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Vellacott introduces Private Member's Motion to promote equal parenting

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OTTAWA – Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott (Saskatoon-Wanuskewin) this week introduced a Private Member's Motion that notes the importance of the participation of both parents in the raising of their children, even in the case of marital breakdown, in all cases except those of abuse and neglect.

A 1998 Canadian Special Joint House-Senate Committee on Child Custody and Access produced a report entitled "For The Sake of the Children." This report had important recommendations on equal parenting. Vellacott's motion again raises the importance of these recommendations.

"More equity needs to be brought into the way Canadian courts decide on custodial and access questions," said Vellacott. "The changes that my motion would encourage are in the best interests of children."

This motion reads as follows:

M-483 — April 11, 2008 — Mr. Vellacott (Saskatoon—Wanuskewin) — That, in the opinion of the House, the government should propose amendments to the Divorce Act so that law and practice ensure due process protection of rights and equality of parents, and to ensure that children benefit from equal parenting from both their mother and their father, after separation or divorce.

M-483 — 11 avril 2008 — M. Vellacott (Saskatoon—Wanuskewin) — Que, de l'avis de la Chambre, le gouvernement devrait modifier la Loi sur le divorce pour que le droit et l'usage assurent la protection des droits et de l'égalité des parents par l'application régulière de la loi et pour que les enfants jouissent de l'égalité des responsabilités de la mère et du père après une séparation ou un divorce.

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