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Subject: Re: Lawful Access - No Second Reading

At QP today our Minister signalled Government willingness to accept amendments to the Bill (and the PM said the same thing, I think). I've read the same articles on going directly to Committee, but don't know anything beyond what was written.

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Subject: Re: Lawful Access - No Second Reading

Btw, the same quote is in a National Post article on the bill. They both mention the government open to amending the bill and that it will be sent directly to Committee.

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Subject: Re: Lawful Access - No Second Reading

First I've heard of it.

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There is a Globe article saying the bill will skip second reading and go directly to Committee. Do you have any information on this and possible timing?



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Scott, Marcie

From: Scott, Marcie
Sent: February-18-12 2:58 PM
To: Kingsley, Michèle
Subject: LA panel

Hi Michele,

There was some really interesting discussion yesterday on the legislation.

[REDACTED] of BC Civil Liberties did a good job at summarizing most components of the Bill.

Her opinion is that the following are issues (some are laid out in a paper the association did):

- evidence provided (anecdotal examples) is not enough to prove why all provisions needed.
- She stated that a duty or function of police allows for intelligence gathering and that that is "begging for fishing expeditions"
- the intercept capability requirements will result in security issues
- companies will inevitably retain data as part of their business practices. So, while it will only require preservation and production, retention is not legislated but will occur
- lumping the former bills together has made it confusing, and elements need to be split up and discussed by expert committees (?), need more education for MPs so they make the right vote with full knowledge

[REDACTED] of the VPD spoke to the policing challenges.

- emphasized the recording, reporting and audit requirements that will strengthen access to BSI
- explained non-criminal purposes for obtaining BSI
- explained that need a warrant to intercept, except in emergencies

I can fill you in more on Monday morning if you have a few minutes.

Marcie

Maillé, Marie Anick

From: Burton, Meredith
Sent: February-21-12 9:27 AM
To: Kingsley, Michèle; Maillé, Marie Anick
Cc: Willey, Chris; McRae, Marley; MacKenzie, Sara; Leonidis, Nelly; Glazer, David
Subject: Lawful access editorial

Interesting article about the public response to C-30.

Internet spying debate victim of white-hot rhetoric

Andrew Coyne, Ottawa Citizen

When the Liberal government of Paul Martin introduced the **Modernization of Investigative Techniques Act** in November 2005, it received comparatively little attention. As the columnist Thomas Walkom described it in the Toronto Star, the bill would require Internet and telephone companies "to install equipment that would allow the state to monitor all of their customers. . . (I)t would give police . . . the power to demand, without the need for court warrants, any information that (these) companies keep on their customers - including addresses, passwords and credit card information." The **public safety minister** at the time, Anne McLellan, was quoted to the effect that the police needed the new powers to go after **terrorists** and **child pornographers**.

In other words, more or less the same legislation, supported by more or less the same arguments, as Bill C-30, whose purported horrors have convulsed the nation this past week. Yet it caused nothing like the same fuss. For that matter, neither did an earlier version of the current bill, C-52, introduced in the last Parliament: concern, yes, but not the all-consuming fireball that C-30 detonated.

None of this is to defend the legislation. Privacy advocates make a convincing case that it gives too many people too much personal information with too little justification.

Neither am I arguing the Liberals are necessarily hypocrites to oppose it (though that's certainly possible), or that their own sins cancel those of the bill: that other parties, and other countries - similar legislation is already on the books elsewhere - may have been willing to erode their citizens' liberties in this way is not an argument for doing do in the present case, nor does the long list of surveillance powers to which **Canadians** are already subject make the case for adding another.

I'm just interested in the discrepancy. Why has this bill, this invasion of privacy, aroused such heated opposition, where others haven't? When did we all become such civil libertarians?

One possibility is that this bill is more invasive than its predecessors.

Yet this is plainly not the case. The Liberals' bill would have granted police warrantless access to subscribers' names, addresses and "any other identifiers." Bill C-52 translated that open-ended list into 11 specific bits of subscriber information, half of them aimed at identifying specific devices like a cellphone. The latest bill shortens that to six, the most controversial of which is the subscriber's IP address, marking the point on the Internet where access was gained.

