

Royal Assent

of the House of Commons has always stood on the side of sustainable development.

It is a motion by a member who has said a thousand times if we ever must err in this place in so far as the environment is concerned, let us err on the side of the environment, not on the side of the speculators who want to mine the bottom of the ocean as if it were an open pit mine.

Have we not done enough damage? Have we not destroyed enough of this planet with our eyes wide open? Have we not understood by going to the real conference. The real conference is the one that I and some of my colleagues held a week ago with 1,000 fishermen and plant workers on the great northern peninsula who have seen 500 years of history wiped out because of the wanton destruction of gulf cod stocks. That is the real conference.

That is the reality we must face. Those are the people whose eyes we must meet. It is to them, the builders of Canada, those who come from the primary resource sector in Canada, those fishermen together with farmers, together with the people in the mining section, the forestry section, it is to those people we owe a vote of confidence.

I conclude with this. Remember the words of the Haida Indians from the province of British Columbia. They said that we do not inherit the land from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children. The same is true of the sea. Let us leave it better than we found it.

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A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod as follows:

Madam Speaker, the Honourable Deputy to the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the Chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Madam Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

[*English*]

And being returned:

Madam Deputy Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that when the House went up to the Senate chamber the Deputy Governor General was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following bills:

Bill C-48, an act to amend the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act and to amend other acts in consequence thereof—Chapter No. 26.

Bill C-22, an act to amend the Bankruptcy Act and to amend the Income Tax Act in consequence thereof—Chapter No. 27.

Bill C-74, an act to amend the Customs Act, the Customs Tariff and the Excise Tax Act—Chapter No. 28.

Bill C-75, an act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Income Tax Act—Chapter No. 29.

Bill C-81, an act to provide for referendums on the Constitution of Canada—Chapter No. 30.

Bill C-33, an act respecting the use of foreign ships and non-duty paid ships in the coasting trade—Chapter No. 31.

Bill C-82, an act to amend the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act and the National Housing Act and to amend another acts in consequence thereof—Chapter No. 32.

Bill C-7, an act respecting the status of the artist and professional relations between artists and producers in Canada—Chapter No. 33.

Bill C-45, an act to promote public safety in the transportation of dangerous goods—Chapter No. 34.

Bill C-58, an act to amend the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Act and other acts in consequence thereof—Chapter No. 35.

Bill C-41, an act respecting the energy efficiency of energy-using products and the use of alternative energy sources—Chapter No. 36.

Bill C-13, an act to establish a federal environmental assessment process—Chapter No. 37.

Bill C-49, an act to amend the Criminal Code (sexual assault)—Chapter No. 38.

Bill C-51, an act respecting water resources in the Northwest Territories—Chapter No. 39.

Bill C-52, an act respecting water resources in the Yukon Territory—Chapter No. 40.

Bill C-70, an act to amend the Criminal Code (jury)—Chapter No. 41.

Bill S-11, an act to amend the Airport Transfer (Miscellaneous Matters) Act—Chapter No. 42.

Bill S-9, an act to amend an act to incorporate the Northwest Canada Conference Evangelical Church.

Bill S-10, an act to incorporate Green Shield Canada.