



## Making A Difference

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There is a great deal of misinformation about some pieces of legislation circulating on social media. Research the information before blindly sharing it as it is causing unnecessary anxiety and stress for those already struggling with money and health issues.

The House of Commons and Senate have a fantastic tool called *LegisInfo* ([www.parl.ca/legisinfo](http://www.parl.ca/legisinfo)) that allows you to see all proposed legislation, read the related debates and track its progress in real time. You can even see who voted to support or oppose a Bill at each stage.

The Parliamentary process seldom provides opportunities for individual Members of Parliament to introduce legislation; however, through Private Members Business (PMB), MPs may introduce legislation of their choice.

MPs can introduce almost any legislation outside of the Government's agenda provided that it does not call for budgetary spending. Members are chosen in a lottery system and may only bring forward one Bill.

Members can also be official Seconders to PMB legislation. On the following

page I will share with you some of the Bills I am officially Seconding in this Parliament. Only 1.9% of Private Members' Bills ever pass and by Seconding the Bills, I am taking a more active role in supporting them in the hopes they will pass.

My Bill C-210 was passed into law last year and lives will be saved as a result. My Bill allows Canadians to register as organ and tissue donors through their annual tax return. As a result, we will register millions more donors and increase the likelihood that those awaiting a transplant get that second chance at life.

Each of these Bills represents the commitment of their sponsoring MP to improve the lives of Canadians. I have found this part of the Parliamentary process to be a great opportunity to work across party lines, make friends in other political parties and learn more about the stories behind the legislation.

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In addition, I conduct a monthly online poll so that you can tell me how you want to be represented in Parliament.

Finally, I provide a complete list of all the issues and concerns that are brought to my attention throughout the month in the letters our community writes to me. Sign up today!

# TAKING ACTION & MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The following Private Members Bills are the ones I have chosen to become an official Seconded for in this first session of Parliament.

By Seconding a Bill, I am getting actively involved in supporting the proposed legislation in the hopes it will pass.

## BILL C-230: CONSCIENCE RIGHTS

I strongly believe we should have access to medical assistance in dying (MAiD) so that people have the option to die with dignity.

That said, I recognize that this is a very personal matter for both patients and those who work in the medical field.

*Bill C-230 - Protection of Freedom of Conscience Act* will make it an offence to intimidate a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner, pharmacist or other health care professional for the purpose of compelling them to take part, directly or indirectly, in the provision of MAiD.

It also makes it an offence to dismiss from employment or to refuse to employ a medical practitioner, nurse practitioner, pharmacist or other health care professional for the reason only that they refuse to take part, directly or indirectly, in the provision of MAiD.

## BILL C-243: PENSION PROTECTION

Too often workers are left without pensions they paid into when a company goes bankrupt. To make it worse, they see the few dollars left at the end dispersed to wealthy **investors while they receive nothing**. It's time we make sure employees are a priority

This is why I am supporting *Bill C-243 - Pension Protection Act*. This Bill will amend bankruptcy legislation to ensure that claims in respect of unfunded liabilities or solvency deficiencies of pension plans and claims relating to the **cessation of an employer's participation in group insurance plans** are paid in priority in the event of bankruptcy proceedings.

## BILL C-250: ANTISEMITISM

*Bill C-250 – Prohibition – Promotion of antisemitism* -- This enactment amends the Criminal Code in order to prohibit the communication of statements, other than in private conversation, that wilfully promote antisemitism by condoning, denying or downplaying the Holocaust.



## C-259: LET'S DO IT FOR ADAM

Constituents Martina and Bradley Leinweber went through the unthinkable when their son, Adam, was killed in a 2019 gliding accident. A tow plane collided with his glider mere seconds after it was released. The crash happened because the collision avoidance system installed in the tow plane (FLARM) was not operational.

Since 2010, there has been over 30 confirmed incidents or near-misses involving gliders.

In 2021 the Leinwebers requested that I table a petition in the House of Commons on this very issue, and I was honoured to do so. Sadly, the Liberal Minister indicated that corrective legislation would not be introduced. Fortunately, the Leinwebers had my colleague, Calgary MP Stephanie Kusie, on their side too. I was honoured to be the official Seconded for Bill C-259 and will work with Ms. Kusie to get it passed.

This Act would require that collision avoidance systems be mandatory and operational for all gliding clubs in Canada. We cannot change the past, but we can change the future.

