

# 2009 Policy Resolution Activity Update

As of August 18, 2010

FINANCE AND TAXATION		<i>For more information, contact Tina Kremmidas, <a href="mailto:tkremmidas@chamber.ca">tkremmidas@chamber.ca</a></i>	
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<i>Fiscal Policy</i>	<p>November 5 - Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>November 24 - Met with Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>November 25 - Met with John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic for the Official Opposition</p> <p>November 26 - Sent resolution to Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>December 22 - Provided MPs with an overview of, and link to, resolutions in parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>January 8 - Spoke with Pierre Poilievre, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister and to the Intergovernmental Affairs Minister</p> <p>January 15 - Met with the prime minister</p> <p>January 20 - Participated in a pre-budget consultation forum hosted by Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>February 2 - Met with President of the Treasury Board Stockwell Day</p> <p>March 29 - Letter to Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff on competitive business taxes</p> <p>April 12 - Op-ed in the Toronto Star</p> <p>April 30 - Issued report: "Embracing a Growth-Oriented Tax System"</p> <p>May 30 - Article in Canadian Business Journal</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to fall to 31.9% by 2014-15, bettering the target set by this resolution.</li> <li>- A balanced budget is anticipated in 2015-16 in an attempt to avoid structural deficits.</li> <li>- The government will undertake comprehensive review of government administrative functions, overhead costs and programs as advocated by the Canadian Chamber.</li> <li>- Budget 2010 maintains previously-announced actions to lower the general corporate income tax rate as called for in this resolution.</li> <li>- The elimination of tariffs on manufacturing inputs and machinery and equipment will reduce customs compliance costs, allow for the simplification of the tariff structure and eliminate the administrative burden of complying with rules of origin and drawback regulations.</li> <li>- The government will establish a new federal Red Tape Reduction Commission to review federal regulations in areas where reform is most needed to reduce the compliance burden,</li> <li>- Budget 2010 includes proposals to facilitate investment, cut red tape and streamline the compliance process associated with the taxation of cross-border activity.</li> </ul>

	<p>August 13 - Pre-budget Submission to House of Commons Finance Committee.</p>		
<p><i>A More Efficient Tax System</i></p>	<p>November 5 - Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>November 24 - Met with Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>November 25 - Met with John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic for the Official Opposition</p> <p>November 26 - Sent resolution to Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>December 22 - Provided MPs with an overview of, and link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>January 15 - Met with the prime minister</p> <p>March 29 - Letter to Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff.</p> <p>April 30 - Issued report: "Embracing a Growth-Oriented Tax System."</p> <p>May 30 - Article in Canadian Business Journal</p>		<p>- The government continues to make progress to reduce the cost of administration and compliance for all taxpayers. Budget 2010 included proposals to facilitate investment, cut red tape and streamline the compliance process associated with the taxation of cross-border activity.</p>
<p><i>Reducing The Complexity of Canada's Tax Regime to Improve Competitiveness</i></p>	<p>November 5 - Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>November 5 - Letter to Minister of Revenue Jean-Pierre Blackburn.</p> <p>November 24 - Met with Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>November 25 - Met with John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic for the Official Opposition</p> <p>November 26 - Sent resolution to Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p>		<p>With respect to recommendation number one, the government continues to look for ways to reduce the cost of administration and compliance for all taxpayers. Budget 2010 included proposals to facilitate investment, cut red tape and streamline the compliance process associated with the taxation of cross-border activity.</p>

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<p><i>Standardized Accounting: Reducing Administrative Burden for Business and Government</i></p>	<p>November 5 – Letter to the Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn, Minister of Revenue</p> <p>November 26 – Sent resolution to Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>December 22 – Provided MPs with an overview of, and link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		
<p><i>Taking Advantage of External Expertise in the Development of Policy and Legislation</i></p>	<p>November 5 – Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>November 5 – Letter to Minister of Revenue Jean-Pierre Blackburn,</p> <p>November 24 – Met with Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>November 25 – Met with John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic for the Official Opposition</p> <p>November 26 – Sent resolution to Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>December 22 – Provided MPs with an overview of, and link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>March 24 – Met with Associate Deputy Minister Stephen Richardson, Assistant Deputy Minister Louise Levonian, and eight other senior officials from the Department of Finance.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Department of Finance utilized the expertise of economic experts from the private sector and academia to provide input on the job impact of <i>Canada’s Economic Action Plan</i>.</li> <li>- The government is creating a new private sector Advisory Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship to provide advice on how to further improve business access to federal programs and information.</li> <li>-The government will establish a new federal Red Tape Reduction Commission involving both Parliamentarians and private sector representatives to review federal regulations in areas where reform is most needed to reduce the compliance burden, especially on small businesses, while safeguarding the health and safety of Canadians.</li> <li>-</li> <li>- The government consulted with business leaders/interested parties on the HST measures in respect of certain financial institutions; on Canada’s retirement income system; and foreign investment entities and non-resident trusts.</li> </ul>

