

# University Students' Council Model Parliament

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Model Parliament Delegates

## Program Agenda

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*Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009*

- 5:00-5:30 Party Caucus Meetings
- 5:30-6:00 University Students' Council Welcome and Introduction  
Cara Eng, Vice-President  
Camus Issues  
Father Bill, Huron College Chaplain
- 6:30-8:30 Budget Presentation and Government Legislation  
Western Conservatives
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*Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

- 10:00-12:00 Government Legislation  
Western Conservatives
- 12:00-1:15 Lunch, Speaker Presentations:  
Ed Holder  
John McCallum  
Irene Mathysen
- 1:15-2:45 Opposition Party Legislation  
Western Liberals
- 2:45-4:15 Third Party Legislation  
Western New Democrats
- 4:15-5:45 Question Period
- 5:45-6:00 Acknowledgements and Closing Ceremonies
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## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

### **BILL C-2**

### An Act to Strengthen Canada.

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

#### SUMMARY

This enactment amends many existing acts and statutes of Canada to bring about true reform in a country that has, in recent years, taken on a regressive, socialist nature. This act works to ensure prosperity for our beloved country.

#### ***Resolutions:***

##### ***On Government Spending:***

WHEREAS the looter sector is on a permanent vacation from reality;

WHEREAS social engineering project from the government always fail to achieve their stated goals;

WHEREAS social engineering schemes always create new, more harmful problems than the ones they allegedly seek to fix;

WHEREAS government spending at the current levels is no longer affordable;

WHEREAS deficit spending penalizes future generations;

WHEREAS producers of wealth are better then the bureaucrats in this bureaucracy at determining where their money should be spent;

BE IT RESOLVED that all government spending be reduced to levels that would ensure a balanced budget under the proposed income tax system.

##### ***On the economy:***

WHEREAS the current form of confiscatory taxation is fundamentally unfair, punishing success;

WHEREAS all people are equal, regardless of annual income;

WHEREAS the current form of corporate taxation is fundamentally flawed, discouraging business in Canada;

WHEREAS business growth is imperative to maintain a strong economy;

WHEREAS the current form of capital gains tax is fundamentally unjust, punishing people who choose to invest their excess capital;

WHEREAS lowering the capital gains tax has proportionately increased investment;

WHEREAS investment leads to capital growth and strengthens the economy;

BE IT RESOLVED that the current outdated capital gains tax be eliminated.

BE IT RESOLVED that income tax be set to a rate of 0% for all income brackets

BE IT RESOLVED all monies given to private organization, citizens, and political parties be eliminated

BE IT RESOLVED that federal healthcare and education funding cease immediately as they are the purview of the provincial governments

BE IT RESOLVED the Communist Canadian Broadcasting Corporation be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

***On justice:***

WHEREAS Canadians have the right to a safe and secure environment;

WHEREAS The current federal prison systems are not as effective for deterring crime as they should be.

BE IT RESOLVED that all individuals may carry handguns to protect themselves, their property, and their family

BE IT RESOLVED that all convicted sex offenders be subject to chemical castration to prevent recidivism

BE IT RESOLVED that capital punishment be reinstated as a punishment for murder in the first degree and aggravated sexual assault

BE IT RESOLVED that all officials, staff, members, and members of parliament belonging to the Bloq Quebecois be convicted of treason

BE IT RESOLVED that all convicted criminals must serve their full sentence

BE IT RESOLVED that all recidivist gang members who have been active criminally for 5 years be sentenced to life imprisonment

BE IT RESOLVED that the Youth Criminal Justice Act be scraped and all individuals aged 12 and above be tried as adults

***On restoring morality:***

WHEREAS the Dominion of Canada was founded under Christian values which still are reflected in the laws of Canada;

WHEREAS Christian values support nonviolence and equality;

BE IT RESOLVED that a 24 foot statue of Ronald Reagan shaking hands with Brian Mulroney over the Detroit river be erected

BE IT RESOLVED that on hoax holiday "Family Day," families across the nation bring their children to a ceremonial Che Guevera t-shirt burning on Parliament Hill

***On international trade:***

WHEREAS Free trade is essential to maintaining a strong economy

BE IT RESOLVED that we remove all tariffs on goods coming into our country

***On Military Spending:***

WHEREAS terrorist threats have grown substantially since the implementation of the *Anti-terrorism Act* and that the number of terrorist attacks perpetrated against Canada's allies has risen dramatically since 9/11, especially the attacks in Madrid (2004) and London (2005);

WHEREAS Canada lies in the ever growing list of countries vulnerable to be victimized by terrorist attacks;

WHEREAS Canada has fully embarked in the fight against international terrorism and needs to fully implement its international obligations in the Security Council's Resolution 1373 and further detailed by the United Nations Counter-terrorism committee;

WHEREAS Canada's role in the world must include humanitarian efforts to aid populations deeply affected by the consequences of terrorism and the international fight against it;

WHEREAS the international fight against terrorism cannot be won strictly by those states who have the means to combat it;

WHEREAS Canada's military is in dire need of further financing in order to continue the fight against international terrorism;

WHEREAS the Canadian population has the unalienable right to be further protected against international terrorism;

BE IT RESOLVED that military funding never fall below 10% of GDP.

