

Military/RCMP Veterans Against Annuity Benefit Reduction at age 65

John Labelle , coordinator of the campaign against the Reduction at Age 65, Speaks Out

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Dear Friends,

Why did Bill C-201 fail to advance to the 3rd and final debate and vote in the House of Commons?

Mr. Laurie Hawn, MP is a Conservative politician who has constantly confused the Military/RCMP Pension issue. He stated that Bill C-201 would cost 7.4 billion dollars. The total cost of the entire Military/RCMP pension plan is less than 3 billion dollars per year.

He then said that 5% of Veterans received the EI benefits. All release personnel receive severance pay. Only personnel on maternity and paternity leave are receiving EI benefit. That is less than 1% of the population.

He then continued to confuse the issue by including the so-called bridge benefit clause. Bill C-201 does not refer to the bridge benefit it only refers to Veterans pensioners over the age of 65 unless they are disabled. Bill C-201 only represents a population of 40,000 Veterans.

The Prime Minister of Canada and the Liberal Leader do not believe in democracy for their Veterans. With the exception of Mr. Scott Andrews, Liberal MP from Newfoundland and Labrador voted yes while other Liberals members on the Veterans Affairs Committee "ABSTAINED" from voting therefore stopping the democratic movement of Bill C-201 for its 3rd and final debate and vote..

The Government has depleted 20 billion surplus dollars from our pension plan to pay down the National debt. More than sufficient funds to terminate the clawback to our pension at age 65. Almost 5 years later, Mrs Judy Sgro, MP (Liberal) still does not understand the Veterans pension issue. She is a product of the Liberal party that has abstained from voting, after voting yes at the 2nd debate and vote of Bill C-201.

The NDP and Bloc Quebecois Leaders demonstrated Leadership skills and permitted a democratic free vote. Since February 21, 2005 Mr. Peter Stoffer, MP (NDP) has gallantly lead and supported the Military/RCMP Veterans Pension issue. He is an example of impeccable Leadership skills. **"Elected to serve the People"** He introduced to the House of Commons Bill C-441, Bill C-221, Bill C-502 and Bill C-201. On November 2, 2006, he also introduced to the House the Veterans First 5 points motion. We must elect more Politicians of his stature.

The Vote:

Remember that the entire Conservative party members voted "NO" at Bill c-201 2nd debate and vote! All Conservatives members on the Veterans Affairs Committee voted "NO" therefore stopping the democratic movement of Bill C-201.

All Liberals party members voted “YES” at Bill C-201 2nd debate and vote! Mr. Scott Andrews, Liberal MP from Newfoundland and Labrador voted yes. Other Liberals members on the Veterans Affairs Committee “ABSTAINED” from voting, therefore stopping the democratic movement of Bill C-201 for its 3rd and final debate and vote.

All Bloc Quebecois party members voted “YES” at Bill C-201 2nd debate and vote. They also voted “YES” at the Veterans Affairs Committee meeting.

All NDP party members voted “YES” at Bill C-201 2nd debate and vote. They also voted “YES” at the Veterans Affairs Committee meeting.

We SHALL REMEMBER THEM AT THE BALLOT BOX!

Please distribute!

Sincerely,

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(John Labelle, 2009)

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