<p><i>Tax Fairness Legislation and the Taxpayers' Ombudsman's Office</i></p>	<p>November 5 - Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>November 5 - Letter to the Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn, Minister of Revenue</p> <p>November 24 - Met with Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>November 25 - Met with John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic for the Official Opposition</p> <p>November 26 - Sent resolution to Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>December 22 - Provided MPs with an overview of, and link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		<p>In 2007, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) introduced a strengthened <i>Taxpayer Bill of Rights</i> and, in 2008, a Taxpayers' Ombudsman was appointed. These measures built upon existing service standards, recourse and complaint resolution processes and taxpayer relief provisions, all of which are in place at the CRA. To help ensure these rights are accessible and easily understood by all Canadians, the government stated in Budget 2010 the CRA will consult with key stakeholders to identify ways in which transparency and accessibility can be strengthened. The federal government added it is committed to treating taxpayers fairly.</p>
<p><i>Taxation of Group of Companies</i></p>	<p>November 5 - Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>November 24 - Met with Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>November 25 - Met with John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic for the Official Opposition</p> <p>November 26 - Sent resolution to Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>December 22 - Provided MPs with an overview of, and link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>March 24 - Met with Associate Deputy Minister Stephen Richardson, Assistant Deputy Minister Louise Levonian, and eight other senior officials from the Department of Finance.</p>		<p>In the 2010 federal budget the government stated it will explore whether new rules for the taxation of corporate groups - such as the introduction of a formal system of loss transfers or consolidated reporting - could improve the functioning of the tax system. Stakeholder views will be sought prior to the introduction of any changes.</p>
<p><i>Encouraging the Provinces to</i></p>	<p>November 5 - Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p>		<p>- Ontario and BC harmonized federal/provincial sales taxes effective July</p>

<p><i>Replace their Retail Sales Taxes with the Value-Added Tax (VAT)</i></p>	<p>November 24 - Met with Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>November 25 - Met with John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic for the Official Opposition</p> <p>November 26 - Sent resolution to Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>December 22 - Provided MPs with an overview of, and link to resolutions in parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>January 20 - Letter to Clerk, Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology</p>		<p>1, 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manitoba is considering federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's ongoing request to meld the two sales taxes, but suggested the federal government must put more money on the table to help with the adjustment process.</li> <li>- P.E.I. has indicated it will not harmonize its RST with the GST until there is more federal money to compensate residents for the higher tax they would potentially pay on some things. The province also indicated it needs major concessions from Ottawa, including exemptions for a number of items.</li> <li>- Saskatchewan indicated it will not move to a HST because it is an "incendiary issue" in other provinces.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Increase the GST/HST Threshold</i></p>	<p>November 5 - Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>November 24 - Met with Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>November 25 - Met with John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic for the Official Opposition</p> <p>November 26 - Sent resolution to Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>December 22 - Provided MPs with an overview of, and link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		

<p><i>Elimination of Regulation 105 Withholding Tax (Payments for Services Rendered in Canada by a Non-Resident)</i></p>	<p>November 5 - Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>November 24 - Met with Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>November 25 - Met with John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic for the Official Opposition</p> <p>November 26 - Sent resolution to Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>December 22 - Provided MPs with an overview of, and link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		<p>Regulation 105 imposes withholding tax requirements on payors of funds to non-resident service providers, in certain circumstances. However, the ability to file income tax returns and claim refunds of overpayments under this provision is subject to certain time limits while the CRA's ability to reassess for failure to withhold is not. Taxpayers may be unable to recoup overpayments of tax under this rule as a result.</p> <p>The 2010 federal budget resolved this problem by permitting the CRA to issue a refund of an overpayment of tax if the overpayment is related to an assessment of the payor in respect of a required withholding under Regulation 105 and the taxpayer files a return within two years of the assessment date.</p>
<p><i>Improving Access to Scientific Research and Experimental Development (SR&amp;ED) Incentives in Canada</i></p>	<p>November 5 - Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>November 5 - Letter to the Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn, Minister of Revenue</p> <p>November 24 - Met with Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>November 25 - Met with John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic for the Official Opposition</p> <p>November 26 - Sent resolution to Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>December 22 - Provided MPs with an overview of, and link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		<p>In January, the Minister of National Revenue and Minister of State (Agriculture and Agri-Food) Jean-Pierre Blackburn announced the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will be implementing a number of improvements to the SR&amp;ED program.</p> <p>CRA officials are now spending more time explaining the SR&amp;ED program requirements, process, and decisions to claimants and their representatives. When, in the course of their review, CRA officials discover a company has not claimed work that appears to be eligible for the credit, they are informing the claimant of their finding so companies can resubmit their claim if within the reporting deadline.</p> <p>The CRA is now reporting quarterly through its Web site on the time it takes to review an SR&amp;ED claim from start to finish, helping claimants to better plan the overall process and schedule of an SR&amp;ED claim.</p> <p>The CRA continues to work on the issue of consistency in its decisions, and will be announcing further enhancements to the SR&amp;ED program.</p>

