

C-4 Parliamentary Tracker

Friday, November 4

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Status of C-4

Bill C-4 was not debated on Friday, November 4. Only one immigration-related issue was raised, and it concerned the government's action on the skilled workers program and its related backlog. Ontario Conservative Paul Calandra brought this issue up during Statements by Members, a fifteen-minute period at the start of Question Period when MPs can speak for one minute to an issue that they feel merits mention in the House. The House is not sitting this week due to the Remembrance Day holiday. The Projected Order of Business for when the House resumes has not yet been released, so **it remains to be seen when C-4 will be debated again.**

Statement by Paul Calandra (Oak Ridges—Markham, CPC):

Mr. Speaker, yesterday our Conservative government announced that it is planning to welcome more federal skilled workers in 2012. In fact, it plans to welcome over 55,000 federal skilled workers in 2012, up from 47,000 last year.

I am also proud to inform the House that, after the previous Liberal government left us with a massive backlog of applications and very long wait times, our government took actions that are showing great results.

Despite opposition from both the NDP and the Liberals, our government has cut the backlog left by the Liberals in half, which is two years earlier than expected. Now skilled workers are waiting only months, not years, to have their files processed.

Our Conservative government's number one priority remains the economy. We recognize the importance of immigration to our economy and we value the contributions of skilled immigrants who add to our international competitiveness in the global economy. Our government remains committed to attracting the best and brightest to our country.