BE IT RESOLVED that the government has the right to tap phone lines and intercept emails of terror suspects

BE IT RESOLVED that a detention camp on the Northern tip of the Hudson Bay in the rogue state of Quebec shall be established for anyone suspected of terrorist acts, accused of complimenting Pierre Trudeau

***In Support of Israel:***

WHEREAS the current international 'War on Terror' requires the full commitment of Canada;

WHEREAS the government and citizens of Canada are potential targets of Islamic terrorists;

WHEREAS Hamas is a terrorist organization that seeks to destroy the state of Israel;

WHEREAS Hamas has been perpetrating a campaign of terror against Israeli civilians, by firing over 6,000 rockets at Israeli civilian targets;

WHEREAS Israel has shown great restraint in trying to minimize the number of Arab civilian casualties;

BE IT RESOLVED that the government of Canada supports the state of Israel's campaign to eliminate the threat of Hamas and Islamic terror in Gaza.

***On Healthcare:***

WHEREAS Canadians have the right to access the best possible medical care available in order to treat sickness and alleviate the consequences of disease and disability;

WHEREAS that continued access to quality health care for minors and at-risk individuals, without financial or other barriers, is critical to maintaining and improving the health and well-being of all Canadians;

WHEREAS that Canadians can achieve further improvements in their well-being through combining individual lifestyles that emphasize fitness, prevention of disease

WHEREAS the Parliament of Canada wishes to encourage freedom of choice in the delivery of health services throughout Canada; NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that in order to access the best possible medical care, Canadians must be allowed and have the right to choose the manner in which health care services are remunerated;

BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government ceases to transfer funds to issues of provincial purview

***On Aboriginal Issues:***

WHEREAS there are deep systematic issues that need to be addressed when it comes to Aboriginal relations

BE IT RESOLVED that private property rights be granted to natives living on reserves.

***On Government Unions:***

WHEREAS there is no right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, any time;

WHEREAS Government must provide without interruption the protective services which are government's reason for being;

WHEREAS government employees are grossly overpaid compared to their private sector counterparts;

BE IT RESOLVED All government employees may not go on strike for any reason. The consequence for violating this law will be the immediate termination of said striking employees.

BE IT RESOLVED All government employees will be paid comparable wages to their productive sector counterparts.

***On Education:***

WHEREAS the Marxists, socialists, communists, envirowakos and other assorted despondent leftists masquerading as university professors are corrupting the youth of Canada with their inane drivel;

WHEREAS the ideas of these professors are developed at considerable expense to the taxpayers, yet provide no discernable value;

WHEREAS the alleged economic benefits of university education accrue to the students;

BE IT RESOLVED that all federal funding of post-secondary education cease.

***On the Environment:***

**An Act to Protect Canada from Falling Victim to the Global Warming Hoax Perpetrated by Radical Environmentalists, Leftists, Displaced Communists, Marxists, and Socialists of Various Stripes**

The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that those people perpetrating the hoax of anthropogenic global warming are prevented from subjecting the good citizens of Canada to any further intrusions, impositions, impediments, or restrictions on their freedom, liberty, and economic wellbeing, and that the damage already caused by the aforementioned hoax be reversed forthwith;

Whereas more than 15,000 scientists have now signed a Petition against the climate accord concluded in Kyoto (Japan) in December 1997 and the various climate accords currently in the works in the cockpit of the tower of Babel otherwise known as the United Nations; (<http://oism.org/pproject/>)

And whereas this freely expressed vote against the global warming propaganda scare should be contrasted with the fabricated "consensus of 2500 climate scientists" on the matter of anthropogenic global warming;

And whereas the contributors and reviewers of the reports by the UN-sponsored Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) actually number less than 2000, of which only a small fraction can claim to be climate scientists, and many of whom are critical of the IPCC report;

And whereas climate change is a natural and cyclical phenomenon not linked to human activities;

And whereas there has been no net global warming since 1998 according to a recently corrected NASA study that was used in the formulation of many IPCC reports;