<i>Supporting the Ability of Canadian Companies to Invest in Foreign Subsidiaries</i>	<p>November 5 - Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>November 24 - Met with Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>November 25 - Met with John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic for the Official Opposition</p> <p>November 26 - Sent resolution to Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>December 22 - Provided MPs with an overview of, and link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		
<i>Increasing Rental Inventory Through Fair Tax Treatment</i>	<p>November 5 - Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>November 24 - Met with Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>November 25 - Met with John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic for the Official Opposition</p> <p>November 26 - Sent resolution to Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>December 22 - Provided MPs with an overview of, and link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		

<p><i>Boosting the Economy by Supporting the Real Estate Development Industry</i></p>	<p>November 5 - Letter to the Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>November 5 - Letter to Minister of the Environment Jim Prentice.</p> <p>November 24 - Met with Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>November 25 - Met with John McCallum, Liberal Finance Critic for the Official Opposition</p> <p>November 26 - Sent resolution to Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance</p> <p>December 22 - Provided MPs with an overview of, and link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		<p>In November 2009, the BC government increased the threshold for the new housing rebate on the provincial portion of the HST to \$525,000 from \$400,000.</p> <p>In June 2009, the Ontario government announced all new-home buyers will qualify for the provincial portion of the HST rebate on the first \$400,000 of the purchase price, regardless of final purchase prices of the home.</p>
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<p><b>ENVIRONMENT</b></p>		<p><i>For more information, contact Scott Campbell, <a href="mailto:scampbell@chamber.ca">scampbell@chamber.ca</a></i></p>	
<p><i>Climate Change</i></p>	<p>October 30 - Letter to all Canadian Environment Ministers asking for single reporting window for GHGs</p> <p>November 13 - Letter to the Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Environment</p> <p>November 13 - Letter to the Hon. Lisa Raitt, Minister of Natural Resources</p> <p>November 13 - Letter to the Hon. Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>January 27 - GHG National Steering Committee meeting</p> <p>June - sent Action Call to local chamber network to oppose Bill C-311 (Climate Change Accountability Act)</p>		<p>Received response letter on resolutions from Minister Prentice on February 16</p> <p>Received response letter from Minister Raitt on December 21</p> <p>January 31: Canada's submits target to UNFCCC, a 17 per cent reduction from 2005 levels, which is completely aligned with the U.S. target, and is subject to adjustment to remain consistent. Canada's target is contingent on all major emitters associating with the Accord.</p> <p>Budget 2010: Expansion of the accelerated capital cost allowance for clean energy generation equipment to additional applications involving heat recovery and district energy.</p> <p>Budget 2010: \$1 billion over five years under the Clean Energy Fund to support research and development for clean energy technologies, including capture and storage technologies</p>
<p><i>An Integrated Approach to the Management of Waste and Recyclables</i></p>	<p>November 13 - Letter to Minister of Environment Jim Prentice.</p> <p>December - Article in Hamilton Chamber of Commerce magazine</p> <p>June 14 - Provided comments to Government on discussion document <i>Updating the Regulatory Framework for the Transboundary Movement of Waste and Hazardous Recyclable Materials</i></p>		<p>Received response letter from Minister Prentice on February 16</p>

