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Senate Amendments to C-377 Unjustified

(Ottawa) - Conservative MP Russ Hiebert says he is disappointed with unjustified Senate amendments to his Bill C-377, requiring financial transparency for labour organizations.

"The so-called 'Segal' amendments adopted by the Senate today have the effect of gutting C-377 as the bill would now only apply to unions with more than 50,000 members," Mr. Hiebert said. "Amending the bill so that it will only apply to a handful of the very biggest unions in Canada completely undermines the principle that transparency should apply to all labour organizations, equally."

"Further, suggesting C-377 should only apply to unions with more than 50,000 members is arbitrary. It is also unsupported by the evidence that both the Commons and the Senate heard from dozens of witnesses, including labour organizations themselves," said Mr. Hiebert. "I didn't hear a single witness suggest that unions with fewer than 50,000 members should be able to avoid transparency."

"Fortunately, this is not the end of the process. When the bill returns to the Commons, I trust that MPs will agree that all labour organizations should be treated equally and subject to the same standards for transparency," Mr. Hiebert concluded.

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