And whereas the average rate of warming of 0.1 to 0.2 degrees centigrade per decade during the late twentieth century falls within natural rates of warming and cooling over the last 10,000 years;

And thus whereas there is no scientific evidence substantiating the claim of anthropogenic (man-made) global warming;

And whereas the measures that have been proposed to combat the non-existent phenomenon of anthropogenic man-made global warming will have and have already inflicted ruinous consequences on the liberties of the Canadian people and the economy of Canada;

The Government of Canada shall ensure that all legislation already enacted for the purpose of combating anthropogenic man-made global warming be nullified immediately

and that no further legislation be adopted to combat the hoax of anthropogenic man-made global warming. The Government shall stay out of the light sockets of the nation!

Furthermore, any member who persists in supporting the theory of anthropogenic man-made global warming and considers carbon dioxide a pollutant, despite all of the evidence to the contrary, should lead by example and immediately stop producing carbon dioxide, including through their own breathing, in order to save the planet from the alleged threat of carbon-dioxide induced global warming.

Whereas it is evident that the global warming alarmists have caused enormous economic damage due to their false claims;

And whereas their Canadian leader is David Suzuki;

Be it resolved that David Suzuki be left in the northernmost point of Canada for 2 days wearing only a T-shirt and shorts during the Month of January to determine whether the Global Warming theory is correct.

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**HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA****Bill C-2****An Act to Stand on Guard for the True North Strong and Free**First Reading: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Royal Assent:

**SECTION ONE: PREAMBLE**

In these difficult economic times, the Canadian public expects a government that is willing to stand strong and not back away from difficult choices; not a government that retreats from opposition or chastises its own citizens for their political beliefs. This Bill supports and defends the natural diversity of opinions and peoples that make Canada the greatest country on Earth. This Bill will provide Canadians with the support they deserve from their government in these trying times, by creating jobs and strengthening our commitment to sustainability, by providing opportunities to the least fortunate and supporting the industries that form the backbone of the Canadian economy, by enhancing infrastructure and endowing the next generation with the skills they need to succeed.

**SECTION TWO: ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE****2.1 – National Transit Strategy**

*Whereas* Canada is the only OECD country that has not developed and implemented a comprehensive National Transit Strategy;

*Whereas* the Federation of Canadian Municipalities released a report in March of 2007 outlining the need for a comprehensive National Transit Strategy with the support of the Federal Government;

*Whereas* the Canadian Urban Transit Association estimated that transit systems across the country need \$20.7 billion between 2006 and 2010 for infrastructure maintenance and service expansion;

*Whereas* municipalities are already suffering under an estimated \$60 billion infrastructure deficit which leads to increases in property taxes;

*Be it resolved* that the Government of Canada will immediately work towards the implementation of a National Transit Strategy based on the recommendations of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;

*Be it further resolved* that the Federal government will begin investing \$2 billion per annum into this NTS program, an investment to be revisited every five years to be adjusted for any fluctuations in passenger capacity and inflation;

*Be it further resolved* that Canadian municipalities will be eligible for funding if they have a council-approved land use and transportation plan that favours public transit systems;

*Be it further resolved* that the Government of Canada will create a federal tax incentive for persons willing to choose public transit systems over private alternatives.

## **2.2 – Tackling Canada’s Infrastructure Debt and Deficit**

*Whereas* the overall Canadian infrastructure gap is estimated in the range of \$60-125 billion as of 2003 and large Western cities were carrying a burden of well over \$500 million in infrastructure deficits;

*Whereas* the overall Canadian municipal infrastructure gap is at an estimated \$60 billion and is growing by an estimated \$2 billion per annum;

*Whereas* the Conference Board of Canada reported that 80% of foreign multinational executives indicated that the state of Canada’s business and physical infrastructure was a major deterrent for foreign direct investment;

*Be it resolved* that the Government of Canada will invest \$70 billion over the course of 10 years with an initial investment of \$12 billion in FY2009;

*Be it further resolved* that the federal government will maintain a per annum investment of \$2 billion into national infrastructure, an investment to be adjusted each year for inflation and fluctuations in infrastructure needs.

## **2.3 – Government Sales Tax**

*Whereas* the vast majority of the Canadian population resides in urban centers;

*Be it resolved* that 1% of the federal Government Sales Tax shall be distributed to municipalities to enhance public works programs.