<p><i>Reforming the Resource Development Regulatory Regime in the NWT</i></p>	<p>November 13 - Letter to Minister of Environment Jim Prentice.</p> <p>November 13 - Letter to Minister of Natural Resources Lisa Raitt</p> <p>November 13 - Letter to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Chuck Strahl,</p>		<p>Received response letter from Minister Prentice on February 16</p> <p>Received response letter from Minister Raitt on December 21</p> <p>Received response letter from Minister Strahl on January 19</p> <p>Budget 2010: \$11 million over two years to accelerate the review process for resource projects in the North</p>
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<i>The Mackenzie Gas Project</i>	<p>November 13 - Letter to Minister of Natural Resources Lisa Raitt.</p> <p>November 13 - Letter to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Chuck Strahl</p>		<p>Received response letter from Minister Raitt on December 21</p> <p>Received response letter from Minister Strahl on January 19</p>
<i>Strategic Investments in NWT Hydro Development</i>	<p>November 13 - Letter to Minister of Natural Resources Lisa Raitt</p> <p>November 13 - Letter to Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development</p>		<p>Received response letter from Minister Raitt on December 21</p> <p>Received response letter from Minister Strahl on January 19</p>
<i>The Unification of the Environmental Assessment Process</i>	<p>November 13 - Letter to Minister of Environment Jim Prentice.</p>		<p>Received response letter from Minister Prentice on February 16</p> <p>Budget 2010: Delegated responsibility for assessing large energy projects to the National Energy Board and Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, where the needed expertise resides</p>
<i>National Marine Conservation Areas</i>	<p>November 13 - Letter to Minister of Environment Jim Prentice.</p> <p>November 13 - Letter to Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Gail Shea.</p>		<p>Received response letter from Minister Prentice on March 1</p> <p>Received response letter from Minister Shea on December 22</p>
<i>National Nuclear Energy Strategy</i>	<p>Referred to the Board of Directors at the AGM</p> <p>Board of Directors approved the resolution at their December meeting</p>		<p>Budget 2010: Continued support for Canada's world-leading nuclear industry including \$126 million over five years for the TRIUMF nuclear research facility in British Columbia and continued funding for Atomic Energy of Canada Limited</p>

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<i>The Development and Deployment of Broadband Capabilities in Canada</i>	<p>November 13/09 - letter to Industry Minister Tony Clement</p> <p>Nov. 24/09 -Perrin met with Mike Lake, PS to the Industry Minister and Ted Menzies, PS to the finance minister</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>July.30/10- Submission to <i>the Digital Economy Strategy</i> public consultation.</p>		- March 2010 - <i>Digital Economy Strategy</i> will be established (Throne Speech and Budget).
<i>Accelerating SME e-Business Adoption: Focus on Productivity and Profitability</i>	<p>November 5/09 - Letter to Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty.</p> <p>November 13/09 - letter to Industry Minister Tony Clement</p> <p>Nov. 24/09 - Perrin met with Mike Lake, PS to the Industry Minister and Ted Menzies, PS to the Finance Minister</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>Feb.09/10- release of the report: Powering Up the Network: A Report on Small Business Use of E-business Solutions in Canada</p>		- March 2010 - <i>Digital Economy Strategy</i> will be established (Throne Speech and Budget).
<i>Canada to Establish the Position of Chief Technology Officer (CTO)</i>	<p>November 13/09 - letter to Industry Minister Tony Clement</p> <p>Nov. 24/09 - Perrin met with Mike Lake, PS to the Industry Minister and Ted Menzies, PS to the Finance Minister</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		- March 2010 - noted to Industry Minister's staff that discussion on a CTO should take place in the context of the government's <i>Digital Economy Strategy</i> .

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<i>Fighting Cybercrime Beyond ID Theft and Spam</i>	<p>November 13/09 - letter to Industry Minister Tony Clement and Justice Minister Rob Nicholson</p> <p>Nov. 24/09 - Perrin met with Mike Lake, PS to the Industry Minister and Ted Menzies, PS to the Finance Minister</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>Jan. 15: Sent to opposition justice critics</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- March 2010 - <i>Digital Economy Strategy</i> will be established (Throne Speech and Budget).</li> <li>- Letter received from Justice Minister Rob Nicholson on Mar. 17/10 notes the passage of Bill S-4 (ID theft and related misconduct) in January 2010. Government intends to re-introduce legislation to provide law enforcement with the proper tools to do online investigations (formerly Bills C-46 and C-47).</li> <li>- May 25/10- Introduction of Bill C-28, <i>Fighting Internet and Wireless Spam Act</i></li> </ul>
<i>The Competition Act</i>	<p>November 13/09 - letter to Industry Minister Tony Clement</p> <p>Nov. 24/09 -Perrin met with Mike Lake, PS to the Industry Minister and Ted Menzies, PS to the Finance Minister</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>July 30/10- submission on <i>Opening Canada's Doors to Foreign Investment in Telecommunications: Options for Reform.</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- March 2010 - Building on the recommendations in the Competition Policy Review Panel, the government notes in Speech from the Throne that it will open doors to further venture capital and to foreign investment in key sectors, including telecom and uranium.</li> </ul>
<i>Product of Canada Label</i>	<p>November 13/09 - letter to Industry Minister Tony Clement</p> <p>November 13/09 - letter to Minister Ritz</p> <p>Nov. 24/09 -Perrin met with Mike Lake, PS to the Industry Minister and Ted Menzies, PS to the Finance Minister</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		<p>Letter responding from Minister Ritz received on Feb. 2/10.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May 6/10 - story in Ottawa Citizen - government is considering lowering the threshold from 98%. Policy is being reviewed by CFIA.</li> <li>- Sent supporting Chamber info on this matter and pointed them in the direction of an online government consultation taking place on this matter.</li> </ul>

