

2010 Policy Resolution Activity Update

As of March 24, 2011

FINANCE AND TAXATION		<i>For more information, contact Tina Kremmidas, tkremmidas@chamber.ca</i>	
Resolution	CCC Actions Taken	Planned CCC Actions	Government Actions to Date
<i>Fiscal Policy</i>	<p>Oct. 19/10 - Issued report "<i>Fiscal Policy for a Stronger Tomorrow</i>." Emailed to key government officials at Finance Canada and Industry Canada, Parliamentary Secretaries, Opposition party critics, Finance Committee, Industry Committee, PMO, OLO, and research bureaux.</p> <p>Oct.19/10 - Issued press release "Canadian Chamber of Commerce sets economic and growth strategy".</p> <p>Oct. 28/10 - Launched corporate income tax campaign calling on MPs not to brake their promise with respect to planned cuts in the general corporate income tax rate.</p> <p>Nov. 1/10 - Article in <i>Canadian Business Journal</i> on fiscal policy priorities.</p> <p>Nov. 2/10 - Appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance on pre-budget consultations.</p> <p>Nov. 5/10 - Speech to the St. John's Board of Trade on Canadian Chamber's fiscal policy priorities.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty. Resolution attached.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to the President of the Treasury Board and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway Stockwell Day. Resolution attached.</p> <p>Jan. 6/11 - Met with the Prime Minister's Office.</p> <p>Jan. 12/11 - Provided MPs with a link to our report "<i>Fiscal Policy for a Stronger Tomorrow</i>" in the January issue of our parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i>.</p>		<p>Jan. 7/11 - Regarding recommendation #2, the prime minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to proceed with planned corporate tax rate cuts stating: "We are gaining more revenue from the business sector by having low rates than we were by having high rates...This is in the interest of everybody and it's the direction we'll continue to go."</p> <p>March 22/11 - Budget 2011 contained a number of "wins" for the Canadian Chamber with respect to fiscal policy. The debt-to-GDP ratio, an important measure of fiscal sustainability, is on track to fall below 30% by 2015-16, returning it to its pre-recession level. The government has committed to eliminate deficits by 2015 and to do so by wrestling annual program spending growth to an average of about 1.6% per year through fiscal 2015-16. The government continues to rule out tax increases—including increases to business taxes—to balance its books. This is a victory for the Canadian Chamber and the network which launched a national campaign calling on all federal parliamentarians to keep their promise and proceed with the legislated cuts in the general corporate income tax rate.</p>

	<p>Jan. 14/11 - "toolkit" to conduct pre-budget consultations with MPs send to local chamber/board of trade.</p> <p>Jan. 31/11- Met with the prime minister.</p> <p>Jan. 31/11 - Met with Finance Minister Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>Feb. 3/11 - Breakfast meeting with MPs and senators.</p> <p>Feb. 15/11 - Issued report "<i>Business Tax Relief is Crucial To Canada's Economic Success</i>".</p> <p>March 1/11 - Article in <i>Canadian Business Journal</i> on a competitive business income tax system.</p>		
<p><i>Employment Insurance Reform</i></p>	<p>Oct. 1/10 - Met with EI Commissioner for Employers.</p> <p>Oct. 19/10 - Issued report "<i>Fiscal Policy for a Stronger Tomorrow</i>." Emailed to key government officials at Finance Canada and Industry Canada, Parliamentary Secretaries, Opposition party critics, Finance Committee, Industry Committee, PMO, OLO, and research bureaux.</p> <p>Nov. 2/10 - Appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance on pre-budget consultations.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty. Resolution attached.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Diane Finley. Resolution attached.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Deputy Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada Ian Shugart. Resolution attached.</p> <p>Jan.6/11 - Met with the Prime Minister's Office.</p> <p>Jan. 21/11 - Participated on Mowat Centre EI Task Force that is developing proposals for modernizing the EI program.</p> <p>Feb. 28/11 - Met with Judith Andrew, EI Commissioner for Employers.</p>	<p>Participate in consultations (when announced) on how the EI rate-setting mechanism can be improved.</p> <p>Work with other business organizations to develop a common message on employment insurance reform.</p>	<p>Sept. 29/10 - Members of Parliament defeated Bill C-308—a bill that would have added over \$2 billion to the costs of the EI Program, increased work disincentives, hindered labour force mobility and constrained job creation.</p> <p>Sept.30/10 - Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced the government will take further action to support Canada's economic recovery by limiting the potential increase in Employment Insurance (EI) premiums. Specifically, the increase in EI premiums for 2011 will be limited to 5 cents per \$100 of insurable earnings and 10 cents for subsequent years. The measure will save workers and employers about \$1.2 billion.</p> <p>March 22, 2011 - In Budget 2011, the government announced it will be consulting with Canadians on how the EI rate-setting mechanism can be further improved to ensure more stable, predictable rates going forward. A Web-based consultation process will be undertaken to invite written recommendations. In addition, the Parliamentary Secretaries to the Ministers of Finance and Human Resources and Skills Development will convene a number of roundtables to hear the views of key stakeholders. A consultation paper will be released in the spring.</p>