## **2.4 – Rail Infrastructure Enhancement**

*Whereas* the Ontario and Quebec governments have proposed the construction of a high-speed rail corridor between Windsor and Quebec City;

*Whereas* the Van Horne Institute reported that a high-speed rail corridor between Edmonton and Calgary would generate between \$3.7 and \$6.1 billion in economic benefits;

*Whereas* Bombardier Inc. is an industry leader in rail technologies including high-speed bullet trains;

*Be it resolved* that the Government of Canada will commit to investing 50% of the overall cost for the construction of a Windsor to Quebec City high-speed rail system;

*Be it further resolved* that the Government of Canada will commit to investing \$5 billion of the estimated \$7.7 billion cost into an Edmonton to Calgary high-speed rail system, and at no time will the federal share of the cost fall below 50% of total.

## **2.5 – Investing in the Future**

*Whereas* the rising cost of tuition is a major burden on Canadian students;

*Whereas* in the current economic climate, graduates are expected to begin repayment of student loans too early;

*Whereas* students are immediately burdened with interest on their student loans before even having taken up work;

*Whereas* the Canadian North is in desperate need of professionals in all fields;

*Be it resolved* that the Government of Canada will create a \$20 billion student endowment fund from which students may receive a minimum of \$5000 per year to cover tuition and living costs;

*Be it further resolved* that all government student loans will have the grace period extended from eight (8) months to two (2) years;

*Be it further resolved* that all government student loans will be interest free for the first eight (8) months;

*Be it further resolved* that the Government of Canada will create tax incentives for any graduates willing to work in Northern communities for five (5) years;

*Be it further resolved* that the government will provide graduates willing to work in the North for five (5) years with tuition relief funds equalling 25-100% of their tuition costs depending on their line of work.

## **2.6 – Economic Stimulation and Contingency**

*Whereas* the world is facing difficult economic times and Canadians are suffering job losses, loss of benefits, and pay cuts;

*Whereas* the Harper government dismantled a \$12 billion dollar surplus and a \$3 billion contingency or “rainy day” fund;

*Be it resolved* that the Government of Canada will reduce the two middle personal income tax brackets by 1% each;

*Be it further resolved* that the Government of Canada will reduce the income trust tax from 31.5% to 10%;

*Be it further resolved* that the Government of Canada will reduce all business tax rates by 1%.

*Be it further resolved* that the Government of Canada will immediately invest \$1 billion into an emergency contingency fund to be increased by \$1 billion per annum until it reaches \$3 billion per annum in total.

## **SECTION THREE: ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

### **3.1 – North American Cap and Trade System on Carbon Emissions**

*Whereas* the Obama Administration in the United States endorses a North American cap-and-trade system on carbon emissions;

*Whereas* the Obama Administration has further aimed to achieve 1990 carbon emission levels by 2020;

*Whereas* a report conducted for the federal government in 2007 said that a \$50 per tonne price on carbon implemented in 2006 would reduce the national GDP by 0.09% in 2010 but result in a net increase of 0.004% by 2020;

*Be it resolved* that the Government of Canada will work with the United States to develop a comprehensive cap-and-trade system.

### **3.2 – Investment in the Green Economy**

*Whereas* old industry jobs in Canada are slowly dwindling under the current economic climate;

*Whereas* the World Bank estimated the value of the global market for low-carbon energy technologies at approximately US\$500 billion;

*Be it resolved* that the Government of Canada will direct energy investment into the research and development of solar, wind, hydroelectric, geothermal and other low-carbon energy systems;

*Be it further resolved* that the federal government will make significant investment into companies that are focusing on development of fuel-efficient vehicles and low-carbon fuel alternatives.

### **3.3 – Kyoto**

*Whereas* the international community has endorsed the Framework Convention on Climate Change as signed in Kyoto, Japan in 1992;

*Whereas* Canada is a signatory of this treaty;

*Be it resolved* the Government of Canada will take all necessary steps to reduce Canada's carbon emissions to 1990 levels by 2010;

*Be it further resolved* that the Government of Canada will commit to the action plan tabled and passed at the Bali conference in 2007.

## **SECTION FOUR: RESPECT FOR CANADIAN DIVERSITY**

### **4.1 – Immigration**

*Whereas* the amendments made to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act in the *Budget Implementation Act, 2008* are an affront to Canadian values;

*Whereas* the immigration practices made possible in these amendments favour corporations over the family and the reunification of families;

*Whereas* these amendments place too much power in the hands of the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration;

*Be it resolved* that the amendments to the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act in the *Budget Implementation Act, 2008* will be overturned to reflect the text of the law prior to this amendment.

