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A Week in Review...

Environment Committee has a resignation and election all in one week

As many of you heard last week the House environment committee ground to a halt when the Conservative chairman, Bob Mills, stepped down rather than hear from a respected economist (Mark Jaccard) who has panned the government's climate-change targets. (see full Globe and Mail article at: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20070615.ENVIRON15/TPStory/>)

This past Tuesday saw the re-election of Mr. Mills as chairman and the full testimony of Mr. Jaccard. For a full transcript of the meeting (posted in a few days):

<http://cmte.parl.gc.ca/cmte/CommitteeList.aspx?Lang=1&PARLSES=391&JNT=0&SELID=e21 &COM=10471>

speaking of Mr. Jaccard.....

Secret government study backs \$50 carbon tax, says the Green Party

A secret report to the federal government from a world renowned energy economist (Mark Jaccard), obtained by the Green Party under the Access to Information Act, concludes that a \$50/tonne tax on carbon would lead to reduced greenhouse gas emissions and have an insignificant impact on the Canadian economy.

Read the full Press Release:

<http://www.greenparty.ca/en/releases/20.06.2007>

...from the Provinces

Ontario Joins Climate Protection Club, Absolute Targets Contrast Sharply with Federal Approach, says WWF-Canada

Ontario's new membership in the provincial carbon reduction club is a welcome and important signal that tangible action on global warming must start in earnest, according to WWF-Canada.

Read the full press release:

<http://www.wwf.ca/NewsAndFacts/NewsRoom/default.asp?section=archive&page=display&ID=1547&lang=EN>

Ontario targets greenhouse gases and enlists transit to fight global warming, says the David Suzuki Foundation

Ontario's greenhouse gas reduction targets recognize what needs to be done to tackle global warming, but their credibility and effectiveness depend on the rest of the plan they're part of, according to the David Suzuki Foundation.

Read the full press release:

<http://www.davidsuzuki.org/latestnews/dsfnews06180701.asp>

Saskatchewan also released its climate change plan last week (more analysis to follow next week). Have a look at the province's website for details.

<http://www.gov.sk.ca/news?newsId=78e66c74-c0a2-4041-813f54e666cdf591>

Action Alert

Global Call to End Oil Aid

Read and sign the statement calling on wealthy countries to stop using foreign assistance to subsidize international oil companies.

Full statement at:

<http://www.priceofoil.org/endoilaid>

We love nukes! (not really...)

Sign the petition to rename a nuclear plant after Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty!

Find out more (and sign the petition!) at:

<http://www.ilovenukes.ca>

There should be a Dalton McGuinty Memorial Nuclear Station. Why? Because no one else has done as much to promote nuclear power in Canada, and we want everyone to know.

Inside Ottawa...

MP's closing up shop

MP's are due back September 17th if all goes according to the parliamentary schedule. Rumor has it the government may choose to bring back parliament after the Ontario election which would put opening day around October 11th.

For all the latest debates, sitting schedules, webcasts and other fun stuff that keeps us on the edge of our seats throughout each session visit:

<http://www.parl.gc.ca>

Looking Ahead....

THURSDAY, JULY 5 - Pugwash Peace Exchange—No more nukes! Quebec Liberal Sen. Roméo Dallaire is the honorary patron of the Pugwash Peace Exchange—this year commemorates the 50th anniversary of the first anti-nuclear Pugwash Conference. July 5-7, Pugwash, N.S. 613-995-4191.

SATURDAY, JULY 21 - Canada Parks Day—Celebrate Canada's parks and historical sites with numerous events taking place all over the country.

<http://www.parksday.ca/eng/index.html>

CONSERVATIVE NATIONAL CAUCUS MEETING—in Charlottetown, P.E.I. from **August 1 - August 3**. For more information, call Conservative MP Rahim Jaffer, chair of the Conservative caucus, 613-995-7325.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 - Council of the Federation—Chair of the Council of the Federation, New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham will host other premiers at this summer meeting. August 8-10. Hotel Beauséjour, Moncton, N.B. For more details please visit:

<http://www.gnb.ca/cf>

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 - NDP MPs will gather in Montreal from Aug. 25 to 27 for their annual summer caucus retreat.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 - Federal Liberal Caucus meeting—The Liberal Party holds its summer caucus meeting. Aug. 28-30. The Fairmont Hotel, St. John's, Nfld. For more information, please call 613-783-8400.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - Ontario Provincial Election—

<http://www.electionsontario.on.ca>

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