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<i>Counterfeiting and Piracy</i>	<p>November 13/09 - letter to Industry Minister Tony Clement and Justice Minister Rob Nicholson</p> <p>Nov. 24/09 -Perrin met with Mike Lake, PS to the Industry Minister and Ted Menzies, PS to the Finance Minister</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>Jan. 15: Sent to opposition justice critics</p> <p>Jan. 18/10 - Perrin discussed IP issues with the Prime Minister</p> <p>Jan. 20/10 - Perrin attended pre-budget consultations with Finance Minister Jim Flaherty in Windsor, noted IP as an issue of concern.</p> <p>Feb.26/10-Chris met with PMO</p> <p>Feb.25/10- Chris met with Heritage Minister's office</p> <p>March 18/20- Perrin met with Industry Minister Tony Clement</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- March 3/10 - Addressing Canada's deficiencies in IP protection and copyright is covered in the Speech from the Throne - details should follow this spring.</li> <li>- Letter from Justice Minister Rob Nicholson on March 17/10 notes that proposed amendments to the "designated offence" regulations to the Criminal Code have been put forward. This would allow the proceeds of crime to be seized for crimes under the Copyright Act.</li> <li>- Letter also notes the other departments working on counterfeiting and the work of the inter-departmental working group.</li> <li>- June 2/10- Introduction of Bill C-32, <i>Copyright modernization Act</i></li> </ul>
<i>Ensuring Canada's Economic Success Using Information and Communications Technologies</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- letter to Minister Clement sent March 23/10</li> <li>- July.30/10- Submission to <i>the Digital Economy Strategy</i> public consultation.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- March 2010 - <i>Digital Economy Strategy</i> will be established (Throne Speech and Budget).</li> </ul>
<i>Stopping the Brain Drain of highly-qualified researchers, graduate students and research assistants</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board of Directors approved the resolution at their December meeting</li> <li>- letter to Minister Clement sent March 23/10</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Budget 2010 noted additional support for graduate students. Budget 2010 also creates additional Industrial Research and Development Internships and support for commercialization.</li> </ul>
<i>Stabilizing the Hog industry through facilitating the creation of a trade-neutral, producer driven,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board of Directors approved the resolution at their December meeting</li> <li>- letter to Minister Clement and Ritz sent March 23/10</li> </ul>		

<i>price-stabilization Fund</i>			
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<p><i>Federal Public Sector Pension Benefits</i></p> <p>Susanna Cluff-Clyburne, <a href="mailto:scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca">scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca</a></p>	<p>Nov.5: Letter to Minister of Finance James Flaherty</p> <p>Nov. 5: Letter to President of the Treasury Board Vic Toews</p> <p>Nov. 26: Shared with Chris Blackburn, Special Assistant to Ted Menzies, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance.</p> <p>Dec. 23: Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>Jan. 7: Forwarded to BQ, Liberal and NDP Treasury Board critics</p> <p>Jan. 14: Discussed with Liberal Treasury Board Critic's office (S. Coady)</p>		
<p><i>Making the Work-Sharing Program Work Better</i></p> <p>Mathias Hartpence, <a href="mailto:mhartpence@chamber.ca">mhartpence@chamber.ca</a></p>	<p>Nov. 5: Letter to Minister of Human Resources and Skill Development Diane Finley</p> <p>Jan. 15: Sent to opposition critics</p> <p>February 19/10 - Provided input at Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) consultation on G20 Labour and Employment Ministerial meeting (Washington, D.C., April 20-21)</p>		<p>March 4, 2010: Federal budget announced that existing or recently terminated work-sharing agreements will be extended by an additional 26 weeks, to a maximum of 78 weeks, until March 31, 2011. More flexible qualification criteria will remain in place.</p>

