

The fall session of the 37th Parliament took on added importance in the eyes of Canadians after the devastating terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11. The Canadian Alliance can be proud of our accomplishments in the critical weeks following the attacks.

We have driven the debate surrounding Canada's role in the fight against terrorism. While continually pledging to stand by the Government, we have diligently pursued our responsibility as the Official Opposition to press for swifter and more complete action. By focusing on policy and action rather than process issues, we have set the standard for non-partisan debate, and our lead terrorism critics have gained national media attention.

At the same time, issues that have suffered from government indifference for too long, such as the softwood lumber and agriculture crises, have continued to be priorities for the Canadian Alliance.

Briefly, the Alliance can claim these key initiatives since Parliament reconvened on September 15.

- * Initiated an emergency debate regarding the Canadian response to the attacks of September 11
- * Tabled a motion in the House of Commons for the government to bring forward effective anti-terrorism legislation
- * Pressured the government to put in place regulations that would name specific terrorist organizations, enable authorities to freeze and seize their assets, and ban these groups from fundraising in Canada
- * Prompted the government to invite a non-partisan Canadian delegation to New York City to pay tribute to the victims of the terrorist attacks
- * Pressured the Justice Minister to finally "split" Bill C-15, a controversial omnibus bill. This bill grouped valuable legislation to protect children from sexual predators on the Internet with more contentious amendments to animal cruelty legislation and the long-gun registry. The Alliance initiated a letter from the four opposition parties to make this request of the Minister.
- * Demanded emergency debates on the crises facing the Canadian agriculture and softwood lumber industries, and continued to expose Liberal weakness and inaction on these important issues
- * Had 16 MPs elected as vice-chairs of Parliamentary committees, and had John Williams re-elected as Chair of the Public Accounts Committee
- * Called for Ministers and government officials to appear and answer questions at important Parliamentary committee meetings
- * Strongly advocated the placement of air marshals on flights, a plan now supported by Air Canada
- * Requested a federal-provincial summit on a North American security perimeter, an idea that has received support from business organizations

We look forward to continuing the Parliamentary session, following the Thanksgiving recess, in the same vein. The Canadian Alliance will continue to fight for Canadians in Ottawa.

Thank you for your continued support.

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