Another possibility is that the public has simply become more alert to the dangers of granting police excessive surveillance powers. If so, all to the good. As much as the Internet might present new threats in the form of **child pornographers** and other predators, the potential for private information to be improperly collected and distributed, whether by private or public agencies, is also deeply worrying. But why would we have awoken to this only in the last week?

I think a large part of the escalation in rhetoric has to do with the general climate of hysteria in which politics is conducted these days - on all sides. Recent days have seen a Conservative MP refer to **gun registry** advocates in the same breath as Hitler and a Liberal MP declare that the government's values were so abhorrent as to cause him to contemplate separation. Most notorious, of course, was the invitation from the **public safety minister, Vic Toews**, to a critic of Bill C-30 to stand with the government or "stand with the **child pornographers**," a ludicrous sortie that said far more about him than his intended target.

But even that doesn't explain it. What has added fuel to many recent controversies, particularly those involving Internet access and digital rights, is the arrival of the online community as a political force. This is often celebrated as a democratic breakthrough, and in many respects it is. But it is not unalloyedly so. Though fond of referring to themselves as "the public," the digital vigilantes leading this battle are hardly a representative sample. Hyper-informed as they can be on these issues, they are also prone to a peculiarly over-the-top, take-no-prisoners style of rhetoric, encouraged by the individual anonymity and reinforced by the armies of the like-minded that are the hallmarks of social media. As a means of asserting the superiority of the speaker over other life forms, this is quite effective; as a means of persuading the unenlightened, not so much.

Hence, a week that began with the threat to privacy represented by Bill C-30 ended with the wholesale publication via Twitter of the details of the **minister's** years-old, and very messy, divorce case. Rather than debate how much those in power should know about the public, we instead debated how much the public should know about those in power.

The relevance of such information to the issue at hand, the fairness of publishing it without offering the **minister** the chance to respond, the morality of attacking another person's reputation without putting your own name on the line - all these were dismissed as distractions, the concerns expressed by working journalists, who deal with these questions for a living, waved away as no more than the dismay of the "gatekeepers" at the loss of their traditional role.

Perhaps it is. Perhaps that does not make it entirely wrong.

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Maillé, Marie Anick

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To: Kingsley, Michèle; Kwavnick, Andrea; Maillé, Marie Anick
Subject: CBC - Costs

Not sure if you've seen this yet:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/story/2012/02/22/pol-lawful-access-costs.html>

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Online surveillance bill setup costs estimated at \$80M

Lawful access law's startup costs \$20M a year for four years

CBC News

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It's going to cost at least \$80 million to implement the government's lawful access bill to force internet and telecommunications service providers to collect customer information in case police need it for an investigation, CBC News has learned.

C-30, a bill to update Canadian law when it comes to crimes committed online, will cost \$20 million a year for the first four years and \$6.7 million a year after that, Public Safety Canada told the CBC's Hannah Thibedeau on Wednesday.

A spokesperson for Public Safety Minister Vic Toews wouldn't provide any more information about the costs. It's not clear if those are the only costs associated with the legislation.

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How should Canadians pay for C-30? [Take our survey.](#)

The bill, also known as the online surveillance bill, would force internet and telecommunications service providers to install equipment to collect information on customers in case police obtain a judicial warrant to retrieve it.

A spokesman for Canada's telecommunications industry said whatever the costs, it's up to the government to compensate the companies.

"We want to make sure the government is fully aware of all the costs and that they fully compensate all the costs," said Bernard Lord, president of the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association.

"We feel it's really [parliamentarians'] job to decide what should be in the bill and companies will comply. But we want to make sure that parliamentarians and government realize that if they adopt this bill, these costs are attached to it."

Lord says it's hard to know the full costs to the industry yet because service providers don't know what changes will be made to the bill and there are more details to work out through regulations if the bill becomes law.

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But, "some of our members have told us this could be millions and tens of millions of dollars across the country to set up the equipment, [plus] the ongoing costs," he said. "So this is significant in terms of investments."

In an interview with Evan Solomon, host of CBC Radio's *The House*, Toews said he didn't know what it would cost the ISPs and didn't want to try to estimate how much they'd have to spend on implementing the bill.

"No, I don't know, and I think it would be best coming from the internet service providers. I wouldn't want to presume what it would cost a smaller internet service provider or a larger one. Simply, I don't know.

