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## Governor General Prorogues Parliament

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**OTTAWA** – The Governor General has accepted the Prime Minister’s advice to prorogue Parliament until January 26th.

Maurice Vellacott, MP for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin said, “Canadians have made their opinion known by electing Conservatives to govern with a strengthened mandate less than two months ago.” He added, “Now Canadians want their government to work on their most important priority – the economy.”

The first order of business when Parliament returns will be a new federal budget. Vellacott said, “Until then we will be focussing almost exclusively on ensuring that the budget addresses the public’s worries about the economy.”

Vellacott said, “Three of the 4 parties, voted into the House of Commons by electors, have a shared responsibility to the entire country. Despite our different perspectives, we all want Canada to succeed.”

Vellacott reiterated the invitation of the Prime Minister to all opposition MPs – but particularly MPs from the three national parties – to work with the Conservatives and provide constructive ideas on the economy.

Vellacott acknowledged that the Bloc Quebecois MPs are democratically elected, but said they have a fundamentally different vision about this country.

Vellacott said he never wants to be in a position where the Canadian government is beholden to a party that does not want Canada to succeed.

Vellacott hopes that the opposition Members of Parliament who do believe in a successful Canada will work with his Conservative government on the top priority of Canadians, which is the economy.

When asked, if adjourning the Parliamentary session a week early is running from Parliament, Vellacott responded, “This provides us all, with an opportunity to step back, reflect on the events of the past couple weeks and make an effort to work together on the upcoming federal budget.”

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