

Liberals Working in the House to Get Things Done!

Certain Conservatives elected locally at the federal level like to rant and rave that the Liberals are blocking their agenda - an agenda it should be noted that two-thirds of Canadians did not vote for. But while they might think that their indignation looks good on television, it accomplishes little, and their complaints are not factual.

Liberals are working with the other opposition parties to introduce sound, responsible legislation of their own, and proposing improvements to the Conservatives' legislation. We are there working, looking for ways to pass legislation, and to do the business of the nation.

For example, Liberals have offered to pass more than half of the Conservatives' crime legislation immediately - bills to protect our children from sexual predators, restrict conditional sentences, update criminal procedure, and control skyrocketing interest rates on payday loans.

Does that sound like a party creating a logjam in the House?



The Hon. Member's Corner:

October 16th, 2006—The Honourable Member for Nepean-Carleton was forced to rise in the House of Commons to apologize for making verbal threats against another member. Gives new meaning to our MP's slogan 'fighting for you!'

(source Hansard, Oct. 16/06)

Canada's New Conservative Government's New Broken Promise - Income Trusts

On October 31st, 2006 the Conservative government gutted the retirement savings of innumerable Canadians through announcing that income trusts would be taxed like corporations. This surprise move directly contradicts the Conservative election platform which stated:

"A Conservative Government will... stop the Liberal attack on retirement savings and preserve income trusts by not imposing any new taxes on them."

In a speech delivered during the campaign (Jan. 13/06), the leader of the Conservative Party stated:

"We will preserve the public pension programs that sustain so many of our parents, grandparents, and senior citizens, as well as help them benefit from their own savings and not monkey around with their income trusts."

The Liberal Party of Canada has posted video of the Conservative leader making this promise at: www.liberal.ca/news_e.aspx?type=news&id=12012

Market losses due to this decision have been pegged by experts at anywhere from \$20 billion to \$40 billion. (www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20061101/markets_incometrust_061101/20061101)

This is not good for Canadian seniors and investors in our community, and in communities like ours all across Canada. Canadians expect their government to keep its promises, and to help those saving for their retirement.