"This is required of internet service providers in Europe, in the United States. This is done as a matter of course."

Telecom industry 'not arms of the government'

"This is a government decision. These providers are not arms of the government and should not become arms of the government but if the government passes legislation forcing someone to provide information then that compensation has to be in place," Lord said.

The bill also updates Canadian law to force those service providers to turn over specific customer information to police without needing a warrant and eliminates the legal barriers to providing other information requested by police.

It says the government can compensate ISPs for responding to requests for information.



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Subject: RE: URGENT: C-30 Consultation question from G&M

Thanks all! This is perfect and we'll forward to MO.

From: Kwavnick, Andrea
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 3:56 PM
To: Filipps, Lisa
Cc: Kingsley, Michèle; MacDonald, Michael; Hawrylak, Maciek; Maillé, Marie Anick
Subject: FW: URGENT: C-30 Consultation question from G&M

Hi Lisa,

Please our response to question 3 – approved by Mike.

Thanks

Andrea

During the 2007 consultations, Public Safety Canada received approximately 60 written submissions from a broad range of stakeholders across Canada. The breakdown of submissions received is as follows:

- a) Law enforcement – 2
- b) Victims groups – 2
- c) Industry – 9
- d) Privacy stakeholders – 12
- e) Public – 34 (15 via PS website; 19 wrote directly to the Minister)

In addition, Public Safety Canada also engaged in oral discussions with 21 stakeholders, 16 of which also submitted written submissions as counted above.

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Sent: February-23-12 2:30 PM
To: Filipps, Lisa
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Subject: RE: URGENT: C-30 Consultation question from G&M

We'll do our best.

From: Filipps, Lisa
Sent: February-23-12 2:26 PM
To: Kingsley, Michèle

Cc: Kwavnick, Andrea; Maillé, Marie Anick; Hawrylak, Maciek
Subject: Re: URGENT: C-30 Consultation question from G&M

Due today - so not much time - would it be possible to have a Mike MacDonald approved response by 3:30?

From: Kingsley, Michèle
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 02:13 PM
To: Filipps, Lisa
Cc: Kwavnick, Andrea; Maillé, Marie Anick; Hawrylak, Maciek
Subject: RE: URGENT: C-30 Consultation question from G&M

Lisa – we're pulling something together. How much time do we have?

From: Filipps, Lisa
Sent: February-23-12 1:10 PM
To: Kingsley, Michèle; MacDonald, Michael
Subject: URGENT: C-30 Consultation question from G&M
Importance: High

Good afternoon – [REDACTED] at the G&M has the following Qs – [REDACTED]. Would you have that information readily available? Please let me know asap.

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Subject: 4 questions thanks

Mike.

- 1) How many times has this bill been introduced?
- 2) If the Tories previously introduced it, was it the same bill exactly? What was different
- 3) I can see from the PS website that the notion of giving authorities access to customer information was consulted on in 2007.

It discusses the feedback here:

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/prg/ns/sum-conslt-eng.aspx>

How many submissions did the Dept receive during its 2007 consultations from:

- a) Law Enforcement
- b) Victims Groups
- c) Industry
- d) Privacy stakeholders

e) Public

4) Does the minister or the government intend to bring forward amendments to the bill when it's at committee -- or will they leave it up to opposition parties.

Thanks



Maillé, Marie Anick

From: Kwavnick, Andrea
Sent: February-24-12 9:47 AM
To: Kingsley, Michèle
Cc: Maillé, Marie Anick; Hawrylak, Maciek
Subject: Article

Michèle,

Below is a few lines we may wish to send to Comms about the NWT commissioner's comments. Note that the end of the article refers to a statement Mike Patton already sent to the paper.

Thanks
Andrea

The article below quotes the Northwest Territories Information and Privacy Commissioner as saying "Potentially, RCMP or other agents of the federal government, and those are not defined, will have access to everything you do say or look at on the Internet whether or not you are suspected of any wrongdoing or criminal activity."