### **4.2 – First Nations, Métis and Inuit Affairs**

*Whereas* the current name: Department of Indian Affairs is outdated and offensive;

*Whereas* the terms of the Kelowna Accords were signed by the Government of Canada, the various Provinces and Territories of Canada and the leaders of the five national aboriginal organizations;

*Whereas* the existing governance structures of Chief and Council are ineffective and unaccountable;

*Whereas* First Nations communities reside in areas with access to resources that are vital to the future green economy;

*Be it resolved* that the Government of Canada will immediately implement the terms of the Kelowna Accords and appropriate \$5 billion over a ten (10) year term to fund this initiative;

*Be it further resolved* that the Indian Act and all related legislation be renamed the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Act;

*Be it further resolved* that the Department of Indian Affairs will be renamed the Department of First Nations, Métis and Inuit Affairs;

*Be it further resolved* that the governance structures of aboriginal communities will be adjusted to become fully accountable to the populations which they govern;

*Be it further resolved* that the Government of Canada will immediately recognize all treaties signed with these communities and that these communities will have jurisdiction over the spending of any public money that is appropriated by these treaties;

*Be if further resolved* that the Government of Canada will begin immediate cooperative engagement with First Nations communities to develop resources for the green economy;

*Be it further resolved* that the Government of Canada will implement a Co-First Nations Parliament as was proposed by the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Affairs;

*Be it further resolved* that the Government of Canada will issue an apology for the systematic sterilization of First Nations females during the 1940s, 50s, 60s and 70s, and for the removal of children from their families during the “60s Scoop”.

## **SECTION FIVE: CANADA AS AN INTERNATIONAL LEADER**

### **5.1 – War Resisters**

*Whereas* President Obama has shown a willingness to end the War in Iraq;

*Whereas* Canadians do not support the United States’ actions in Iraq;

*Be it resolved* that all war resisters who come to Canada seeking asylum shall be granted refugee status for the duration of their voluntary stay in Canada.

## **5.2 – Canadian International Development Agency**

*Whereas* the United Nations has identified those countries too poor to pay back their foreign investment loans as the High Indebted Poor Countries;

*Whereas* the international community has set targets for development aid granted to industrializing countries;

*Whereas* Canada's international reputation has taken severe punishment under the Harper government;

*Be it resolved* that the Government of Canada will seek to implement funding to meet all of Canada's foreign aid commitments;

*Be it further resolved* that the Government of Canada will have reached a total of 0.7% of the national Gross Domestic Product in foreign aid investment by the year 2012;

*Be if further resolved* that the Government of Canada will work towards complete forgiveness of all Canadian loans to countries on the UN's HIPC list.

## **5.3 – Afghanistan 2011**

*Whereas* the Government of Canada has committed to withdrawing all troops from Afghanistan by the year 2011;

*Whereas* the Afghani state will still require the aid of Western partners;

*Be it resolved* that the Government of Canada will begin evaluating CIDA's role in Afghanistan following the 2011 withdrawal;

*Be it further resolved* that the Government of Canada will commit to long-term investment in Afghanistan to ensure that they do not become a failed state.



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## HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA

### Bill C-5

**An Act designed to invest in society to promote legal, social-cultural and economic equality, create opportunities for the marginalized and ameliorate injustices inflicted by the capitalist market system.**

This bill may be cited as the *Economic Equality Act*.

This act comes into force the day it receives Royal Assent.

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Commons, enacts as follows:

#### **Article I: Social Policy and Government Services**

##### ***1. Excellence and Accessibility in Education***

Whereas in our globalized marketplace our economy must be defined by a culture of innovation such that Canada's future prosperity will depend equipping future generations with new skills; and

Whereas the core of that approach is access to education;

**Therefore be it resolved that** the provinces and territories be offered federal funding for post-secondary education through a dedicated transfer, in return for a binding commitment to the immediate elimination of tuition fees; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada work with provinces and territories to protect education and research from privatization and increase financial support for university-based research.

##### ***2. Strengthening Public Health Care***

Whereas individual Canadians, especially fixed income seniors, spend large amounts of out of pocket money on prescription drugs ; and

Whereas the public share of Canada's overall health care spending ranks below countries such as the UK, Germany and France; and

Whereas private health care leads to more deaths and is more costly to the government per capita than a public system;

Therefore be it resolved that the Government of Canada prohibit further privatization of health care; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada invest in long-term care, creating 40,000 units by 2011; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada phase in a national prescription drug program; and

**Be it further resolved that** the medical and recreational use and sale of cannabis be controlled through a Cannabis Control Board with cooperation from Health Canada in regulating cannabis content.

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada create a Health Care Provider Training Fund and add 16,000 health care providers to the Canadian system.

