including a school, daycare centre, college or university, or at a community centre, playground, arena or sports centre.educational or other institution.
- C-388- An Act to amend the Criminal Code, failure to prevent access to child pornography.
- C-410 - An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, for human trafficking victims.
- C-427 - (Clean Internet Act) An Act to prevent the use of the Internet to distribute child pornography, racial hatred, or violence against women.
- C-430: This enactment amends the Criminal Code to remove the defense with respect to a child pornography offense that its purpose is related to education or art.
- C-433: An Act to make a person who is charged with multiple offenses serve the sentences consecutively.
- C-438: This repeals section 159 of the Criminal Code, removing the distinction between anal intercourse and other forms of sexual activity.
- C-486 – Will prohibit a person from contact with anyone for the purpose of soliciting them to commit a sexual offense whether in or out of Canada.
- C-562 - Will legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide.

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C 428: ANTI-CRYSTAL METH PRODUCTION BILL

What is C428?

Crystal Meth, as one of the most addictive and destructive drugs being used, is a growing problem in Canada. Many home and super labs are popping up across the nation because it can be manufactured from ingredients bought in convenience stores and an \$150 investment in ingredients can yield \$10,000 in profit. Due to the reality that the drug has emerged on the scene relatively fast, the laws still need to catch up. The RCMP need laws to come into play that will empower them to shut these labs down, limit sale of certain ingredients in certain combinations and quantities and thereby help protect Canadians from the drug.

Bill C-428 would make it illegal to buy, sell, or possess any ingredient of crystal meth knowing that it will be used to make crystal meth. Also, with C-428 super labs could come under suspicion for bulk purchases of an ingredient or combination of ingredients, and police could seize that material before it is used to make the drug. Suspicious purchases could also be tracked to see if they lead back to a crystal meth lab.

C-428 would also help Canada cooperate with international law enforcement agencies to prevent the export and import of crystal meth and its ingredients into and through Canada. If the RCMP can stop crystal meth from being produced, the war on drugs in Canada will have dealt a serious blow to the crystal meth market.

If you are passionate about seeing Canada drug free, C-428 is a good bill to throw your support behind. It is currently in the Senate on its way to receiving royal assent.

C 484:

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE BILL

In Canada abuse against women escalates during pregnancy. As a matter of fact, the number one killer of pregnant women in Canada is homicide. Amanda Powers' family knows this first hand. In May of 2008, just a couple months ago, Amanda's torso was discovered by a group of 10 year old boys stuffed in a suitcase they found in a field. Even more horrific is the fact that she was nine months pregnant. Her husband is being charged with second degree murder and performing an indignity to a dead body. Even though Amanda and her family dearly wanted the baby and she was literally a week away from giving birth, there will be no recognition that an unborn child was involved in this crime. This is because currently in Canada there are no laws recognizing unborn children at all. This means that Amanda Powers and her unborn baby could be killed and dismembered, and the law will only recognize one victim in this crime. It would be the same if a pregnant woman was abused and her unborn child was killed or severely harmed. We wish we could say Amanda's story was a isolated incident but similar stories could be told by Oliva's Talbot's family (2005), Tasha Lynn Rosette's family (2005), Liana White (2005), Roxanne Fernando (2007), Manjit Panghali (2008), and Aysun Sesen (2008). In all of these cases, there has been no recognition of a crime against these women's unborn children. This is a very real issue in Canada.

Bill C-484 would amend the Criminal Code (CC), making it a offense to kill or harm a wanted unborn child during an attack on the pregnant mother. Because it is creating an entirely new offense, Bill C-484 is able to recognize unborn children as victims of crime without changing the definition of person in the CC. This means that C-484 will not affect current abortion laws, but will provide legal protection for unborn children when the mother has chosen to keep the child. It is important that charges and sentencing reflect the crime, and Bill C-484 brings to the CC the truth that there are two victims in crimes against pregnant women.

Be a part of the truth campaign for C-484: Get educated (feel free to use our site as a source or www.kenep.com). Then write letters to the editor and articles for local and national newspapers. Send a free postcard (downloadable from our site) to your MP asking them to vote for C-484, and make an appointment to share your heart with them on this issue while they are in your constituency for the summer. Along with this, please consider joining our



'Fast Until 484 is Passed' and fast one day a week, praying for the passing of this bill and others like it.

