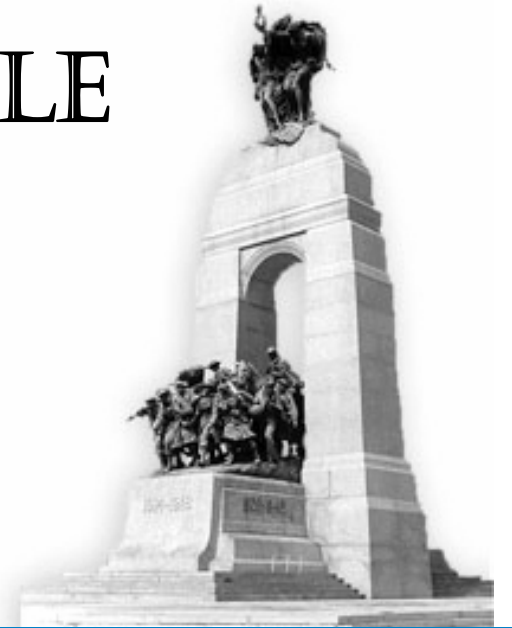


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November 11th is Remembrance Day

Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. We honour those who fought for Canada in the First World War (1914-1918), the Second World War (1939-1945), and the Korean War (1950-1953), as well as those who have served since then. More than 1,500,000 Canadians have served our country in this way, and more than 100,000 have died. They gave their lives and their futures so that we may live in peace.



Tackling Crime: Canada's New Government

Canada's New Government is committed to making our country a safer place to raise a family, restoring confidence in the justice system, and ensuring that our streets are safe and secure.

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The Fall Session:

Highlights:

- **The Clean Air Act:** which will set in motion the country's first comprehensive and integrated approach to tackle air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Softwood Lumber Deal:** on September 12, 2006 the long-awaited milestone agreement was signed bringing the elusive deal to a close
- **Effective Spending, Debt Reduction:** Canada's New Government has cut \$1 billion in wasteful spending, and reduced Canada's National Debt.
- **Awaiting Accountability:** As of October 11, the Senate had delayed passing the FAA. What are they waiting for?

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CANADA'S CLEAN AIR ACT

10 October 2006: Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced that Canada's Clean Air Act will be introduced in the House of Commons when Parliament resumes following the Thanksgiving break.

Designed to tackle air pollution and greenhouse gases, Canada's Clean Air Act will take practical and achievable steps toward:

- Moving industry away from voluntary compliance toward strict enforcement;
- Replacing the current ad-hoc, patchwork regulatory system with clear and comprehensive national standards; and
- Instituting a holistic approach that doesn't treat the related issues of pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions in isolation.

The introduction of Canada's Clean Air Act builds on earlier environmental initiatives from Canada's New Government, including:

- Action to reduce the release of mercury into our surroundings;
- Reductions to the release of toxic substances from base metal smelters;
- New tax incentives for the banking of environmentally-sensitive lands;
- Funding for the development of renewable fuels; and
- The introduction of new infrastructure funding dedicated to public transit, as well as tax credits for the people who use public transportation.



All these measures have this in common: they are focused on outcomes and achievable results in creating a healthier ecosystem for ourselves and future generations over the long term.

These measures designed to improve Canadians' quality of life are welcome after years of bungled Liberal stewardship, which saw:

- An 31% increase over the emissions targets set in Kyoto;
- A sharp decline in air quality in all major Canadian cities; and
- A slide to 28th (out of 29) in the OECD's pollution rankings.

Canada's New Government is going to replace cheap Liberal talk on the environment with action to clean up the air we breathe and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Safety and Security for Canadians

Canada's New Government is committed to ensuring the safety of all Canadians and their families. The initiatives we've introduced have had strong support from our provincial and territorial counterparts.

Several Justice related bills are before the House of Commons right now, which would:

- end conditional sentencing or "house arrest" for serious and violent offences;
- impose mandatory minimum penalties for crimes involving firearms;
- crack down on street racing,
- protect children from sexual predators by raising the age of protection, i.e., consent for sexual activity, from 14 to 16 and;
- Enhance our National DNA database to help police investigators and prevent repeat offenders
- Impose stricter conditions on repeat offenders to keep such criminals from offending again and again
 - offenders convicted of a third violent or sexual offence must prove that they should not be declared dangerous offenders. Those who fail to do so will be subject to an indeterminate jail sentence, with no eligibility for parole for seven years.
 - Increase the maximum duration of peace bonds from 12 to 24 months, which will allow additional restrictions and conditions to be placed on the actions of released criminals.

We are committed to moving forward to protect Canadians, their families and their communities.



