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## Vellacott again affirms traditional, heterosexual marriage

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**OTTAWA** – Canada’s Conservative Government has followed through on its commitment to hold a free vote on revisiting the definition of marriage. The motion was: “That this House call on the government to introduce legislation to restore the traditional definition of marriage without affecting civil unions and while respecting existing same-sex marriages.”

Saskatoon-Wanuskewin MP Maurice Vellacott and 122 like-minded colleagues voted for the motion and 175 voted against. Vellacott is disappointed with the outcome of the vote. Only 13 of the 102 Liberal Members of Parliament voted for restoring the traditional definition of marriage. All the NDP Members of Parliament voted against restoring the traditional, heterosexual definition of marriage.

Last night, during the debate, Vellacott posed the question to recent Liberal Party leadership candidate Michael Ignatieff:

No doubt he is aware of the fact that in another country, in fact the country in which the Liberal leader [Stéphane Dion] also has citizenship, the country of France no less – he has citizenship here, he has citizenship there – they have what they call *Pacte de solidarité*. It did not change the meaning of marriage. It did not tamper with [marriage], but it had this other registration that could be done for people in a homosexual relationship and various other relationships as well. [France] drew some rather different conclusions and came to a rather different acceptable result, honouring and safeguarding the rights of all French citizens. I would ask respectfully of the Member whether or not he agrees with that approach, the approach in fact that is taken by a country which is near and dear to the hearts of many people in this place, and in fact a country in which the Liberal leader is a citizen as well.

Vellacott believes the motion was a reasonable approach to moving the debate forward. Vellacott will continue to promote and extol the values of one-man/one-woman marriage and the natural family for the sake of his children and grandchildren and the well-being of Canadian society.

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