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Vellacott supports filling current Senate vacancies as a stopgap measure

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OTTAWA – Today, Maurice Vellacott, MP for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, said, “I remain as committed as ever to Senate reform including elections for Senators.”

Vellacott reiterated Prime Minister Harper’s statement that, “As long as the Senate exists in its present form, Senate vacancies should be filled by the government that Canadians elected, not the government that Canadians rejected.”

Last week, as the crisis unfolded on Parliament Hill, it became known that the Liberal/NDP/Separatist coalition planned to fill the Senate with coalition members. This included the prospect of appointing Senators who do not believe in Canadian Unity.

Vellacott has encouraged his government to move quickly to fill the Senate and is pleased that the Prime Minister will do so before the end of this year.

In the past month, Vellacott wrote to Prime Minister Harper urging, among other things, the expeditious appointment of only Senators who support a Senate reform agenda – including Senate elections. Vellacott has received assurances of that.

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