Senate Reform and Accountability

Canada's New Government presented and passed **Bill C-2, the Federal Accountability Act** through the House of Commons in 71 days.

This unprecedented piece of legislation will enact concrete changes such as :

- **A ban on donations from corporations and unions;**
- **A new limit of \$1,000 per year on personal political donations;**
- **make fraud involving public funds committed by officials an offence, carrying a maximum term of five years in prison for fraud of \$5,000 or less, a maximum term of 14 years in prison for fraud over \$5,000, and automatic dismissal for any official convicted of this offence. and**
- **An increase in the power of the Auditor General to follow the money.**

Currently the Liberal-controlled Senate has stalled the passage of the FAA, through the Senate, for more than 4 months.

It is time for accountability and reform in the Upper Chamber of Canada's Parliament.

Canada's New Government is moving to Modernize Democracy in Canada

- **We have tabled Bill S-4: Which will ensure fixed terms of eight years for Senators- not lifetime appointments.**
- **And**
- **We will be tabling legislation in the fall to create a process for electing senators.**

September 25, 2006: Conservative Member of Parliament for Westlock – St. Paul Brian Storseth expressed satisfaction that wasteful federal spending was being eliminated in favour of significant savings to Canadian taxpayers.

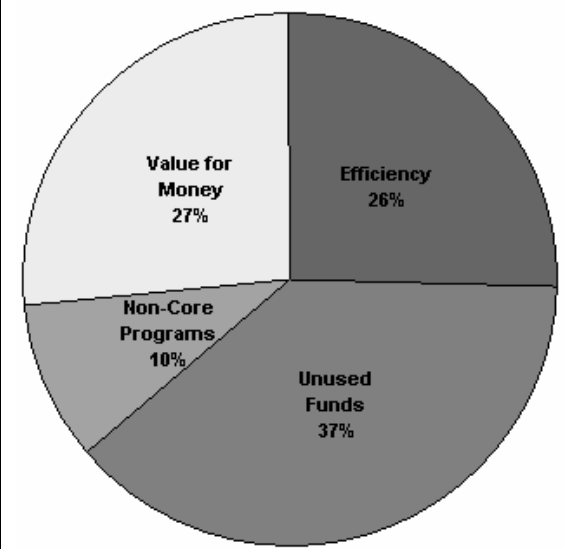


“We are eliminating wasteful and ineffective programs which will result in \$1 billion in savings to taxpayers both this year and next,” said Storseth. “This is an important part of fulfilling our promise we made in the last election to families and taxpayers that we would manage their money wisely.”

“Canadians want us to focus on their priorities, such as safer streets and tax relief, and not on special interest group spending and pet projects for politicians,” said Storseth. “The previous Liberal government had a terrible habit of an end-of year spending spree on pet projects. We recognize these are taxpayers’ dollars and we will be responsible with their money. This is the first time in nine years program spending has actually declined.”

“As a result of careful management and the first overall program spending reduction in nine years we were able to reduce the national debt by \$13.2 billion, one of the largest debt reductions in Canadian history,” said Storseth.

2-year total - \$1,001 M



TRIMMING THE FAT IN OTTAWA

<u>Value for Money</u>	<u>Unused Funds</u>	<u>Non-Core Programs</u>	<u>Efficiency</u>
Funding for third parties to further their interests or programs that are not effective, do not achieve results or are being re-focused or targeted for improved effectiveness. For example, we are saving \$13.9 million by not going forward with the High-Frequency Surface Radar project because access to the radio spectrum to operate this system is not available.	Funding for programs that will not proceed, funds in excess of what is required to achieve results or funds not needed due to lower than anticipated take up. For example, we are saving \$15 million by having settled the softwood lumber deal. The previous government never believed it could get the deal done, so it had set large amounts of money aside to pay lawyers.	Programs or activities do not meet the priorities of the federal government or Canadians. We will save \$4 million through the elimination of funding for the research into Medical Marijuana. Canada's New Government has made big commitments to health research, and doesn't believe the federal government needs to tell professional researchers what to study.	Savings from streamlining or consolidation of activities or from operational or program efficiencies, as well as programs or services that can be provided or are being provided elsewhere. For example, we are saving \$4.5 million by consolidating some foreign missions. In many cases in countries with multiple missions, work can more easily and effectively be done from a central location.

Program Savings Identified (\$000s)	
Efficiency	256,062
Unused Funds	379,563
Non-Core Programs	99,620
Value for Money	265,647
Grand Total	1,000,892

John Williamson, Canadian Taxpayers Federation (Ottawa Citizen, 09-26-06)

"The majority of Canadians will applaud the government's plan to pay down of the federal debt and a \$1-billion spending cut to some awful programs..."