<p><i>Equitable Tax Treatment for Individual Retirement Savings</i></p>	<p>Nov.17/10 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty. Resolution attached.</p>		<p>Oct. 19/10 - With respect to recommendation #5, following consultations, the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce recommended that Canadians be permitted to contribute to RRSPs until age 75, at which time contributions and accumulated returns should be used to purchase annuities or converted to Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs).The increase from age 71 to age 75 would be phased in over an eight-year period.</p>
<p><i>Interest on Overpaid Taxes</i></p>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of National Revenue Keith Ashfield. Resolution attached.</p>		<p>The proposal in Budget 2010 to reduce the interest rate paid on refunds to corporations from the T-bill rate plus 2% to the T-bill rate, while leaving the interest rate charged on tax owing at the T-bill rate plus 4% was implemented. Consequently, for the January 1 to March 31, 2011 period, the prescribed annual interest rate charged on overdue taxes, CPP contributions and EI premiums is 5%. The interest rate to be paid on corporate taxpayers overpayments is 1%. The Canadian Chamber has asked the federal government to maintain the rate to be paid on corporate taxpayers' overpayments to the T-bill plus 2%, or at 3% at present.</p>
<p><i>Tax Provision Threshold Indexing</i></p>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty. Resolution attached.</p>		
<p><i>Deferral of Capital Gains Taxation</i></p>	<p>Nov.17/10 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty. Resolution attached.</p>		
<p><i>Employee Stock Options</i></p>	<p>March 24, 2010 - Met with ADMs Louise Levonian and Stephen Richardson, and other senior Finance Canada officials.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty. Resolution attached.</p>		<p>Budget 2010 proposed to amend the <i>Income Tax Act</i> so that a stock option deduction would be available to an employee who surrenders the award for cash only where the employer forgoes the corporate tax deduction and provides evidence in writing to the employee that no deduction is being claimed in respect of the payment made to the employee for the disposition of his or her options. The federal budget proposals became law on December 15, 2010.</p>

<i>Establishing Allowable Capital Loss on In-Kind Contributions</i>	Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty. Resolution attached.		
<i>GST/HST Treatment of Financial Services</i>	Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty. Resolution attached. Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of National Revenue Keith Ashfield. Resolution attached.		Jan. 28/11 - The Department of Finance released proposed changes to rules relating to the manner by which financial institutions calculate the provincial component of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST).
<i>Improving Rental Incentives through Tax Reform</i>	Nov. 17, 2010 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty. Resolution attached.		With respect to recommendation #1, the GST/HST new residential rental property rebate applies to eligible rental accommodation and to land leased for a residence. Individuals qualify for the rebate if they purchase or build a new residential rental property, substantially renovate residential rental property, make an addition to a multiple-unit residential rental complex, convert a commercial property into a residential rental property, or lease land for residential purposes.
<i>Applying the Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance (ACCA) to All Mining and Resource Processing Investments</i>	November 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty. Resolution attached. November 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Natural Resources Christian Paradis. Resolution attached.	Meet with Minister of Natural Resources Christian Paradis.	