## BILL S-223: HUMAN TRAFFICKING

*Bill S-223 – Human trafficking in human organs* would amend the Criminal Code to create new offences in relation to trafficking in human organs. It also amends the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* to provide that a permanent resident or foreign national is inadmissible to Canada if the appropriate Minister is of the opinion that they have engaged in any activities relating to trafficking in human organs. (This Bill has already passed in the Senate.)

# PASSING LEGISLATION: WHAT'S THE PROCESS?

Passing legislation is a lengthy process with many 'check and balances' to make sure legislation is carefully considered before becoming law. With unanimous consent, several steps can be expedited, but generally, all Private Members Bills follow the process below. Once a piece of legislation has passed in both 'Houses', it proceeds to the Governor General for Royal Assent. You can follow any piece of legislation at [www.parl.ca/legisinfo](http://www.parl.ca/legisinfo).

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

**THE LOTTERY:** Following each election, a lottery is held to pick the order that MPs are permitted to introduce their legislation. Len Webber was first last time, but 232nd in this Parliament. Typically, most MPs will not have an opportunity to proceed.

**FIRST READING:** The Bill is introduced by the Sponsor with a brief speech, officially Seconded, and then is put into the Order of Precedence for debate when the Sponsor's name comes up. If the Sponsor is not called, the Bill will 'die'.

**SECOND READING:** The Bill is debated for two hours at this stage by all parties to determine if it should go to Committee for further study or amendments. If the Bill does not get passed at this stage, it will proceed no further.

**COMMITTEE STAGE:** At this stage, a specific Committee related to the content of the Bill (ie: Health, Justice, Defence, Foreign Affairs, etc.) will examine the Bill, call expert witnesses, possibly propose amendments and then 'return the Bill to the House' for its Third Reading debate.

**THIRD READING:** After two hours of debate by all parties, the Bill is put to a final vote. Any amendments are voted on first. If the Bill is voted down, it does not proceed further. If it passes, it goes to the Senate for their review and consideration. The Bill will need a Sponsor in the Senate to proceed further.

## SENATE OF CANADA

**FIRST READING:** The Bill is introduced by the Senate Sponsor with a brief speech and is then eligible for debate at any time if agreed to by Senators. Some Bills are debated quickly while others are repeatedly put back into rotation for later debate.

**SECOND READING:** The Bill is debated at this stage for an unlimited time by Senators to determine if it should go to a Senate Committee for further study or amendments. If the Bill does not get passed at this stage, it will proceed no further.

**COMMITTEE STAGE:** At this stage, a specific Committee related to the content of the Bill will examine the Bill, call expert witnesses, possibly propose amendments and then 'return the Bill to the Senate' for its Third Reading debate.

**THIRD READING:** After debate, the Bill and any amendments are put to a final vote. If the Bill is voted down, it does not proceed further. If it passes, it goes to the Governor General for Royal Assent. If the Bill is amended, the amendments are returned to the House of Commons for consideration.

## GOVERNOR GENERAL

After the House and Senate both agree on the text of the Bill it is sent to the Governor General. On behalf of Her Majesty the Queen of Canada, she gives the Bill Royal Assent to become law. The Queen has the prerogative to deny passage

**Should the federal Liberal government be responsible for censoring your internet content?**

Yes  No  Unsure

**Should Canada be doing more to help support Ukraine in their fight against Russia?**

Yes  No  Unsure

**Should private businesses and organizations be allowed to require COVID vaccination as a condition of employment/participation?**

Yes  No  Unsure

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EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 POOR

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What do you think of the job your Member of Parliament Len Webber is doing?

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If you are seeking employment, visit [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca) for a list of public and private sector job opportunities.

You can search for job by location, type, full time/part time/casual.

You can also download the app, set up alerts, look for skills matches and build your resume.

Thousands of jobs are available.

## Looking for help?

The effects of social distancing and social isolation have had an adverse impact on the mental health of many, but help is available.

If you need to speak to someone, please call 811, or call the Mental Health Helpline at 1-877-303-2642.

Youth can get help through Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868.

## Looking for benefits?

If you are in need of government assistance benefits, please visit [www.canadabenefits.gc.ca](http://www.canadabenefits.gc.ca)

You will be provided with all the benefits you may be eligible for after answering 20 multiple-choice questions.

You may be surprised to find out you are entitled to benefits you are not currently receiving.

## Looking for COVID info?

For the latest and most accurate information on anything related to COVID-19, please visit [www.canada.ca/coronavirus](http://www.canada.ca/coronavirus).

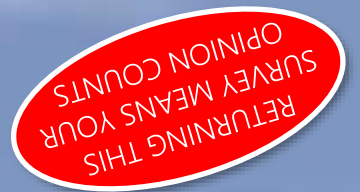
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