Private Member Bills

C 303: STATE RUN CHILDCARE

WHAT IS C303?

C-303, a bill that would enshrine universal government controlled child care (not-for-profit) at taxpayers' expense, similar to the current public school system. The supporters of this bill generally come from a perspective that the best early childcare educators for a child are not necessarily their parents but 'professionals.' To support the public system, \$10-\$15 million in tax dollars would be allocated annually towards this system. C-303 provides no support for other caregiving options such as parents who choose to stay home to care for their children, relative care, neighbour care, or private licensed childcare (only grandfathering existing ones). What this means is that parents that choose to stay home and care for their child in their early years would still have to pay into a public system (through taxes) but would not receive an compensation for the reality that their child was not actually in that system. It would appoint a council to advise the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development on matters relating to early learning and child care that would decide who would or would not receive funding. Supporters of C-303 would say that it helps bring assistance for those parents who cannot afford childcare. However the fact that it has a strong disregard for the value of stay at home care giving means it is not holistic in it's approach. Assistance for low income families who cannot afford Childcare should be addressed, but not at the expense of or devaluing of those who choose to personally, or have family, care for their children in their early years.

C-303 is waiting to have 3rd reading and final vote. The bill is expected to pass unless some of the MPs who currently support the bill can be persuaded to change their vote.

C 10

FILM FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY BILL

Right now in theatres there is a Canadian movie that glorifies indecent sexual behavior between teens. What most Canadians do not realize is that their tax dollars went towards subsidizing the making of this disturbing film, and others like it. In order to be competitive with Hollywood, Canadian film and television productions receive grants from the government of Canada: Telefilm Canada (an arm of Heritage Ministry) gives nearly a billion dollars -- yes, a BILLION dollars -- in tax credits and subsidies to the arts industry annually. Currently there is no screening process in place for these grants to ensure quality content and technique in the films and TV programs that receive subsidies. This means that your tax dollars are helping to produce movies that promote extreme violence and sexuality.

WHAT IS C10?

C-10 An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, would help bring some accountability to films receiving the benefits of these tax credits. It would make provisions for the Heritage Minister to set up a list of guidelines that movies would have to fall under in order to receive tax credits. These guidelines would cover such topics as violence, sexual content, hate content, etc. While the government would not prevent such movies from being made (because that would be censorship), it would not allow tax payer's money to go towards the making of productions that transgressed the guidelines.

C-10 passed through the House of Commons recently and was on track to receive Royal Assent swiftly when some in the film industry began kicking up a fuss, calling the legislation an invasion on human rights. Currently it is being stalled in the Senate.

If you have a passion to see the media cleaned up morally, supporting this bill would be a great way to start. We encourage you to take a few minutes to let our Senators know that you want them to support C-10 and that you disagree with those in the film industry that are opposing it.



Government Bills

C 26: CRACKING DOWN ON DRUGS

WHAT IS BILL C26?

Marijuana use has doubled since 1990, and an increasing amount of teens and young adults are becoming addicted to drugs like ecstasy, crystal meth, and heroine. C-26 would raise the minimum and maximum sentences for drug possession and selling in attempts to deal a strong blow to the drug industry in Canada. It would create one-year mandatory prison sentence for selling marijuana as part of an organized criminal gang or if weapons or violence are involved. It would institute mandatory two-year sentence for dealing illegal drugs, such as cocaine or methamphetamine, to youth or for dealing near a school or in an area frequented by youth, and, it would institute mandatory two-year sentencing for operating marijuana grow-ops containing at least 500 plants. The maximum penalty for marijuana production would increase from seven to 14 years. It would create tougher penalties for trafficking of date-rape drugs and create two-year mandatory prison sentence if convicted of dealing hard drugs such as cocaine or heroin. C-26 is currently in the Justice Committee awaiting debate after passing second reading.

