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Vellacott Supported expedited reopening of Atomic Energy of Canada (AECL) Chalk River Facility for producing vital medical isotopes

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OTTAWA – Tonight, the Committee of the Whole met to proceed through all three stages of the legislation to reopen the Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) Chalk River facility that produces medical isotopes.

Maurice Vellacott, MP for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, who left the Chamber after the final vote, just before midnight last night, said, “Resuming production of medical isotopes is an immediate priority for the Government of Canada because these isotopes are urgently needed on a daily basis in hospitals across North America and elsewhere to help identify where cancer has spread to and how it can be treated.”

Vellacott said that was why the Conservatives took action yesterday to convince the other three parties that this rare and unusual procedure of calling a Committee of the Whole was necessary.

Vellacott said that it was important that Parliament devoted the time last night to this because the health and security of Canadians is paramount for the Conservative Government.

Vellacott explained that the attending MPs went through all three stages of the process to adopt a bill last night, whereupon the bill proceeds to the Senate today where he anticipates a quick passage of this bill.

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