

## C-4 Parliamentary Tracker

Wednesday, November 30

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### Status of C-4

**Bill C-4 was not debated on Wednesday, November 1, but is on the Projected Order of Business for Thursday, December 1, behind another bill.** The first bill up for debate is C-26, the *Citizen's Arrest and Self-defence Act*, which is to be debated for the first time at Second Reading. **C-4 will be debated if speeches on C-26 do not take up all allotted time for debate today.** Meanwhile, the Public Safety Committee will resume its study of drugs and alcohol in prisons.

Yesterday in the House, C-10, the *Safe Streets and Communities Act*, was passed at Report Stage, leaving only Third Reading before it gets to the Senate. A time allocation motion on debate at Third Reading will see time limited to one day. The only debate relating to refugee or immigration was another question by Don Davies following up on Minister Kenney's assertion that only 2 of 150 of his IRB appointments were Conservatives (text below).

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### Citizenship and Immigration

#### **Mr. Don Davies (Vancouver Kingsway, NDP):**

Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism claimed that only two Immigration and Refugee Board appointments had "any association with the Conservative Party". The facts disagree. Uppal, Guénette, Wolman, Andrachuk were all failed Conservative candidates and all were appointed by the government. However, there is more. At least 10 appointments were Conservative donors and another was a senior adviser to a Conservative minister.

Why are the Conservatives making partisan appointments to an independent tribunal? Why did that minister mislead the House?

#### **Hon. Jason Kenney (Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, CPC):**

I did no such thing, Mr. Speaker. I said that I was aware of 2 individuals that I had appointed out of 150 appointments and reappointments. Every one of those individuals made it through the very rigorous pre-screening process, where 90% of candidates are not actually recommended to the minister.

Just last week the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees told me that he thought Canada continued to have [sic] the world's model asylum system. It is unfortunate that the NDP is denigrating the independence and the integrity of this important quasi-judicial body, which is regarded as a model throughout the world and which now has the most rigorous pre-screening process for appointments in its history.

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