BILLS @ HAND

We encourage you to read carefully and prayerfully through these Bill summaries and activate the action steps above to see them influenced. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

C 25: YOUTH CRIMINAL BILL

On October 14, 2004, a 52-year-old mother named Theresa McEvoy was killed in an automobile collision. A young offender was driving a stolen car when he collided with Mrs. McEvoy's car. This young person had been released from detention two days earlier despite 38 outstanding criminal charges against him. This case launched a public inquiry into the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), which found that there has been a 3% increase in violent youth crimes. In 2006, 84 young adults were charged with homicide, the highest level since 1961. The inquiry found that there is a strong emphasis on rehabilitation in the community, specifically pre-trial release of young offenders, and that sentencing does not factor in deterrence as a core value. This means that the YCJA does not treat sentencing as a way of keeping young people from offending, but they use it as a way of helping the young offender rehabilitate and integrate back into society. The current system favours the young offender and not the victim or society, and so the inquiry recommended 36 changes to the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

WHAT IS C25?

C-25 broadens the criteria for pre-trial detention for a young person who represents a danger to the public or has previously failed to comply with conditions of release. It also adds deterrence to the list of principles considered in sentencing. Specifically, C-25 amends section 38 of the Youth Criminal Justice to put emphasis on the Youth Criminal Justice Act back on prevention of youth crime and protection of society while maintaining emphasis on rehabilitation and reintegration into the community. In other words, it brings balance. C-25 is in the Justice Committee awaiting debate after passing second reading.

Senate Bills

S 218: HUMAN TRAFFICKING BILL

WHAT IS S218?

There is a global slave trade that remains for the most part hidden. It is called human trafficking and it includes the recruitment, transportation, and transfer of persons by threatening, forcing, abduction or abuse of power for the purposes of prostitution, forced labor, servitude or the removal of organs. You might think that this is abusive multi-billion dollar industry is confined within the borders of nations like Thailand. However, Canadians were brutally confronted with the truth that the sex slave trade is alive and real in Canada when in January of 2008, a 29 year old woman who was being repeatedly sexually abused only blocks away found her way into a Toronto police station. She explained to them that she had been brought to Canada with the assumption she was receiving a modeling contract, only to find out the brutal reality was that she had been seduced into a life of torment and abuse.

THE HARD FACTS:

In 2006 Trafficking in Persons Report stated that "Canada is a source, transit, and destination country" for some 800 people who are trafficked into this country each year, while an additional 1,500 to 2,200 are trafficked through Canada to the United States. Bill S-218 sets out regulations for the creation of a 24/7 hotline for victims of human trafficking that would make counseling, referrals, and assistance available for free to anyone who calls. It also sets up a program in the immigration and refugee act to allow victims of human trafficking to be granted a free victim protection permit for either 180 days or three years as long as they are willing to help police identify their abusers. The protection permit would allow victims of human trafficking full access to Canada's health system, social assistance, and allow them to work and study in Canada. This would allow victims to get on track to becoming permanent citizens of Canada while giving them access to all the resources they need to get out of the trade and be fully healed and restored. The permit would also mean that they could do this without having to meet the qualifications for immigration or be put on a waiting list. Given the fact that, in most cases, they have been abused by Canadians, this seems like the least Canada could do.

S-218 is currently in the Human Rights Committee awaiting third reading.



S 210: SUICIDE BOMB BILL

WHAT IS S 210?

Firstly, let us point out that between January and May 2008, 1121 Muslim suicide bombers blew themselves up in Iraq alone. Suicide bombing is a growing issue of terrorism in many nations. Although we have not, yet, seen mass effects of it on Canadian soil many now-Canadians have family and friends in other nations that have been affected significantly by their effects. Along with this, with individuals known to have ties to terrorist groups increasingly calling Canada their home, we have no reason to believe we are immune too.

If passed, S-210 would add a subsection to the Criminal Code (CC) identifying suicide bombings as acts of terrorism. This might seem so obvious it hardly needs saying, but it is not. There have been Human Rights Commissions overseas sighting suicide bombings as religious expressions, and not acts of terrorism. Because of this it is very important that countries around the world make it very clear in their CCs that suicide bombing is an act of terrorism. With the current global temperature on these issues, it is important that nothing is left to interpretation. Enacting Bill S-210 is an important step in accomplishing this task. S-210 just passed third reading in the Senate and is now in the House of Commons. Please ask your MP to support this bill.

S 209: ANTI-SPANKING BILL

WHAT IS S209?