This statement is inaccurate. Under this Bill, government authorities who may request basic subscriber information is limited to the police, CSIS and the Competition Bureau. Basic subscriber information is limited to the six identifiers listed in the Bill. The Bill does not allow authorities to look at an individual's websurfing history, or the emails or phone calls they either sent/made or received; accessing this information will continue to need legal authorization, as is the case today. Furthermore, authorities may only request this information in order to fulfill a legal duty of the organization in which they work; "phishing" expeditions are prohibited.

Internet bill 'scary stuff'

Privacy commissioner slams bill that would allow police to monitor web activity without warrant

Laura Busch Northern News Services

The NWT's privacy watchdog is joining a growing chorus of opposition to a Conservative government bill that would allow police to monitor people's Internet usage without seeking a warrant first.

The "**lawful access**" bill tabled in the House of Commons Feb. 14 has sparked a rash of national news stories, trending Twitter feeds, and general public outcry regarding what many Canadians are viewing as an infringement on their right to privacy.

In the NWT, the bill is being opposed by the territory's information and privacy commissioner.

"It's really scary stuff," said Elaine Keenan-Bengts.

"There are certain things that everybody has the right to keep to themselves. The fact that I may have, for example, electronically transferred \$5,000 to my RRSP this week is really nobody's business but mine."

Her main concern is that the legislation, titled Bill **C-30**, will give the **RCMP** and government the right to obtain personal information about Internet users without warrants or other means of judicial oversight.

"Potentially, **RCMP** or other agents of the federal government, and those are not defined, will have access to everything you do say or look at on the Internet whether or not you are suspected of any wrongdoing or criminal activity," said Keenan-Bengts.

Keenan-Bengts says another red flag is that the legislation is written in a way that would allow for "function creep," where legislation is created for one purpose but its use is expanded to encompass other activities not considered or disclosed at the time of its approval.

"The function creep that might occur is probably the scariest thing about this legislation because there is no limits within this legislation on what it can be used for," said Keenan-Bengts.

"So, we need this now to track criminals, then we may need it to track who people support politically."

Another worrisome aspect of this bill is that it not only enables the **RCMP** to demand Internet users' information, but that the Internet provider would be prohibited from alerting the user that the inquiry had been made, said Keenan-Bengts.

"So, not only can the **RCMP** walk in and look at everything you have looked at on the Internet for the last two years without a warrant or even any cause to believe that you've been doing anything wrong, but nobody can tell you that it's happened."

Keenan-Bengts and other privacy commissioners from across the country were so concerned about the government's attempts to monitor online activity last year that they banded together to write an open letter to **William Baker**, the federal deputy **minister of Public Safety**, to protest the government's earlier attempts at legislation under Bill **C-52**, which died after the federal election call last spring.

Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington echoed the privacy commissioner's concerns.

"I think the bill has come out and is very misguided. It's identified a problem that is not really a problem. I mean, police officers are capable of getting warrants to get personal information," he said.

"This bill opens up the potential for abuse by authority and as such I'm very worried about it."

He added that Internet service providers would also be on the hook for the cost of creating a system for gathering and storing their customers' Internet information, which would affect Northern ISPs more than their larger, southern counterparts, said Bevington.

"I think that economies of scale would work well for large service providers to put this equipment in place," he said. "When you have small service providers who have large costs already, and you're asking them to put in the same equipment for much less people, the costs would escalate quite dramatically."

In a written e-mail statement to Yellowknifer, **Mike Patton**, a communications officer for **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews**, said the intention behind Bill **C-30** is to combat online exploitation of minors while not interfering with Canadians' right to privacy.

"**Canada's** laws do not adequately protect against online **child exploitation** and other criminal activity," stated Patton.

"We want to fix our laws while striking the right balance when it comes to protecting privacy."

Bill **C-30** is being sent to a parliamentary committee ahead of second reading for "a full examination of potential amendments to achieve the best protection for our children," stated Patton, adding the bill is subject to amendments. ILLUS: Elaine keenan-bengts: Says that the proposed **lawful access** legislation would violate Canadians' right to privacy.

Maillé, Marie Anick

From: Grigsby, Alexandre
Sent: February-27-12 2:16 PM
To: Maillé, Marie Anick; Dvorkin, Corey
Cc: Kingsley, Michèle; Scott, Marcie
Subject: RE: lawful access

Nothing of critical importance. Just reiterated some of the same concerns that he has with C-30.

