

**MP Brian Storseth's Speech: Introduction of Bill C-304 to the House of Commons  
September 30, 2011**

Mr. Speaker, it is an honour to rise in this House today and introduce a bill titled "An Act to Amend the Canadian Human Rights Act (Protecting Freedom)." Freedom of Speech is a fundamental principle in our democracy and one in which Canadians have fought and died for, for more than a century.

This is not a fight that one Canadian can take on himself, but rather, an issue that all Canadians must engage in vigorously. In this I would like to thank my friends and colleagues, such as Senator Finley and The Member from St. Catherines, who have rigorously pursued a freer, more open society and resisted the tyrannical instincts of bureaucracy to censor speech in our country.

Mr. Speaker, Freedom of Speech is the freedom that all other freedoms are built on, it cannot be restrained to the politically correct, the best way to fight bigotry is to ensure that we protect and enhance our fundamental freedoms in this country. That is why I ask all Members in this house to support this bill, a bill that protects one of the building blocks of our great democracy, the Freedom of Speech.