If passed S 209 will bring changes to the Criminal Code (CC) that would make spanking and restraining a child by force a criminal offense. S 209 would remove section 43 of the CC which states: "Every school teacher, parent or person standing in the place of a parent is justified in using force by way of correction toward a pupil or child, as the case may be, who is under his care, if the force does not exceed what is reasonable under the circumstances." What does this mean for the parent who 'forces' their child to sit in the shopping cart child seat when in the supermarket, forces their child to take a bath or go to bed at a certain time, or, the parent who 'forces' their child to sit in a corner for hurting their sibling? What exactly is 'force' when it comes to discipline? Where is the line between discipline and abuse? And isn't child abuse already illegal? Should government have the power to regulate parenting? Good questions, very good questions. Question, we suggest may need to be asked to our government before this bill is passed completely.

The Canadian Bar Association (a group of the most Influential lawyers in Canada) is urging Parliament not to pass Bill S-209. They say that it will not actually further the protection of children. Greg DelBibio, the Vancouver chair of the CBA's National Criminal Justice Section states on their website, "By prohibiting the use of reasonable force by a responsible adult who might step in where it would be otherwise reasonable to do so, it might actually represent an increased risk to children, either from their own behaviour or from the unrestrained behaviour of other children." Six out of nine justices have stated that section 43 of the Criminal Code does not violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms because spanking has already been clearly separated from abuse in the Criminal Code. They are also concerned that if this law passes, the justice system will be so overwhelmed with complaints about spanking that it will actually be harder to protect children who are victims of more serious abuse due to the fact that there would not be the time or resources to hear all the cases.

S-209 just passed third reading in the Senate and is now in the House of Commons.



On Canada Day the Governor General's office announced that Henry Morgentaler, the father of abortion in Canada, would be given the highest civilian honour in Canada. This is a man who, by his own admission, has personally aborted over 7,000 babies.

We are pacing for the long haul to see Morgentaler's Order of Canada revoked, and a sustained and forceful message sent to the leaders of our nation regarding the issue of life, democratic function, and honour. We believe that the events which transpired July 1st are an opportunity for us, as a collective group, to give the leaders of our nation TANGIBLE evidence that the socially conservative voter bloc is a force to be contended with. If we mobilize effectively on this current issue we believe this will not only affect the Order of Canada as an institution, but could very well shape future legislation on socially conservative issues. Why? BECAUSE Canada is a democracy. When the people speak, if they speak loud enough, the leaders will remember this at key decision making points in the future. The louder our outcry, the more our voice will echo and affect future legislation and national decisions. What happened July 1st with Morgentaler's appointment to the Order of Canada is giving us a tangible platform to speak. We must seize this moment. As such, here is OPERATION M.O.C.O. (Morgentaler Order of Canada Outcry):

What is Operation M.O.C.O.? This is a call to every Canadian who is displeased with Morgentaler's appointment to the Order of Canada, for whatever reason, to phone and/or email the contacts listed below every 2nd day UNTIL Morgentaler's appointment is rescinded. With just a little organization this will only take a couple minutes every 2nd day (less time than what it takes to brush your teeth) but will powerfully impact Canada for generations to come.

Here are your action steps!

1. **STEP ONE:** Program the numbers listed on the back of this insert into your speed dial (the most important being the Secretary to the Governor General (613-993-0259) and the Deputy Secretary Order of Canada (613-998-8731)).
2. **STEP TWO:** Call these numbers every 2nd day and leave a message saying something like, "I am calling to tell you I do not agree with Morgentaler's appointment to the Order of Canada and to ask you to have it rescinded (taken away)."
3. **STEP THREE:** Save the following e-mails in a group (smcook@gg.ca; esajous@gg.ca; media@scc-csc.gc.ca; reception@scc-csc.gc.ca; info@pco-bcp.gc.ca; info@rsc.ca; info@aucc.ca; iserrurier@gg.ca; meletourneau@gg.ca; pm@pm.gc.ca; scheea@parl.gc.ca; mclachlinb@scc-csc.gc.ca; copelandj@scc-csc.gc.ca).
4. **STEP FOUR:** Write a letter expressing your heart regarding Morgentaler's appointment to the Order of Canada.
5. **STEP FIVE:** Hit send (to this group you created in Step 3) every 2nd day!

Please let us know that you are participating in Operation M.O.C.O. by contacting us at admin@4mycanada.ca

Also, please encourage your denominational heads and Member of Parliament to make statements to the press opposing Morgentaler's appointment to the Order of Canada.

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