There was a Sûreté du Québec rep ([REDACTED]) who was pretty good. He didn't make any passionate pleas for C-30, but made the point that technology has evolved a ton over 20 years (showed an ad for a computer in 1989 that cost \$8k without a monitor compared to today's iPhones) whereas policing techniques and tools haven't caught up. It seemed to get some resonance in the crowd. He also said that cops get more access to information on people from google than from police databases and that comment got quite a bit of retweets.

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To: Grigsby, Alexandre; Dvorkin, Corey
Cc: Kingsley, Michèle; Scott, Marcie
Subject: Re: lawful access

Many tks to both of you. We had seen the article but were not at the forum. I am adding marci scott and michele in cc. They might come to talk to you about the Forum if you believe there was elements of discussion we should be aware of.

Anick

From: Grigsby, Alexandre
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Subject: RE: lawful access

Yeah – he touched on those points in his presentation at the Canadian Internet Forum this AM.

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How to Fix Canada's Online Surveillance Bill: A 12 Step To-Do List

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Friday February 24, 2012

Over the past ten days, I've been asked repeatedly what should be done to fix Bill C-30, the online surveillance bill. bill will require considerable study, below I've posted 12 amendments or undertakings that are needed to begin to address massive public concern with the legislation. Given recent events, many understandably believe the bill is beyond repair should be scrapped. However, assuming the government sticks with it and send the bill to committee with a mandate a wide range of reforms and submissions, I'd start with the following non-comprehensive to-do list:

1. Evidence, Evidence, Evidence
2. No Mandatory Warrantless Access to Subscriber Information
3. Reporting Warrantless Disclosure of Subscriber Information

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4. Remove the Disclosure Gag Order
5. "Voluntary" Warrantless Data Preservation and Production
6. Government Installation of Surveillance Equipment
7. Reconsider the Internet Provider Regulatory Framework
8. Improve Lawful Access Oversight
9. Limit the Law to Serious Crimes
10. Come Clean on Costs
11. The Missing Regulations
12. Deal With The Failure of Privacy Laws To Keep Pace

Details on each follows:

1. Evidence, Evidence, Evidence

The starting point for discussion on C-30 should not be the problem of child pornography or online crime. The start must be to shift the onus to law enforcement to provide compelling evidence that its current investigative powers are insufficient (that is not the same as saying access to subscriber data is valuable). Despite ten years of debate on lawfi law enforcement has yet to make that case. In 2002, the Public Interest Advocacy Centre wrote on lawful access:

Having reviewed the Consultation Document, and participated in a day-long consultation with government officials, view that the Government's proposals for greater lawful access to private communications have not been demonstra justified, according to the test articulated by both the Supreme Court of Canada and the Privacy Commissioner of C

After the Liberals introduced their lawful access bill in 2005, I wrote:

Yet again, the government has failed to make the case that this is necessary. While they note that convictions are m with lawful access information and that this bill , there is no evidence provided that the current system has somehow botched investigations or failed prosecutions.

Last year, Canadian Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart wrote:

Despite repeated calls, no systematic case has yet been made to justify the extent of the new investigative capabilitie have been created by the bills. Canadian authorities have yet to provide the public with evidence to suggest that CSI Canadian police cannot perform their duties under the current regime. One-off cases and isolated incidents should r the rule, nor should exigent or emergency circumstances, for which there are already Criminal Code provisions.

A few months ago, Open Media uncovered documents that indicate even the police forces admit they have not made compelling case on the need for lawful access. Ten years of debate and there is still insufficient evidence to support access. Given the lack of evidence, some have argued Bill C-30 is a solution in search of a problem. The reality is w know. Step one is to provide Canadians with a strong, compelling case that there is a problem with the current law tl be addressed. If law enforcement and the government are unable to do so, the bill should be scrapped.

2. No Mandatory Warrantless Access to Subscriber Information

The biggest concern to date is the disclosure of Internet provider customer information without court oversight. Und privacy laws, providers may voluntarily disclose customer information but are not required to do so. The new syste require the disclosure of customer name, address, phone number, email and Internet protocol addresses.