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<p><i>First Nations Land Claims</i></p> <p>Susanna Cluff-Clyburne, <a href="mailto:scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca">scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca</a></p>	<p>Nov. 5: Letter to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Chuck Strahl.</p> <p>Dec. 18: Discussion with Allan Clarke, DG, Lands and Economic Development, Indian and Northern Affairs</p> <p>Dec. 23: Overview of/link to resolutions in parliamentary newsletter, Canadian Business Agenda (Dec. 09)</p> <p>Jan. 20: Sent to opposition Indian and Northern Affairs critics</p> <p>Feb. 9: Follow up conversation with Gorazd Ruseski, Director Policy and Research Directorate, Lands and Economic Development Sector, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada</p> <p>June 22: Discussion with <b>Stephane Arabackyj</b>, A/Director, Policy and Research Directorate, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada</p> <p>Fall 2010: To be incorporated into First Nations policy paper.</p>		<p>Jan. 19/10: Response from Minister Strahl.</p>
<p><i>Increase the Attraction and Retention of Immigrants to Mid-Sized and Smaller Urban Centres</i></p> <p>Mathias Hartpence <a href="mailto:mhartpence@chamber.ca">mhartpence@chamber.ca</a></p>	<p>Nov. 13- Letter to Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and Multiculturalism Jason Kenney</p>	<p>July-August/10: <i>Canada's Demographic Challenge</i> paper, due to be released for AGM, will advocate this policy resolution.</p>	
<p><i>Skills Training for a Low Carbon Economy</i></p> <p>Mathias Hartpence <a href="mailto:mhartpence@chamber.ca">mhartpence@chamber.ca</a></p>	<p>Nov. 5: Letter to Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skill Development</p> <p>Jan. 15: Sent to opposition critics</p>	<p>July-August/10: <i>Canada's Demographic Challenge</i> paper, due to be released for AGM, will advocate this policy resolution.</p>	<p>March 10/10: Response from the Minister.</p>

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<p><i>Aboriginal Labour Force Strategy: Tapping into an Underutilized Pool of Labour Supply</i></p> <p>Susanna Cluff-Clyburne  <a href="mailto:scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca">scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca</a></p>	<p>Nov. 5: Letter to Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skill Development</p> <p>Nov. 5: Letter to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Chuck Strahl</p> <p>Dec. 18: Discussion with Allan Clarke, DG, Lands and Economic Development, Indian and Northern Affairs</p> <p>Dec. 23: Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>Jan. 15: Sent to opposition HRSDC critics</p> <p>Jan. 20: Sent to opposition Indian and Northern Affairs critics</p> <p>Fall 2010: To be incorporated into First Nations policy paper.</p>		<p>Jan. 19/10: Response from Minister Strahl.</p> <p>March 4, 2010: Federal budget committed \$30 million to support better elementary and secondary education outcomes for First Nations students.</p> <p>March 10/10: Response from Minister Finley.</p>
<p><i>Increasing Canada's Productivity through Early Childhood Development</i></p> <p>Mathias Hartpence, <a href="mailto:mhartpence@chamber.ca">mhartpence@chamber.ca</a></p>	<p>Nov. 5: Letter to Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skill Development</p> <p>Jan. 15: Sent to opposition critics</p>	<p>July-August/10: <i>Canada's Demographic Challenge</i> paper, due to be released for AGM, will advocate this policy resolution (i.e. education as key to labour productivity enhancement).</p>	<p>March 10/10: Response from the Minister.</p>
<p><i>Increased Sentences for Repeat Offenders</i></p> <p>Susanna Cluff-Clyburne,  <a href="mailto:scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca">scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca</a></p>	<p>Nov. 5: Letter to Minister of Justice Robert Nicholson</p> <p>Nov. 26: Discussed with Hon. Marlene Jennings, Liberal Justice Committee member</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>Jan. 15: Sent to opposition critics</p>		<p>March 17: Response from the Minister</p>
<p><i>Crime in Canada</i></p> <p>Susanna Cluff-Clyburne,</p>	<p>Nov. 5: Letter to Hon. Robert Nicholson, Minister of Justice</p> <p>Nov. 26: Discussed with Hon. Marlene</p>		<p>March 17: Response from the Minister</p>

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<p><i>Establishing a Register of Repeat Offenders and a Register of Violent Offenders</i></p> <p>Susanna Cluff-Clyburne, <a href="mailto:scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca">scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca</a></p>	<p>Nov. 5: Letter to Hon. Robert Nicholson, Minister of Justice</p> <p>Nov. 26: Discussed with Hon. Marlene Jennings, Liberal Justice Committee member</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>Jan. 15: Sent to opposition critics</p>		<p>March 17: Response from the Minister</p>
<p><i>Relocation of Federal Government Offices</i></p> <p>Susanna Cluff-Clyburne, <a href="mailto:scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca">scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca</a></p>	<p>Nov. 29: Letter to Minister of Public Works and Government Services Christian Paradis</p> <p>Jan. 20: Forwarded to opposition critics</p>		<p>Feb. 10/10: Response from the Minister</p>
<p><i>Reforming the Canadian Healthcare System</i></p> <p>Susanna Cluff-Clyburne, <a href="mailto:scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca">scluff-clyburne@chamber.ca</a></p>	<p>Nov. 29: Letter to Minister of Health Leona Aglukkaq</p> <p>Jan. 7: Sent to opposition critics</p>		<p>Feb. 23: Response received from Minister Aglukkaq</p>