ENVIRONMENT		<i>For more information, contact Scott Campbell, scampbell@chamber.ca</i>	
<i>Climate Change</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to the Hon. John Baird Minister of Environment.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of International Trade Peter Van Loan.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10- letter to the Minister of Natural Resources Christian Paradis.</p> <p>Jan. 14/11 - Statement by Perrin Beatty supporting creation of Red Tape Reduction Commission</p>	<p>April 5, 2011: Meeting with Environment Minister Peter Kent.</p>	<p>Oct. 25/10 - Government released proposed regulations for GHG emissions from new heavy-duty vehicles.</p> <p>Dec. 17/10 - Canada and BC sign agreement on GHG data collection.</p> <p>March 22/11 - Budget 2011 announces \$252 million over two years to support regulatory activities to address climate change and air quality; \$48 million over two years to develop transportation sector regulations and support clean transportation initiatives; \$86 million over two years to support clean energy regulatory actions with a focus on energy efficiency; \$58 million over two years to support climate change adaptation; \$25 million over two years to support international negotiations and Clean Energy Dialogue; \$400 million in 2011-12 for ecoEnergy Retrofit - Homes program; \$40 million over two years to Sustainable Development Canada support development and commercialization of clean technology programs.</p>
<i>Clean Energy Systems and Services</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of Environment John Baird.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of International Trade Peter Van Loan.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to the Minister of Natural Resources Christian Paradis.</p>	<p>April 5, 2011: Meeting with Environment Minister Peter Kent</p>	

<i>Water for Sustainability - A Canada-Wide National Water Strategy</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Environment John Baird.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Natural Resources Christian Paradis.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Gail Shea.</p>	<p>Work in 2011 with all stakeholders to develop a <i>Canada-Wide Water Strategy</i>.</p> <p>April 5, 2011: Meeting with Environment Minister Peter Kent.</p>	<p>Mar 22/11 - federal budget announces \$5 million over two years to improve near-shore water and ecosystem health and better address the presence of phosphorus in the Great Lakes.</p>
<i>Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) 1999</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Environment John Baird.</p>	<p>Participate in consultation during 2011 Review of CEPA.</p> <p>April 5, 2011: Meeting with Environment Minister Peter Kent.</p>	<p>March 22/11 - federal budget announces \$200 million over two years to continue Chemicals Management Plan</p>
<i>Biodiesel Quality</i>	<p>Nov.17/10 - Letter to Minister of Environment John Baird.</p>	<p>April 5, 2011: Meeting with Environment Minister Peter Kent.</p>	<p>April 10/10 - Gazette 1 notice of Renewable Fuels regulations notes that fuel quality specification would not be included in the proposed regulations and that the CGSB is responsibility for fuel quality standards</p>
<i>Development of a National Power Grid Plan</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to the Minister of Natural Resources Christian Paradis.</p>		
<i>Innovative Thinking With Canada's Energy Sector Can Foster Economic Sustainability</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to the Minister of Natural Resources Christian Paradis.</p>		
<i>Built Community Sustainability Platform</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to the Minister of Natural Resources Christian Paradis.</p>		
<i>Stop the Spread of Another Invasive Freshwater Species</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Gail Shea.</p>		<p>March 11/11: Federal government and Ontario practice emergency response to possible carp invasion</p>
<i>Pine Beetle Management in Canada</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Environment John Baird.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer of Parks Canada.</p>	<p>April 5, 2011: Meeting with Environment Minister Peter Kent</p>	<p>Jan. 4/11 - Reply received from the Chief Executive Officer of Parks Canada, Alan Latourelle, to our letter of Nov. 17 providing an outline of the actions Parks Canada has taken to address the issue.</p>

