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## Highlights from Parliament

The work of Opposition MPs makes government better. We question decisions, find unforeseen loopholes, and investigate outcomes. Here is some of the work of Conservative MPs:

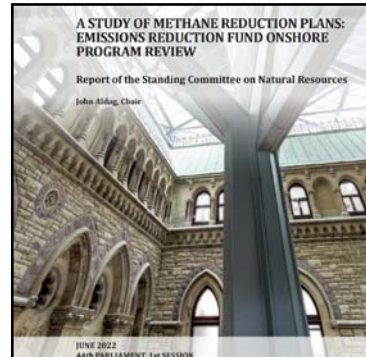
**Ethics Committee:** Chaired by Calgary Rocky Ridge MP Pat Kelly, the Ethics Committee has investigated the government's tracking of cell phone location data during COVID; is studying the RCMP's use of spyware; and this fall will deliver a report on the RCMP's use of Facial Recognition and Artificial Intelligence software.

**Emergencies Act:** Invoking the Emergencies Act to end the Ottawa occupation was highly controversial. Many feel the impasse could have been resolved without this sledgehammer. A Committee of MPs and Senators are asking what information the government had and whether the Act was justified. They have learned that the City of Ottawa was close to a resolution the day before the federal government invoked the Act.

I also initiated a study at the Standing Committee on Finance of the effects of the Emergencies Act on Canada's financial system, because of the unusual step the government took in freezing the bank accounts of Canadians.



**Methane Reduction Study:** The Natural Resources Committee, of which I am a member, studied the government's program to reduce methane emissions in the oil and gas sector. We found insufficient attention to job retention. We noted the industry's 7% reduction since 2019. We asked for more transparency and measurement of outcomes. Read the study on my website under the News tab (June 30)



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## SUMMER 2022



Commemorating 4,000 Chinese Railway Workers who lost their lives.



Canada Day at the Clover Living residence



Muslim Heritage Day

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From top left: Stampede at the Mustard Seed, Marda Gras, Inglewood Sunfest, breakfast in Elbow Park.

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# Coming Up this Fall

Parliament resumes September 19 with several big issues this fall. Here are two. I welcome your opinions.

**ArriveCAN:** I hear from a lot of you about ArriveCAN. Please use my questionnaire to tell me what you think. Include whether you've personally used it (good or bad). If you haven't, do you support or oppose it on principle?

**Bill C-11.** The Online Streaming Act passed the House of Commons in June using strict time limits, and is now before the Senate, where it will be properly scrutinized this fall.

The intent is to extend the CRTC's current authority over broadcasters to include all material posted online.

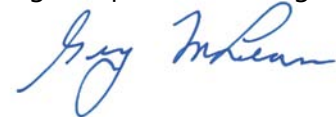
But its proponents can't agree on what it says. The Minister of Heritage said that it would not allow the CRTC to regulate user-generated content (what you and I post), but the President of the CRTC said he will have that power.

The definition of "commercial users" includes anybody who earns a buck directly or indirectly from posting material, but isn't clear how small business, or charities, or you and me, are impacted if we indirectly earn money from the post.

The vast majority of material posted to platforms like Tik Tok or YouTube meets at least one of the criteria that will require user-generated content to be subject to CRTC oversight, directives and, yes, taxes.

The bill has a "discoverability" clause which enables the CRTC to tell platforms like Google or Meta to manipulate their algorithms to prioritize Canadian content so that government approved content is first in feeds and searches.

The definition of Canadian content is ill-defined and sometimes bizarre. Canadian content creators who don't qualify for a CanCon license will be pushed to the bottom of feeds and searches. CanCon licensing is expected to bring in \$830 million annually by 2023.



## My Work in Parliament

**My work as the Calgary Centre MP and the Conservative Party's Shadow Minister for Natural Resources is all posted on my website ([GregMcLeanMP.ca](http://GregMcLeanMP.ca), under the "News" and "My Work" tabs); video is on my YouTube channel (Greg McLean). A sample of the issues I've highlighted:**

**Pressure from Conservatives helps advance Line 5** (Aug 23)

**Stop pretending Canada called Russia's bluff** (Aug 20)

**Government sends collapsed services over to MP offices** (June 24)

**When will the Minister take her foot off the gas on gas tax hikes?** (June 23)

**Report shows oil and gas sector leads emissions reductions** (June 21)

**C-5 a shameful attempt to lower penalties for gun crimes** (June 10)

**Two years is too long for care-givers to wait** (June 9)

**Why isn't the G7 turning to Canada for energy needs?** (June 4)

**We don't have enough oil and gas workers** (June 1)

**Including Indigenous workers in our prosperity** (May 31)



Alexandra Centre Stampede breakfast

## Fact

Some people think the oil and gas sector is highly subsidized.

Here's a useful fact: For the second quarter of 2022 (April to June), Canada's 22 largest petroleum producers paid \$12.7 Billion in taxes and royalties to Canadian governments (source: ATB Capital Markets).

Part of the reason is high oil prices, and part is that several oil sands projects have moved into a higher royalty bracket because their capital investment has been recovered.

**The industry is, without question, the largest sectoral contributor to our tax base.**

## NATIONAL POST

In July, I wrote an article for the National Post, stating that Germany has put itself into energy insecurity with their plans to purchase upwards of 80% of their natural gas from Russia, to serve as the only baseload power for their unreliable renewables. My warning to the German Ambassador 18 months ago has come true today: Russia is in control, Germany is desperate, and Canada is reneging on its sanction commitments to Ukraine. Long ago I was arguing that Canada should develop its LNG resources for export. If we had done that, Europe today would have choices and Putin less revenue for his war machine. Unfortunately, this Liberal government is applying the same aimless and divisive energy policy here at home, despite the obvious threat to our own energy security.

*Read the article, "Energy Ignorance on Display in Canada and Germany" on my website, [GregMcLeanMP.ca](http://GregMcLeanMP.ca), News tab, July 28.*

Comments or Questions:

What should Canada do with ArriveCAN?

- Keep it to streamline arrivals
- Keep it & expand to include customs
- Scrap it - go back to pen & paper
- Make it optional, with designated lines, like Nexus
- Other:

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