



**From the
Foreign Service
Community Association**

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**The Citizenship Act
is Amended!**

On February 15, M.P. Bob Pennock's Private Member's Bill C-254 was proclaimed. Exactly 11 years earlier the Citizenship Act was amended excluding a similar provision which had been contained in the previous Act. For your information the complete text of Bill C-254 follows:

BILL C-254

**An Act to amend the
Citizenship Act
(period of residence)**

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons, enacts as follows:

1. The *Citizenship Act* is amended by adding, immediately after subsection 5(1) thereof, the following:

"(1.1) Any day during which an applicant for Canadian citizenship resides with his or her spouse who is employed outside of Canada in or with the Canadian armed forces or the public service of Canada or of a province,

otherwise than as a locally engaged person, shall be treated as equivalent to one day of residence in Canada for the purposes of paragraph (1)(b) and subsection 10(1)."

2. This Act shall come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

To celebrate the proclamation of Bill C-254, the Foreign Service Community Association held a reception honouring the author of the Bill, Mr. Bob Pennock, P.C., M.P., and Senator Peter Bosa who sponsored the Bill in the Senate.

We are all delighted with the change this Bill has brought about.

(See more details on page 11.)

**Who Can Join the FSCA?
You Can!**

Whether you are married or single, a clerk or a communicator, a courier, a guard or an officer, a secretary or a technician, or the spouse of any of the above, you are welcome!

If you are part of the foreign service community, the FSCA is your association!

**FSCA Arts and
Crafts Exhibition**

For the past several years, the FSCA has sponsored and organized an Exhibition of Arts and Crafts — a display of the leisure-time products of our colleagues in External Affairs. This year's exhibit was held on March 1, 2 and 3, at a time when a colourful display of paintings and craft work was a welcome pick-up in a rather cheerless season.

Over the years the display facilities have become more sophisticated and the exhibition itself both broadened and lengthened. From a half-day display of paintings, we have progressed to 2 and a half days with a wide variety of exhibits.

A sampling of exhibits might include: pottery, stained glass, photography, sculpture, jewellery, dried flower arrangements, calligraphy, quilting, lace-making, book-making and novel-writing, and paintings in a variety of media. Last year several beautiful Asian crafts were displayed.

The creations we have seen over the years have impressed us as an expression of immense creative talent within this building

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- Membership Application
- Fee: \$15.00 per year
\$20.00 per family

Name:

Postal address:

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Name of Spouse (if married):

Memberships are due in January of each year.

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