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Vellacott views Senate Appointment Consultations Act as an important step forward

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OTTAWA – Today, Canada’s Conservative Government introduced a bill in the House of Commons to establish a national process for consulting Canadians on their preferences for Senate appointments. The bill will see voters choose their preferred Senate candidates to represent their provinces or territories.

Saskatoon-Wanuskewin Member of Parliament, Maurice Vellacott says, “The Senate Appointment Consultations Act represents another step in a comprehensive plan to make government more accountable. This bill will make the Senate more democratic and more accountable.”

Vellacott continued, “For the first time Canadians will help select Senators. The Senate appointment consultations will give Canadians a voice in choosing who represents them in the Senate of Canada.”

Vellacott emphasized, “Of crucial importance, this bill does not require any constitutional change.”

Vellacott explained, “The bill will provide a process for Canadians to put their names forward as nominees for potential appointment to the Senate. Canadian voters will be able indicate their preferences regarding which potential Senate nominees they would like to see represent their province or territory.”

Vellacott believes that this practical and achievable step provides significant and meaningful democratic reform – the type of reform that will be supported by the vast majority of Canadians.

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