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PARLIAMENT HILL



This photo simulates a session of the House of Commons as seen by a person with a visual impairment.

THE PROBLEM

Parliament Hill is the most popular tourist attraction in the nation's capital and each year hundreds of thousands of Canadians visit these beautiful stone buildings. Usually their visit includes a tour of the Senate and the House of Commons, the Library of Parliament and the Peace Tower; it may also include meeting with their Member of Parliament or attending a sitting of Parliament. A visit to Parliament Hill is the highlight on the travel itinerary of many Canadians, and it is important that all Canadians, not just able-bodied ones, are able to enjoy the beauty, charm and dignity of these buildings.

In addition to tourists, there are others who come for business reasons, to meet with a Member of Parliament or to attend a sitting of the House of Commons or a Parliamentary Committee. It is equally important that these individuals have full access throughout Parliament Hill.

If this Committee is going to suggest measures to improve the quality of services provided to disabled and handicapped persons, it must begin by ensuring that its own facilities and services are accessible to everyone. Therefore, your Committee recommends

- **That the Parliamentary Complex be made immediately accessible to all disabled and handicapped persons, both as visitors and as employees.**
- **That disabled and handicapped persons and their organizations be consulted about the most appropriate ways to provide accessibility.**