This strikes at a bedrock principle of privacy law and is rightly opposed by the privacy and civil society community. talking with law enforcement, it is clear what they want is timely, guaranteed access in appropriate circumstances. T the current warrant system does not meet this standard nor do the current privacy rules. I have argued that a new war specific to subscriber information could be developed. Such a warrant could offer rapid authorization and lower cost enforcement, it would provide the access they want, while for privacy advocates it would maintain the oversight prir

3. Reporting Warrantless Disclosure of Subscriber Information

With ISPs and telcos providing subscriber data without a warrant nearly 95 percent of the time, there is a huge information disclosure issue with no reporting and no oversight. This is a major issue on its own, particularly since it is not clear these figures also include requests from Internet companies like Google and social media sites such as Facebook and The RCMP alone made over 28,000 requests for customer name and address information in 2010. These requests go - subscribers don't know their information has been disclosed and the ISPs and telecom companies aren't talking either.

Bill C-30 would add new reporting requirements to these disclosures, which should allow for insights into what ISPs are doing with subscriber information. In order to make this reform effective, however, the legislation should express police from bypassing the reporting regime by continuing to voluntarily collecting some of this information. The new should ensure that all ISP and telco disclosures of subscriber information are logged and reported.

4. Remove the Disclosure Gag Order

David Fraser has noted that Section 23 of Bill C-30 imposes a gag order on Internet providers who would be prohibited disclosing disclosures of subscriber information to affected subscribers. This provision, which is essentially hidden in the complexities of legislative drafting, should be removed from the bill or at least reformed to allow disclosure after an period of time.

5. "Voluntary" Warrantless Data Preservation and Production

Bill C-30 that creates a voluntary warrantless system that would allow police to ask for the content of emails or web habits and allow ISPs to comply with the request without fear of liability. Section 487.0195 states the following:

(1) For greater certainty, no preservation demand, preservation order or production order is necessary for a peace officer to ask a person to voluntarily preserve data that the person is not prohibited by law from preserving or voluntarily provide a document to the officer that the person is not prohibited by law from disclosing.

(2) A person who preserves data or provides a document in those circumstances does not incur any criminal or civil liability for doing so.

This provision opens the door to police approaching ISPs and asking them to retain data on specified subscribers or to disclose any subscriber information - including emails or web surfing activities - without a warrant. ISPs can refuse, but this is designed to remove any legal concerns the ISP might have in doing so, since it grants full criminal and civil immunity for disclosures.

While many would hope that ISPs would not disclose personal information without a warrant, revelations that they do provide customer name and address information about 95 percent of the time suggests that police have little to lose in more detailed data preservation and disclosure. Bill C-30 increases the likelihood of "voluntary" warrantless disclosures by creating a legal framework that makes it easy and risk-free from a provider perspective. The immunity should at least be based on a reasonableness standard so that there are some limits on these disclosures.

6. Government Installation of Surveillance Equipment

While the bill includes some detail on surveillance capability requirements, perhaps the most dangerous provision is which gives the government a stunning array of powers:

- to order an ISP or telecom provider to install surveillance capabilities "in a manner and within a time" specified by the government
- to order an ISP or telecom provider to install additional equipment to allow for more simultaneous interception of communications otherwise specified in the law (the government sets a maximum and then can simply ignore its own guidelines)
- to order an ISP or telecom provider to comply with additional confidentiality requirements not otherwise specified in the law
- to order an ISP or telecom provider to meet additional operational requirements not otherwise specified in the law

Given these powers, Section 14 essentially gives the government the power to override the limits and guidelines it sets in the bill (it must pay the provider an amount the government decides is reasonable for doing so). If that wasn't enough, Section 14(4) goes even further. It provides:

The Minister may provide the telecommunications service provider with any equipment or other thing that the Minister considers the service provider needs to comply with an order made under this section.

This gives the government the power to decide what specific surveillance equipment must be installed on private Internet Service Provider (ISP) telecom networks by allowing it to simply take over the ISP or telecom network and install its own equipment. This is a bad thing: it literally means that law enforcement has the power to ultimately determine not only surveillance capabilities, but also the surveillance equipment itself. Section 14 requires significant reform as 14(4) should be removed and provisions that give the government the right to circumvent limitations in the law should be dropped.