### ***3. Creating Public Child Care Spaces***

Whereas more than 1.2 million Canadian children live in poverty; and

Whereas a 2001 study determined that public child care results in higher earnings for parents and less dependence on social assistance;

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Government of Canada establish a national child care system by investing \$1.8 billion in the first year, increasing by \$250 million per year until 2011, creating 275,000 spaces for children by 2011; and

### ***4. Affordable Housing***

Whereas in 1996 the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation phased out nearly all affordable housing initiatives, leading to record homelessness in our largest cities;

Whereas profits are made by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation while low income Canadians don not have a home;

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Government of Canada launch a 10-year national housing program to build 200,000 affordable housing units, renovate 100,000 existing units, and provide rent supplements to 40,000 low-income tenants; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada underwrite low-interest mortgages for affordable housing using the large profits of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

### ***5. Security Certificates and Racial Profiling***

Whereas there are currently 4 men detained permanently detained in provincial jails without being charged with a crime and labelled as terrorists.

Whereas, these men who have families whose lives have been overturned and suffered from the stigma of being labelled terrorists.

Whereas Canada is a nation that respects the rule of law which treats all individuals the same and requires a crime to be committed before an individual is imprisoned.

Whereas a country cannot sacrifice the rule of law to the fictitious altar of safety.

**Be it resolved that** the Canadian government eliminate the security certificate provision from the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act in accordance with the recent Supreme Court ruling and immediately either release or charge the men who are detained.

**Further be it resolved that** the federal government will not undertake measures that will deny Canadian citizens their constitutional rights.

**Further be it resolved that** the government will undertake to create government programs to eliminate racial profiling from security agencies' policies.

### ***6. Gender and Sexuality***

Whereas the Harper government has removed "Equality" from the mandate of the department for the Status of Women.

Whereas there are inadequate resources available for women and men fleeing domestic violence.

Whereas the criminalization of the sex trade does not stop prostitution but simply drives it "underground" where working conditions are unsafe.

Whereas Gender Identity is still used as a basis for discrimination in the workplace and society at large.

Whereas Health Canada's MSM blood and organ donation policy is *inherently* homophobic and not based in good science.

Whereas sexual orientation is not a choice.

**Therefore be it resolved that** full funding be restored to Status of Women Canada and that Equality be put back into the mandate of the department.

**Be it further resolved that** Women's Shelters and Community Homes across Canada be fully funded by the Federal government and that counselling and full social assistance be offered to all people fleeing abuse.

**Be it further resolved that** prostitution be legalized and sex workers be allowed to collectively bargain for fair and safe working conditions.

**Be it further resolved that** Gender Identity be added to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

**Be it further resolved that** Health Canada revise its blood and organ donation policy to reflect unsafe sexual practices rather than sexual preference.

## **Article II: Prosperity and Sustainability**

### ***1. Fair Taxation Policy***

Whereas in recent months the Government of Canada has proposed *another* \$10 billion in tax cuts to the largest corporations and multinationals; and

Whereas there are no requirements on corporations to earn these tax cuts by investing in the drivers of productivity gains, undercutting balanced investment in Canadians' priorities;

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Government of Canada *restore* the basic rate of corporate taxation from its current 19% to 25%; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada reduce the personal income tax rate for the lowest income bracket to 15%.

### ***2. Towards Sustainable Development***

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Government of Canada implement our responsibilities to the Kyoto Accord, such that by 2020, Canada's greenhouse gas emissions will be 25% below what they were in 1990; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada replace the current emphasis on voluntary action with mandatory pollution prevention measures, consistent with action taken in other industrialized countries; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada establish financial incentives for energy-efficient buildings and establish a national energy retrofit program, which would be repaid from future energy savings; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada increase funding for public transit and rail transportation; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada require that all new appliances sold in Canada meet the Energy Star standard; and

**Be it further resolved that** the government of Canada invest in Canadian production of green cars to ensure our auto industry remains viable in a world craving more green cars. Government incentives would be provided to manufacturers who develop and manufacture here in Canada cars with low or zero greenhouse gas emissions.

**And be it further resolved that** the government create a vehicle purchasing consortium for governments at all levels in order to create a market for greener vehicle production resulting in lower costs to consumers who also want to purchase green vehicles.

### ***3. Ratification of Fair Trade***

Whereas precious natural resources such as water, gas, oil, etc., where not clearly protected by NAFTA provisions to address Canada's environmental priorities and are thus potentially subject to appropriation antithetical to the legal and public interest of Canadians.

Whereas the phenomenon of branch plant economics supported by the NAFTA, meaning foreign ownership of manufacturing bases within Canada for the purposes of market control and integration, have a detrimental effect on the Canadian economy insofar as increasing dependency on foreign skilled trades, research and innovation, as well as impeding parliamentary control of Canadian economic priorities.

