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## **Liberal Senate obstructionist on ethics**

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**OTTAWA** – Last night, CTV News reported that the Liberal-controlled Senate has met for a total of just 34 days since the election. Meanwhile, important legislation passed by the House of Commons awaits Senate approval, including the Federal Accountability Act (FAA).

Despite a call from Conservative Senators to sit through the summer to pass the FAA, Liberal Senators chose to put their feet up and take the summer off. A recent offer by Conservative Senators to sit through the Thanksgiving recess has also gone unanswered.

Maurice Vellacott, MP for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, says the unelected Liberal Senators have no mandate to obstruct changes Canadians asked for in this January's election.

Also moving slowly in the Senate is Bill S-4, legislation that would limit Senate terms to eight years for all new Senators.

While Canada's New Government has the support of Canadians on this first practical step toward Senate reform, the Liberal Party would prefer to keep the Senate:

- Unelected;
- Unaccountable; and
- Obstructionist.

It has become a right of passage for aspiring leaders and prime ministers to promise Senate reform, only to back down when they take control of the government.

No more.

Maurice Vellacott concluded, "Prime Minister Stephen Harper has made it clear the Senate must change and Canada's New Government will lead that change on behalf of all Canadians."

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