<i>Fisheries Inter - Jurisdictional Issues</i>	Nov. 17 /10 - Letter to Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Gail Shea.		March 22/11 – Budget 2011 announced that DFO would be moving to focus on its core role and reduce or eliminate activities and duplicate or overlap with the mandate of other organizations.
<i>Electricity Exports: Promote Canadian Hydroelectricity as a Renewable Energy Source to American Legislators</i>	Nov. 17/10 – letter to Minister of International Trade Peter Van Loan. Nov. 17/10 – letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon. Nov. 17/10 – Letter to Minister of Natural Resources Christian Paradis. Issue raised in discussions with US Embassy in Ottawa and Canadian Embassy in Washington.		
<i>Addressing the negative Impact of Regulatory Approval Process on Regional Economic Development</i>	Nov. 17/10 – Letter to Minister of Environment John Baird. Nov. 17/10 – Letter to Minister of Natural Resources Christian Paradis. Jan. 14/11 – Statement by Perrin Beatty supporting creation of Red Tape Reduction Commission	April 5, 2011: Meeting with Environment Minister Peter Kent.	

INDUSTRY		<i>For more information, contact Chris Gray, cgray@chamber.ca</i>	
<i>Improving Canada's Intellectual Property Rights System</i>	Nov. 17/10 – letter to Industry Minister Tony Clement. Nov. 17/10 – letter to Minister of International Trade Peter Van Loan. Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Public Safety Honourable Vic Toews. Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Canadian Heritage Honourable James Moore. Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of National Revenue Keith Ashfield.		Jan. 4/11 - Reply received from the Minister of Canadian Heritage Honourable James Moore, to our letter of Nov. 17/10 indicating that our recommendations to improve Canada's intellectual property rights have been noted. March 22/11 – Budget 2011 announced funding of \$100 million per year to the Canada Media Fund for investments in the creation of digital content across multiple platforms.

<p><i>Identity Theft, Information Privacy and the Photocopiers</i></p> <p>Chris Gray, cgray@chamber.ca</p>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Mary Carman, Canadian Intellectual Property Office.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Privacy Commissioner of Canada Jennifer Stoddart.</p>		<p>Jan. 4/11 - Reply received from the Privacy Commissioner of Canada Jennifer Stoddart, to our letter of Nov. 17/10 indicating awareness of the problem and that they are conducting an audit to examine the issue, which should be released in June.</p>
<p><i>Creating a New Pharmaceutical Industry in Canada: The Thebaine Opportunity</i></p>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Industry Minister Tony Clement.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Agriculture, and Agri-Food Canada Honourable Gerry Ritz.</p>		
<p><i>Capitalizing on a Digital Economy Strategy</i></p>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Industry Minister Tony Clement.</p>		<p>March 22/11 - Budget 2011 announced \$80 million in new funding over three years through the Industrial Research Assistance Program to help small and medium-sized businesses accelerate their adoption of key information and communications technologies through collaborative projects with colleges.</p> <p>Budget 2011 also announced \$60 million over three years to promote increased student enrolment in key disciplines related to the digital economy.</p>
<p><i>Funding Support for Commercialization of New Technology</i></p>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Industry Minister Tony Clement.</p> <p>Dec. 8/10 - letter to Minister of Small Business and Tourism Rob Moore.</p>	<p>Feb 10/11 - Perrin Beatty meeting with Minister of Small Business and Tourism Rob Moore.</p>	<p>Budget 2011 allocated \$12 million over five years, starting in 2011-12, through the Idea to Innovation program to support joint college-university commercialization projects.</p>
<p><i>Positive Changes to the Canadian Wheat Board Can Promote Economic Growth in Canada</i></p>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Agriculture, and Agri-Food Canada Honourable Gerry Ritz.</p>		

