

Dear Friends,

December 17th, 2010 will be the last day of Parliament before the Christmas break. It will resume towards the end of January 2011. It has been a very busy session for me since September and there have been notable highlights especially when the business of minority parliaments weighs heavily on this place and all the members.

Northern highlights include the December release of a report that I have been working on for 15 months with the 11 other members of the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Subcommittee. This report is entitled, "Northerner's Perspectives on Prosperity" and it was the result of 25 formal meetings with 96 different groups of witnesses, mostly northerners. I invite you to check it out at www.parl.gc.ca/LANG-E

As well, my Private Members Bill C530 was debated for the first time in November. This bill will amend the NWT Act to provide a formula for the borrowing powers of our Territorial Government. This will give our government the fiscal capacity to deal with our infrastructure requirements in a timely manner.

I want to wish you all a great Holiday Season. Have a wonderful time, be responsible and think of your family, friends and those who are less fortunate in our communities.

From our team in Ottawa and Yellowknife, Stella, Doug, Joy, Heather and Josh

Best wishes to you all for the holiday season

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