Canada's new Government knows that Canadians expect real results from their hard-earned tax dollars. We also know that waste and inefficiency exists in government. That's why we promised to review every penny of program spending to ensure that it achieves results, provides value for money, and is meets the priorities of Canadians. As a result, instead of spending tax dollars on programs that do not provide value for money this money will be put to work to address real Canadian priorities such as child care and improved public security.

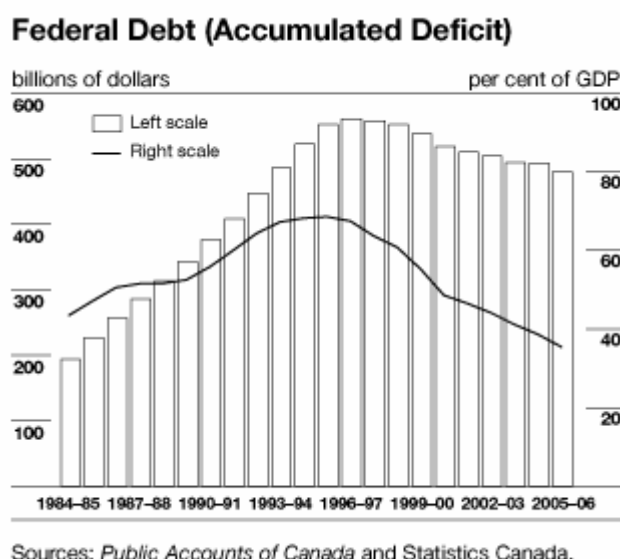
Some of the areas of savings include:

- Savings as a result of a smaller cabinet: \$46.8 million
- Status of Women Canada funding reduction: \$5 million
- Elimination of Court Challenges Program: \$5.6 million
- Savings in legal fees as a result of resolving the softwood lumber dispute: \$15 million
- Reduction in Low Priority Training for Federal Employees: \$9 million
- Canadian Firearms Centre Operational Efficiencies: \$6 million
- End to program that gave GST rebates to tourists: \$78.8 million



PERMANENT DEBT REDUCTION

Canada's federal debt at the end of 2005-06 is now \$481.5 billion, down \$81.4 billion from its peak of \$562.9 billion in 1996-97. Federal debt as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP) is now at its lowest level in 24 years. Owing to Canada's New Government's commitment to on-going debt reduction, the country's debt load is set to shrink further in years ahead.



Don Drummond, Chief Economist at TD Bank (Ottawa Citizen, 09-26-06)

Last year's debt repayment will save the government \$660 million a year in ongoing interest costs. "And that goes on forever... So you're freeing up \$660 million for tax cuts or other priorities."

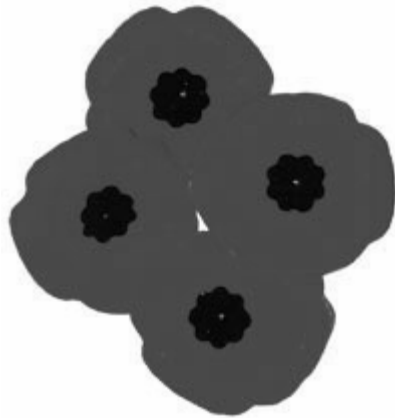
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How Do We Remember? On November 11, especially, but also throughout the year, we have the opportunity to remember the efforts of these special Canadians. In remembering, we pay homage to those who respond to their country's needs. On November 11, we pause for two minutes of silent tribute, and we attend commemorative ceremonies in memory of our war dead.

Poppies are worn as the symbol of remembrance, a reminder of the blood-red flower that still grows on the former battlefields of France and Belgium. During the terrible bloodshed of the second Battle of Ypres in the spring of 1915, Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, a doctor serving with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, wrote of these flowers which lived on among the graves of dead soldiers:

**Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918)
Canadian Army**



IN FLANDERS FIELDS the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.



Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

For those who lived through these wars, remembering means thinking of comrades. It evokes memories of men and women who never returned home. Those born after the wars might picture the youthful soldiers who eagerly joined up from high schools, businesses and farms across the country, only to meet death while fighting against the enemy. They may imagine the anguish of a man leaving a new wife, a young family, an elderly mother. The important thing for all of us to remember is that they fought to preserve a way of life, Canadian values, and the freedom we enjoy today and often take for granted. Remember that the silence is to honour their sacrifice and memory.

One day every year, we pay special homage to those who died in service to their country. We remember these brave men and women for their courage and their devotion to ideals. We wear poppies, attend ceremonies, and visit memorials. For one brief moment of our life, we remember why we must work for peace every day

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