<p>INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS</p>		<p><i>Mathias Hartpence, mhartpence@chamber.ca (International)</i> <i>Leah Littlepage, llittlepage@chamber.ca (Canada-U.S.)</i></p>
<p><i>Enhancing and Diversifying Canada's International Trade and Investment</i></p>	<p>Oct. 19/10 - participation in "China on the Hill" event to advocate key messages from Canada-China report re/strengthening economic ties with that country.</p> <p>Oct. 21/10 - Meeting with Canada and EU CETA chief negotiators for update, to provide input on our key requests.</p> <p>Oct. 26/10 - Participation in CETA steering committee meeting to discuss Round Six of negotiations.</p> <p>Oct. 28/10 - IAC meeting w/ EU chief negotiator Steve Verheul and Ian Burney re/India, TPP, Korea negotiations.</p> <p>Oct. 29/10 - Canada-China Roundtable with ADM, Asia and DG, North Asia.</p> <p>Nov. 2/10 - Meeting with Senator Andreychuk, Chair of Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.</p> <p>Nov. 5/10 - Participation in roundtable with Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to exchange views on CETA.</p> <p>Nov. 10-12 /10 - Perrin Beatty participation in the Seoul G20 Business Summit on behalf of the Canadian business community -> through the G20 Business Summit, we advocated directly to the G20 leaders on a wide range of policy matters (economic imbalances, financial reform, fiscal consolidation, and of course international trade).</p> <p>Nov. 15/10 - Meeting with European Economic and Social Committee delegation.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of International Trade Peter Van Loan.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon.</p> <p>Nov. 30 /10 - Meeting with Minister Van Loan re/non-US files, focus on China and EU.</p>	

	<p>November - Preparation of policy submission on India - draft to be reviewed upon beginning of next round of negotiations on Canada-India CEPA.</p> <p>Dec. 1/10 - Finalization of a joint letter with BUSINESSEUROPE, CERT initiated by CCC on key shared requests on the CETA, given where negotiations stood then.</p> <p>Jan. 28/11 - Meeting with DG, North Asia re/China.</p> <p>Feb. 1/11 - Participation in CETA steering committee meeting to discuss Round 7 of negotiations.</p> <p>February 7 / 11 - Meeting with Office of the Minister of International Trade</p> <p>Feb. 11/11 - Meeting on CETA with chief negotiator.</p> <p>Feb.17/11 - Meeting on Canada-EU CETA with European Commission Rep.</p> <p>Feb. 19/11 - Discussion with ADM, Trade Policy and Negotiations.</p> <p>Feb. 28/11 - Meeting with DD Trade Negotiations on Canada-India CEPA.</p> <p>February - Preparation of policy submission on Canada-EU CETA begun; will modify and release following examination of exchange of offers.</p> <p>March 18/11 - Meeting on Canada-India CEPA and other Canada-India issues w/ Indian High Commission.</p> <p>March 31/11 - Meeting on Canada-China with Chinese Embassy.</p> <p>March 31/11 - Finalization of G8 Business Summit joint statement to G8 political leaders including section on international trade.</p> <p>Latter March- Preparation and finalization of policy submission on Canada-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement Joint Study.</p>	
<p><i>A Canadian Services Strategy</i></p>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Industry Minister Tony Clement.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10: Letter to Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Diane Finley.</p>	<p>DFAIT study on services trade barriers.</p> <p>Industry Canada study on services sector innovation.</p>

	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of International Trade Peter Van Loan.</p> <p>Dec. 8/10 - letter to Minister of Small Business and Tourism Rob Moore.</p> <p>Oct 4/10- Annual Services Day, meetings with Louis Levesque, Deputy Minister of International Trade, Steve Verheul, Chief Trade Negotiator for Canada-EU, Michelle Cooper, Director Services trade policy division, Michael Chong, outgoing Chair of the Industry Committee, Eleanor Ryan, Senior Chief, Finance Canada, Greg Paterson, Director, Services Industries, Statistic Canada, Pat Hurens, Industry Canada</p> <p>Feb 10/11 - Perrin Beatty meeting with Minister of Small Business and Tourism Rob Moore.</p>	
<i>Cross-Border Business Travel Facilitation for Executive, Professional and Technical Specialists (XPT Program)</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon.</p> <p>Nov.17/10 - Letter to Minister of Public Safety Honourable Vic Toews.</p>	
<i>Enhance Domestic Markets and Recapture Closed International Markets for Agricultural Products</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of International Trade Peter Van Loan.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Agriculture, and Agri-Food Canada Honourable Gerry Ritz.</p>	
<i>Common Sense Approach to Livestock Product Identification and Food Safety</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Agriculture, and Agri-Food Canada Honourable Gerry Ritz.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of International Trade Peter Van Loan.</p>	
<i>Restructuring the Foreign Convention and Tour Incentive Program (FCTIP) for Increased Tourism Competitiveness</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of National Revenue Keith Ashfield.</p> <p>Dec. 8/10 - letter to Minister of Small Business and Tourism Rob Moore.</p> <p>Feb 10/11 - Perrin Beatty meeting with Rob Moore.</p>	