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<i>Nexus Pass Appeal</i>	<p>November 13/09 - letter to Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway Stockwell Day</p> <p>November 13/09- Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird</p> <p>Dec 14/ 09 Met with Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>Met with William Baker, DM Public Safety on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2010</p> <p>NEXUS pass Appeal has been highlighted as a priority recommendation from the <i>Finding the Balance: Share border of the Future</i> report.</p>	Will be including a section on Nexus appeal in the 2010 Canada-US paper	Commitment by both governments to enhance trusted trader and traveller programs
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<p><i>Canada's International Trade and Investment Priorities</i></p>	<p>November 13/09 - letter to Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway Stockwell Day</p> <p>November 13/09 - letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon</p> <p>January 07/10 - CETA Industry Consultation Group conference call with Canadian chief negotiator Steve Verheul: Round 2 preparation</p> <p>January 27/10 - meeting with Phil Calvert (DG, North Asia, DFAIT) and Ping Kitnikone (Director, North Asia Commercial Relations, DFAIT) on Canada-China.</p> <p>February 4/10 - CETA Industry Consultation Group conference call with Canadian chief negotiator Steve Verheul: Round 2 follow-up</p> <p>February 8/10 - meeting with Luc Santerre, Director, South, Southeast Asia &amp; Oceania Commercial Relations (DFAIT), David Plunkett (Chief Trade Negotiator, Bilateral and Regional, DFAIT), Cameron MacKay (Regional Trade Policy) on progress towards Canada-India CEPA negotiations</p> <p>February 24/10 - meeting with the Office of the Minister of International Trade (Minister Van Loan) to relate international policy priorities.</p> <p>February 11/10 - March 10/10 - individual meetings with the Canada-EU CETA lead negotiators for following areas: IP, Bilateral Market Access, Customs Procedures, Government Procurement, Temporary Entry, TBT, Regulatory Cooperation, Investment, Monopolies &amp; State Enterprises, Telecommunications, E-Commerce, Rules of Origin, Trade Facilitation, Cross-Border Trade in Services, Dispute Settlement.</p> <p>March 12/10 - IAC meeting on 'Buy American' agreement and progress towards Canada-India CEPA with Dany Carriere (Director, Multilateral Market Access, DFAIT) and David Plunkett (Chief Trade Negotiator, Bilateral and Regional, DFAIT)</p> <p>March 16/10 - call with Shawn Sheil, DFAIT re Canada's need for economic engagement with China.</p>	<p>April 14/10 - CETA Industry Consultation Group call following Round 3 of negotiations.</p> <p>April 28/10 - Held the Canada-EU Forum in partnership with BUSINESSEUROPE, attended by Minister Van Loan, Premier Charest, Canadian chief negotiator Steve Verheul, EU deputy chief negotiator Philipp Dupuis, to voice Canadian and EU support for an early and ambitious conclusion to Canada-EU CETA negotiations.</p> <p>May 5/10 - Attended BIAC and ICC meetings in Paris, to develop policy plans on issues relating to the WTO Doha Round and on international trade (business input to OECD Ministerial)</p> <p>May 7/10 - Meeting with Canadian official mission to the OECD</p> <p>May 13/10 - Attended Standing Committee on International Trade session to support Canada-Colombia FTA, discussions with Committee members.</p> <p>May 26/10 - Participation in Canada-India Industry Consultation Group call</p> <p>May 27/10 - Meeting with Maria Minna, L, MP, to voice support for Canada-Colombia FTA</p> <p>June 1/10 - Meeting with Michelle Simson, L, MP to voice support for Canada-Colombia FTA</p> <p>June 29/10 - CETA Industry Consultation Group call to prepare for Round 4 of negotiations</p> <p>July 5/10 - Briefing with offices of Ministers Cannon, Day and Van Loan re Canada-China; briefing with OLO and Brison's office.</p> <p>July 6/10 - Released <i>Canada-China: Building a strong economic partnership</i>, advocating policy recommendations to further strengthen Canada-China trade and investment ties.</p> <p>July 7/10 - Meeting with PMO on international trade issue (China, Canada-EU CETA)</p> <p>October 09 - Canadian government commits to negotiating an ambitious Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) within 2 years.</p> <p>November 17/09 - in Delhi, Canadian PM Harper and Indian PM Singh signed MoU on Joint Study Group for <i>Canada-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)</i></p> <p>December 3/09 - PM Harper went on a state visit to China, to reinforce bilateral political and economic ties.</p> <p>May 8/10 - Minister Van Loan declared Canada-EU CETA should be completed before the end of 2011, possibly by the time of the mid-2011 Canada-EU Summit.</p> <p>May/10 - Completion of Canada-India Joint Study (still unreleased) and CEPA scoping exercise. Beginning of Canada-India CEPA expected in Fall.</p> <p>June 23-27/10 - President Hu visited Canada; pledge to enhance two-way trade and investment ties.</p> <p>June 27/10 - PM Singh visited Canada; enhancement of two-way economic ties.</p> <p>June 29/10 - Canada-Colombia FTA (Bill C-2) received royal assent.</p>

