

Climate Action News **this week**

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Climate Action Network Canada Launches AdoptAnMP.ca **www.adoptanmp.ca**

The Clean Air Act or C-30 Committee held a series of hearings last week focusing on air pollution as well as global warming. The Canadian Lung Association made a very strong presentation calling for meeting Kyoto as well regulating air pollution. They also explained how climate change will worsen air pollution in the future.

It's clear from the questioning by government committee members that they don't intend to require true emission reductions or to honour our Kyoto obligations. The real work of the committee won't get underway until mid-March when the opposition introduces amendments. CAN-RAC has submitted a series of amendments:

<http://www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/news/2007/bill-c-30-background-01-07.pdf>

The most important is setting into law a cap and trade system and regulations to reduce industrial emissions to 6% below 1990 levels. Government's present plan is to set intensity targets negotiated with industry that will come into effect only in 2011 and will allow emissions to continue to rise for years.

You can help by participating in www.adoptanmp.ca

Global Warming can be scary and confusing. That's why Members of Parliament (MPs) on the C-30 Committee to amend Canada's flawed "Clean Air Act" so desperately need the gentle guidance of a climate protection parent – that would be you!

We have designed a simple way for you to choose a member(s) of the C-30 Committee to adopt as your very own climate child.

Help MPs make the right choices!! www.adoptanmp.ca

A Valentine's Gift for Environmentalists: The Kyoto Protocol Implementation Act (C-288)

This was a great week for the environment. On Wednesday, February 14th Bill C-288 The Kyoto Implementation Act received support from all opposition parties in the House, 161 to 113. The Bill requires government to produce a credible plan to meet the 2012 Kyoto target within 60 days of passing into law. It is now in Senate committee. How long before it comes back to the House for a final vote? No one knows, but two months is a realistic guess. See related press release:

Press Release

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

Groups Celebrate Kyoto Vote

(Ottawa) Today a majority of Parliament is expected to say YES to Kyoto and a plan to get there. The Kyoto Protocol Implementation Act (C-288), a private member's bill tabled by MP Pablo Rodriguez, comes up for its final House of Commons vote tonight.

<http://www.climateactionnetwork.ca/e/news/2007/kyoto-2007-02-14.html>

Communiqué de presse

Le mercredi 14 février 2007

Des groupes fêtent le vote sur Kyoto

(Ottawa) Il est attendu que la majorité des parlementaires votent aujourd'hui en faveur du Protocole de Kyoto et d'un plan permettant au Canada de respecter ses engagements en vertu du protocole. La Loi de mise en oeuvre du Protocole de Kyoto (C-288), un projet de loi d'initiative parlementaire déposé par le député Pablo Rodriguez, fera l'objet d'un dernier vote en Chambre des communes ce soir.

<http://www.reseauactionclimat.ca/f/nouvelles/2007/kyoto-2007-02-14.html>

BC's new Climate Change Plan

"The BC government has declared that it will reduce BC's greenhouse gas emissions to 33% below today's level by 2020, or 10% below the 1990 level. This is 20% above the European Union's 2020 goal for all 27-member states, but better than California's goal, which is to match its 1990 level by 2020".

Have a read of the full news release from the BC Sustainable Energy Association:

http://www.bcsea.org/media/070213-BCSEA_Responds_to_throne_speech.asp

Inside Ottawa News

Excerpted from:

The Hill Times, February 12, 2007
By Simon Doyle and Abbas Rana

Environment politics to help Conservatives in urban ridings, says pollster Lyle

Quebecers say, 'If you're not fairly green, we don't even want to hear you speak,' says another pollster.

A federal election campaign focused on the environment could divide centre-left urban votes and help the Conservatives win key urban ridings, mostly in the Toronto area, says pollster Greg Lyle.

Mr. Lyle, managing director at the Innovative Research Group in Toronto, who recently completed a major polling analysis of the Conservatives' national electoral battleground, said the governing Tories can crack former Liberal stronghold ridings in urban Toronto if the environmental vote is strong enough to be spread among the Liberals, Green Party and NDP.

Full story:

http://www.thehilltimes.ca/html/index.php?display=story&full_path=/2007/February/12/urbanridings/&c=1

HEADS UP

Monday, February 19, 2007 - Ottawa

IPCC authors:

- Richard Peltier, Professor Department of Physics, University of Toronto,
 - John Stone, Member Adjunct Professor at Carleton University
 - Andrew Weaver, Professor, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences University of Victoria,
- present at C-30 Committee, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

To watch online go to <http://parlvu.parl.gc.ca>

Monday, February 19, 2007 - Toronto

Sir Nicholas Stern, and David Suzuki team up in Toronto for a full day of press events and speaking engagements.

Tuesday, February 20, 2007 - Ottawa

Matthew Bramley, Pembina Institute presents on targets for Large Final Emitters at C-30 Committee, 9:00 am to 11:00 am EST.

To watch online go to <http://parlvu.parl.gc.ca>