<p>Anne Argyris aargyris@chamber.ca</p>	<p>Minister Rob Moore invitation to attend Red Tape Reduction Commission roundtable on March 10, 2011. Was attended by Anne Argyris who provided input. Including on FCTIP.</p> <p>Letter from Rob Moore to Anne Argyris expressing thanks for input and participation was received on March 23, 2011.</p>		
<p><i>Arrivals Duty Free at Canadian Airports</i></p>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of International Trade Peter Van Loan.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Honourable Chuck Strahl.</p> <p>Dec. 8/10 - letter to Minister of Small Business and Tourism Rob Moore.</p> <p>Feb. 10/11 - Perrin Beatty meeting with Rob Moore.</p>		
<p><i>Bringing Fairness and Transparency to Importing</i></p>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of International Trade Peter Van Loan.</p> <p>Dec. 8/10 - letter to Minister of Small Business and Tourism Rob Moore.</p> <p>Feb 10/11 - Perrin Beatty meeting with Rob Moore.</p>		

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SOCIAL POLICY		<p>For more information, contact Susanna Cluff-Clyburne, scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca</p>	
<p><i>First Nations Education Gap</i></p>	<p>Nov. 17/10: Letter to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians and Minister for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency John Duncan.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10: Letter to Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Diane Finley.</p> <p>Dec. 9/10: Briefing with INAC officials re: policy paper <i>Ready for Business</i>.</p> <p>Dec. 10/10: Briefing with office of Hon. John Duncan re: policy paper <i>Ready for Business</i>.</p> <p>Dec. 14/10: Briefing with Hon. Michael Ignatieff and Liberal Economic Caucus.</p> <p>Dec. 14/10: <i>Ready for Business</i> sent to Liberal Aboriginal Affairs Critic Todd Russell.</p> <p>Jan. 4/11: <i>Ready for Business</i> sent to Hon. John Duncan by Perrin Beatty with cc to Deputy Minister Michael Wernick.</p> <p>Jan. 19/11: <i>Ready for Business</i> shared with office of Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Shelly Glover.</p> <p>Feb. 24/11: Ottawa Liaison Committee meeting with Michael Wernick, DM-INAC.</p> <p>March 7/11: Resolution and <i>Ready for Business</i> shared with INAC Education Branch as input for First Nations education legislation.</p>		<p>Dec. 9/10: INAC and AFN announce First Nations education expert panel</p>