Whereas US President elect Barak Obama also recognizes the need to reform NAFTA.

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Government of Canada renegotiate NAFTA to include protections on Canadian natural resources, labour rights, and environmental regulations.

## **Article III: International Affairs and Immigration**

### ***1. Foreign Aid and International Assistance***

Whereas the gap between rich and poor is growing worldwide;

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Government of Canada honour the Millennium Development Goals and commit 0.7% of GDP to foreign aid and develop a debt cancellation strategy; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada immediately implement the Pledge to Africa legislation to send drugs to developing countries to support the fight against HIV/AIDS.

## ***2. Stop oppression, start peacekeeping***

Whereas Canadians value the contribution of their troops to international peace and stability.

Whereas, Canada is currently using peacekeeping forces to support an illegitimate government in Haiti.

Whereas, there is currently a genocide occurring in the Sudan which is dire need of international support.

**Be it resolved that** Canada remove troops from Haiti and call for the immediate reinstatement of the democratically elected leader Jean-Bertrand Aristide and grant him asylum in Canada.

**Be it further resolved that** Canada will immediately send aid to the African Union with a view of providing peacekeeping forces in the near future to Sudan to assist in humanitarian aid and conflict prevention, by any means necessary.

**Be it further resolved that** Canada immediately withdraw from Afghanistan and pledge to never again become a colonial occupier.

## **Article IV: Concerning Inter-Governmental Affairs and the Status of the Confederation**

### ***1. Respect for First Nations Peoples***

Whereas people from the Original Nations of Canada make prominent contributions to a better Canada; and

Whereas we cannot afford a Canada that does not provide space for these Original Nations to exercise their rights and share their talents and energies;

Therefore be it resolved that the Government of Canada accept establish an independent system to resolve land claim disputes; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada develop community economies by providing infrastructure for Original Nations peoples increased management of natural resources; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada support Original Nations initiatives to provide adequate housing, water, and infrastructure and work with Original Nations peoples to develop strategies to address addictions and suicides; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada respect the inherent right to self-governance by recognizing the legitimacy and jurisdiction of indigenous governments; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada support Original Nations communities in their efforts to restore the health of indigenous languages; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada make our country safe for Original Nations women, by acting on Amnesty International's Stolen Sisters Report and by supporting efforts of native women to develop healing centres and educational and training opportunities; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada appoint a Parliamentary Commissioner to use mutually-acceptable standards as the basis for regular public report cards on government conduct.

**Be it further resolved that** the department of Indian affairs set up a committee to discuss the complete re-structuring and re-naming of the Indian Affairs department.

## ***2. Confronting Poverty in Canada***

Whereas one in six Canadians live in poverty and nearly 1.2 million are children.

Whereas poverty denies us freedom and hope, and it's the biggest single factor in ill health.

Whereas confronting poverty means recognizing the human dignity in everyone—and our responsibility to help those neighbours who fall through the cracks.

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Government of Canada reinstate the federal minimum wage, setting it at \$10/hour to ensure a basic living standard.

**Therefore be it further resolved that** the government of Canada reform the Employment Insurance Program to end the current practice of dipping into EI coffers to balance federal budgets which is an illegal form of double taxation.

## ***3. Proportional Representation***

Whereas in a democratic system of government, Members of Parliament should be elected in numbers proportional to the share of votes that their parties receive in elections.

Whereas a proportional representation electoral system guarantees a faithful translation of popular vote into the proportion of parliamentary seats.

Therefore be it resolved that the Government of Canada abolish the current single member plurality voting system and adopt a direct proportional representation model

#### ***4. Abolishing the Senate***

Whereas the senate is an undemocratic and completely useless institution which is not accountable to the Canadian people

Whereas membership in the senate is only open to wealthy politically connected Canadians.

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Government of Canada abolish the Senate.

#### **Bill C-10**

**An Act initiating the social, economic and political progress of Canada by the application of democratic socialist principles to government and the administration of public affairs.**

This act may be cited as the *Initiative for a Socialist Canada*.

This act comes into force the day the Crown does as it's told!

The People of Canada, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Commons, enact as follows:

#### **Preamble**

This act begins the transformation of Canada from a society of inequality and injustice to one that challenges the power holders in today's predominantly capitalistic world, in the defence of human dignity whenever it is disregarded, demanding an end to ignorance, injustice, suffering and ecological disaster and thereby establishing a model of a truly just society that can provide a new hope for the fulfillment of humankind.

