

**Bill C-4 Key Quotes from the House of Commons  
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**Mr. Rick Dykstra (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, CPC):**

[...] when we took over government, we were left with a mess from the previous Liberal government in terms of backlogs, in terms of its fear of making decisions with respect to immigration, its fear of increasing the number of people who could come to this country to start a new life. That fear is gone. This government understands where it is going on immigration. It understands why it is doing it. Families across this country understand what this government is doing.

**Mr. James Lunney (Nanaimo—Alberni, CPC):**

This member now claims that we would be oppressing refugees by this bill. He brought up the issue of the *St. Louis* and the tragedy of the Jewish refugees fleeing Hamburg who came to our coast and were turned back. I have actually met some of those survivors, there were a few. I can assure members that **none of them would be seeking to go back for a vacation in the land they had supposedly fled.**

This bill would crack down on the smugglers. **It would actually bring some accountability and increase our ability to prosecute smugglers, mandatory minimum prison sentences for convicted smugglers, and it would hold the shipowners to account.**

**Mr. Paul Calandra (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage, CPC):**

Mr. Speaker, would the hon. member agree that one of the prime responsibilities of any government is **to ensure that its borders are protected and when its sovereignty is challenged, that its various agencies have the ability to protect its sovereignty?** However, for those who seek asylum in Canada, when they arrive in the fashion that the bill would seek to address, our authorities need the ability to not only take care of the health and welfare of those people on the boats, but they also need the ability to ensure they are who they say they are, that we can check on who they are and can use our international partners to ensure that nobody who should not be in Canada does not arrive here.