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Create a Level Playing Field for Canadian Unions

(Ottawa) - Conservative MP Russ Hiebert told the Commons Finance Committee today that his Bill C-377 requiring financial transparency will create a level playing field for public disclosure for all Canadian labour organizations.

"Labour organizations play a valuable role in Canada. But, right now some organizations are required to publicly disclose, while others have no obligations at all," said Mr. Hiebert. "I believe it's time for Canada to catch up with the rest of the developed world and provide a level playing field for public disclosure."

Mr. Hiebert pointed out that the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany and Australia all have public disclosure requirements for union spending, but Canada does not. Also, Canadian unions that are headquartered in the US must report publicly in the US.

"Canadians can learn more about Canadian unions that are headquartered in the US by looking at the US Labor Department website than they can from any Canadian source. It is time for all Canadian unions to meet the same standards for transparency, and my bill will achieve that," Mr. Hiebert said. NDP MPs on the committee were most outspoken in their criticisms of the bill. Mr. Hiebert said that was not surprising.

"Recently, it has become apparent why the NDP doesn't want transparency from labour organizations: They don't want Elections Canada and others to know when they've been taking illegal donations from unions to fund their party," said Mr. Hiebert. "Under my bill, full financial disclosure will make it an awful lot harder to hide hundreds of thousands of dollars in illegal union contributions to the NDP."

The Finance Committee will hear from further witnesses regarding Bill C-377 on November 7, 2012.

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