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Vellacott applauds passage of law for a more secure future for Canada's seniors and disabled

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OTTAWA – Yesterday, the Honourable Monte Solberg and the Honourable Marjory LeBreton marked the passage into law of Bill C-36.

Bill C-36 is legislation to help ensure: that the Canada Pension Plan remains fully funded; and makes it easier to apply and qualify for the Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement. It also extends CPP benefits to thousands of additional Canadians with a disability.

Maurice Vellacott, MP for Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, stated, “We have listened to seniors and taken action to make sure that the Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security meets the needs of Canadians today and in the future.”

Vellacott continued, “These changes also make it easier for thousands of additional Canadians with disabilities to qualify for CPP benefits. These changes demonstrate Canada’s New Government’s commitment to Canada’s seniors and persons with disabilities, reinforcing Canada’s public pensions as cornerstones for retirement and income security.”

Vellacott concluded, “We are also delivering on our commitment to establish a National Seniors Council to allow Canadian seniors to have a say in the issues that matter to them.”

Yesterday, Minister Solberg and Senator LeBreton also named nine members of the new National Seniors Council.

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