#### **Definitions:**

1. "Canada" shall mean the Peoples Democratic Socialist Republic of Canada
2. "Privatization" shall be a criminal activity.
3. "Terrorist" means a capitalist who uses systematic violence, intimidation or propaganda to promote a "free market" economy.
4. "Capitalist" shall mean enemy of the People.
5. "Capitalism" was a backwards economic system and a tool of the devil.
6. "Socialism" means utopia.
7. "Socialist" is a synonym for Canadian.
8. "Chairperson" means *your* leader.
9. "Bourgeoisie" is anyone suspected of being capitalist. These people will be tried as potential enemies of the state.

10. “Liberals” an extinct backward sect who glorified a short lived incompetent Prime Minister and used thunder sticks for ritualistic purposes.

### ***1. Abolishing the Monarchy***

Whereas the Monarchy is an undemocratic institution and as such Monarchy is the antithesis of Socialism.

Whereas this government cannot allow a capitalist ruler to “own” Canada and its people.

**Therefore be it resolved that** the British Monarchy be removed as executive branch of government and as nominal rulers of Canada.

**Be it further resolved that** the Office of the Chairperson of the Socialist Presidium replace the Monarchy as the nominal executive branch of Government.

Be it further resolved that the basic powers of Presidium of the Peoples Democratic Socialist Republic of Canada be:

- promulgation of decrees;
- dissolution of the Presidium
- abrogation of trade agreements
- electing the Chairperson of the Presidium.
- establishment of orders and medals<sup>i</sup> and carrying out the awarding procedures;
- appointment and dismissal of the highest command of the People’s Army;
- overseeing the careful rationing of strawberry jam

### ***2. Eliminating Greed***

Whereas large corporations and financial institutions are undemocratic and evil, seeking profits and power over and above the interests of citizens and the environment.

Whereas government should seek to emancipate the people of Canada from the impersonal capitalist market process so they may take conscious control of economic affairs by deliberately planning them to maximize human happiness.

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Government of Canada nationalize the commanding heights of the economy and divert CEO salaries and “golden parachutes“ to eliminating poverty.

**Be it further resolved that** the Government of Canada establish a ministry charged with the planning of Canada’s economy with several departments, each running a respective sector of the industry guided by the economic council composed of the nations chief economists.

### ***3. Ratifying the Ottawa Military Pact***

Whereas the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is a threat to peace under the leadership of the United States of America.

Whereas there are capitalists plotting to invade and enslave our socialist utopia.

Whereas the minister of Foreign Affairs with cooperation of the NDP Defence critic after successful negotiations will set up an agreement with other friendly People's Republics for the establishment of a mutual defence military pact.

**Therefore be it resolved that** the Government of Canada establish an "Ottawa Military Pact" for mutual defence of Socialist People's Republics around the world.

***4. Liberals (i.e. those who campaign on the left and govern on the right).***

Whereas it is often difficult to tell the current Liberal leader apart from a telephone pole.

Whereas according to a recent study by Stats Canada: a Liberal Leadership Convention is the leading cause of broken back doors.

Whereas a pre-schooler could do a better job recording Dion's "Coalition Pitch"

**Therefore be it resolved that** for the good back doors everywhere and for the employment of pre-schoolers the Liberal Party be retired.

**Therefore be it further resolved that** all former adherents of 'Liberalism' who renounce said philosophy and adopt the honourable Jack Layton as the one true leader shall be given political amnesty and a full pardon for their past involvement with said party.

***5. Bourgeoisie (i.e. those who seek to exploit the working class, their collaborators and lackeys)***

Whereas there are still members of the former bourgeoisie class who go around trying to dupe the working class into believing that capitalism does not lead to inequality, social alienation, exploitation and an inefficient distribution of resources.

Whereas doctors from France, Cuba and Venezuela all agree that the problem with Conservatives such as Stephen Harper is that like the Grinch who stole Christmas, their hearts are five sizes too small.

Whereas Brian Mulroney can't figure out how he got caught with his secret Swiss bank accounts while Mike Harris managed to fool so many Ontarians into believing he had any common sense to begin with at all.

Whereas Conservatives were confused by the idea of an NDP-Liberal coalition and threw a temper tantrum - locking the Parliament doors.

**Therefore be it resolved that** all members of the Conservative Party of Canada undergo cardiac enlargement treatments with healthy doses of 'Prairie Giant' and repeated viewings of Michael Moore films.

**Therefore be it further resolved that** Brian Mulroney and Karlheinz Schreiber both be deported to any country that will take them so that they can work out their differences.

**Therefore be it further resolved that** Conservative MPs be sent back to grade 10 civics class and not be released until they learn to play nice with others.