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Leadership that Canada Expects

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OTTAWA – Maurice Vellacott, the 5th term Conservative MP for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, spoke today of the responsiveness of the Conservative Government in laying out a five-pronged plan to protect Canada’s economic security, namely:

- working with other countries to reform the global finance system;
- ensuring sound federal budgeting;
- securing jobs for families and communities;
- expanding investment and trade in Europe, Asia and the Americas;
- making government more effective.

Vellacott said, “In these uncertain economic times, we will need to keep federal spending under control and focused on results. I appreciate the invitation to scrutinize spending and suggest areas for restraint, and I surely will.” In addition to the core economic priorities of the Government, Vellacott drew attention to what will be a focus on priorities that make a difference in the lives of ordinary Canadians.

Vellacott, who served on the Environment Committee in the previous parliament, cheered on the Government's readiness to regulate any new nuclear projects in Saskatchewan. Vellacott supports nuclear development in northern Saskatchewan because it secures our country's energy future and provides new cleaner energy supplies.

Vellacott, during the recent election, campaigned on helping Canadian families by further improving the Universal Child Care Benefit, increasing access to maternity and parental benefits under Employment Insurance, and acting to help Canadians who care for loved ones with disabilities.

Vellacott noted the Party's perennial theme in the Throne Speech of keeping Canadians safe by strengthening the sentences for serious criminal offences. He also referenced the revived need to put in place new rules for food and product safety.

Lastly, Vellacott said, as an early Reform MP, he is proud that his Government has an unswerving commitment to Senate reform and introducing fixed terms for Senators, allowing for Senate nominees to be selected by voters.

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