		<p>July 9/10 - Released a letter to premiers, co-signed by provincial and territorial chamber presidents, calling for provincial ambition in Canada-EU CETA negotiations</p> <p>July 23/10 - Participated in "CETA and Government Procurement: What's In It For Canadians?" attended by Canadian CETA chief negotiator.</p> <p>July 26/10 - CETA Industry Consultation Group call following Round 4 of negotiations.</p> <p>August 10/10 - Article in Canadian Business Journal on Canadian trade and investment diversification (follow-up to China paper)</p> <p>August/10 - Meeting with DFAIT China Desk senior officials to be organized to follow-up on <i>Canada-China: Building a strong economic partnership</i></p> <p>August-September/10 - Meeting with Ministers Cannon and Day to be organized as follow-up to <i>Canada-China: Building a strong economic partnership</i></p> <p>September/10 - Stocktaking call / meeting re Canada-Korea FTA negotiations to take place with CCC, CCC members and DFAIT.</p>	
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<i>Improving the Regulatory Review Process for the Development of Infrastructure</i>	<p>November 13/09- Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird</p> <p>Dec 14/ 09 Met with Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		The 2010 Budget reiterates the Government's commitment to rebuild Canada's aging infrastructure through investments designed to ensure access to safe and effective transportation. This includes the allotment of \$7.7 billion stimulus funding for infrastructure spending.
<i>Marine Transportation in Canada</i>	<p>November 13/09- Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird</p> <p>Dec 14/ 09 Met with Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		<p>Budget 2010 provides \$28 million to support operations of ferry services.</p> <p>The 2010 Budget reiterates the government's commitment to rebuild Canada's aging infrastructure through investments designed to ensure access to safe and effective transportation. This includes the allotment of \$7.7 billion stimulus funding for infrastructure spending.</p>
<i>National Urban Agenda Needed</i>	<p>November 13/09- Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird</p> <p>Dec 14/ 09 Met with Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird</p> <p>Continued participation on Urban Chambers Caucus</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>	Ongoing participation in Large Urban Chambers Caucus including a launch of joint statement calling for a National Urban Agenda	
<i>Strengthening Canada's Urban Public Transit System</i>	<p>November 13/09- Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird</p> <p>Dec 14/ 09 Met with Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		The 2010 Budget reiterates the Government's commitment to rebuild Canada's aging infrastructure through investments designed to ensure access to safe and effective transportation. This includes the allotment of \$7.7 billion stimulus funding for infrastructure spending.

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<i>Completion of an All-Weather North-South Trans Canada Highway</i>	<p>November 13/09- Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird</p> <p>Dec 14/ 09 Met with Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p> <p>January 20, 2010, Resolution forwarded to the opposition Indian and Northern Affairs critics.</p>		
<i>National Infrastructure: Economic Marine Atlantic</i>	<p>November 13/09- Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird</p> <p>Dec 14/ 09 Met with Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird - mentioned Marine Atlantic specifically</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		<p>Federal budget 2010 allocated \$175 million over the next two years to help improve Marine Atlantic's services and renew its shore facilities and fleet.</p> <p>In July, 2010 the Federal government announced an additional \$84 million over the next five years to improve ferry service between Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Funding has been allocated to improve the docks in Port Aux Basques, Argentic and Sydney.</p>
<i>Cabotage - A Need to Increase the Number of Empty Containers Available to Canadians</i>	<p>November 13/09- Letter to Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird</p> <p>Dec 14/ 09 Met with Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities John Baird - Mentioned Cabotage specifically</p> <p>Overview of/link to resolutions in CCC parliamentary newsletter, <i>Canadian Business Agenda</i> (Dec. 09)</p>		<p>On December December 15, 2009, the government adopted Bill C-51, <i>Economic Recovery Act</i> which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Increased from 30 to 365 days the amount of time that a temporarily imported container can remain in Canada free of the duties and GST/HST that would otherwise be applicable at the time of importation.</li> <li>2) Removed the restriction that during this period, the temporarily imported containers can only be used in the transportation of goods between two points in Canada if that transportation is incidental to the international traffic of goods.</li> <li>3) Removed the condition of foreign</li> </ol>

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