<p><i>First Nations Property Rights and Economic Prosperity</i> Susanna Cluff-Clyburne, scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca</p>	<p>Nov. 17/10: Letter to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians and Minister for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency John Duncan.</p> <p>Dec. 9/10: Briefing with INAC officials re: policy paper <i>Ready for Business</i>.</p> <p>Dec. 10/10: Briefing with office of Hon. John Duncan re: policy paper <i>Ready for Business</i>.</p> <p>Dec. 14/10: Briefing with Hon. Michael Ignatieff and Liberal Economic Caucus.</p> <p>Dec. 14/10: <i>Ready for Business</i> sent to Liberal Aboriginal Affairs Critic Todd Russell</p> <p>Jan. 4/11: <i>Ready for Business</i> sent to Hon. John Duncan by Perrin Beatty with cc to Deputy Minister Michael Wernick.</p> <p>Jan. 19/11: <i>Ready for Business</i> shared with office of PS to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Shelly Glover.</p> <p>Feb. 24/11: Ottawa Liaison Committee meeting with Michael Wernick, DM - INAC.</p>		
<p><i>Support for Employers Employing Military Reservists</i></p>	<p>Nov. 17/10: Letter to Minister of National Defence Peter MacKay.</p>		
<p><i>The Aging Workforce: Removing Disincentives and Creating Incentives to Continue Working</i></p>	<p>Oct. 14/11 - Release of CCC report on demographics and aging workforce, <i>Canada's Demographic Crunch: Can older workers save us?</i> Included in report a section on older workforce and incentives to continue working.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10: Letter to Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Diane Finley.</p>		<p>March 22/11: In Budget 2011, the federal government announced it would extend the Targeted Initiative for Older Workers and eliminate the mandatory retirement age for federally regulated employees.</p>

	Jan. 19/11 - Meeting with HRSDC and Chair of the National Seniors Council (NSC) re/ the aging workforce.		
<p><i>Acknowledgement of the Base Principles of Pension Reform</i></p> <p>Susanna Cluff-Clyburne, scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca</p>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>March 26/11: Canadian Chamber submission to Department of Finance regarding Pooled Registered Pension Plans.</p>		<p>Dec. 16/10: Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announces a framework for Pooled Registered Pension Plans (PRPPs) which was subsequently supported by his provincial and territorial counterparts.</p> <p>March 22/11: In Budget 2011, the federal government reiterated its commitment to working with the provinces and territories to implement a framework for PRPPs.</p>
<p><i>Reallocating federal funding to develop a national plan to end homelessness</i></p> <p>Susanna Cluff-Clyburne, scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca</p>	Nov. 17/10: Letter to Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Diane Finley.		
<p><i>A Realistic Approach to Reducing Crime in Canada</i></p>	Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Canada Robert Nicholson.		

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	<i>For more information, contact Leah Littlepage, littlepage@chamber.ca</i>		
<i>Canadian Air Transport Funding – Security</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Chuck Strahl.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews.</p>		<p>March 22, 2011. Budget 2011 allocated \$21 million over five years to upgrade baggage scanning equipment at Canadian airports.</p>
<i>Capital Funding Stability for Canada’s International Airports</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Chuck Strahl.</p>		
<i>Moving Beyond Blue Skies Into Truly Open Skies</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of International Trade Peter Van Loan.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Chuck Strahl.</p>		<p>Oct. 22, 2010 - the federal government announced the conclusion of negotiations towards an Open Skies-type air transportation agreement with Switzerland.</p> <p>Dec. 20, 2010 - the federal government announced an open skies agreement with Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p>Dec. 21, 2010 - the federal government announced an expanded air agreement with Egypt.</p>
<i>Canada’s Gateways</i>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of International Trade Peter Van Loan.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Chuck Strahl.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to the President of the Treasury Board and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway Stockwell Day.</p> <p>Dec. 6/10 - Letter to the Minister for the Atlantic Gateway Keith Ashfield.</p>		<p>March 14, 2011 - the government of Canada reached agreements with Terrace First Nations to expand the facilities at the Prince Rupert Container Terminal.</p> <p>Nov. 12, 2010 - Minister Day promoted the benefits of the Asia Pacific Gateway while in Asia.</p>

<p><i>Rural and Small Community Transit - the Missing Piece of Canada's Transport Plans</i></p>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Chuck Strahl.</p>		
<p><i>St. Lawrence Seaway</i></p>	<p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of International Trade Peter Van Loan.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon.</p> <p>Nov. 17/10 - Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities Chuck Strahl.</p>		<p>Feb. 14. 2011 - the <i>Service Incentive Program</i> is announced; this program will assist carriers in developing or expanding liner or semi-liner services between the Great Lakes and global markets.</p>