7. Reconsider the Internet Provider Regulatory Framework

Bill C-30 requires Internet providers to dramatically re-work their networks to allow for real-time surveillance. The bill sets detailed capability requirements that will eventually apply to all Canadian Internet providers. These include the power to intercept communications, to isolate the communications to a particular individual, and to engage in multiple simultaneous interceptions.

Moreover, the bill establishes a comprehensive regulatory structure for Internet providers that would mandate their disclosure of surveillance capabilities with testing their surveillance capabilities and disclosing the names of all employees who may be involved in interception (who may then be subject to RCMP background checks).

The bill also establishes numerous reporting requirements including mandating that all Internet providers disclose their technical surveillance capabilities within six months of the law taking effect. Follow-up reports are also required whenever providers acquire new technical capabilities.

If all of this wasn't enough, the bill also envisions broad enforcement powers to ensure that Internet providers comply with the law. Section 34 has attracted considerable attention since it grants seemingly unlimited inspection powers that allow the inspector to enter "any place owned by, or under the control of, any telecommunications service provider in which the inspector has reasonable grounds to believe there is any document, information, transmission apparatus, telecommunications facility, or other thing to which this Act applies."

It is hard to see how such powers are justifiable under the current law. A re-examination of Internet provider requirements and enforcement is desperately needed.

8. Improve Lawful Access Oversight

Bill C-30 includes several oversight mechanisms that will allow for audits and other reporting by the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. For example, Section 20(4) gives the Privacy Commissioner the power to conduct an audit of the RCMP and the Commissioner of Competition to see how mandatory disclosure of personal information powers are being used. While a good start, there are questions about the necessary resources to conduct audits and engage in oversight (similar questions arise within the context of provincial reviews).

In addition to the role of privacy commissioners, the government should follow the longstanding advice of Ontario Privacy Commissioner Ann Cavoukian by establishing an independent agency devoted to surveillance oversight. In her 2005 report on lawful access, Cavoukian recommended:

we call for the creation of an independent, arm's-length Surveillance and Access Review Agency (SARA) mandated to monitor access to this highly sensitive personal information and report annually to Parliament on the propriety of the operational regime. The Commissioner of such an agency should be an independent Officer of Parliament nominated by an all-party committee of the House of Commons and appointed by the Governor-in-Council with sufficient security of tenure to ensure independence and sufficient powers and resources to carry out the mandate of the Office and ensure the desired transparency and accountability.

The suggestion is a good one - lawful access requires effective oversight and the plan in Bill C-30 is insufficient.

9. Limit the Law to Serious Crimes

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews introduced Bill C-30 by focusing on child pornography and other dangerous crime law as drafted applies far more broadly. On the issue of warrantless access to subscriber information, a Public Safety release under the Access to Information Act demonstrates that the intention is to use this data for purposes that do not relate to criminal or child pornography concerns. For example, it notes that warrants would be problematic for "non-criminal, non-law enforcement policing duties" such as returning stolen property.

Further, even the Competition Bureau is entitled to demand disclosure of subscriber information without a warrant. If the government is serious about using lawful access to combat serious crime, it should circumscribe the law by limiting its application to serious crimes and limits its use to law enforcement officials dealing with serious criminal matters.

10. Come Clean on Costs

Evidence is not the only thing that has been missing despite ten years of debate. The cost of lawful access remains a significant issue notwithstanding recent reports of \$80 million over the next four years. That seems like a huge understatement as the law is likely to cost hundreds of millions of dollars as Internet and telecom providers are forced to invest in surveillance technologies and face significant new regulatory costs. Moreover, law enforcement is also going to see its costs increase as ISPs seek compensation for their assistance. Smaller ISPs have already expressed concern that the additional costs may force them out of business. If that happens, the decline in competition could see monthly consumer costs rise as well.

Years ago, the government tried to argue that lawful access would reduce costs. The myths document for the 2005 Bill C-30 (Public Safety relies heavily on claiming that criticisms are just myths) stated the following:

Myth: In the end, Canadians, either as a taxpayer or as a consumer, will bear the burden of additional costs to industry.

Reality: MITA will actually reduce the overall cost to taxpayers or consumers. Currently the Government of Canada is investing in the development of interception capabilities for existing technologies. The costs would be reduced over the long term by putting in place clear requirements for lawful interception that can be factored in during the design stage of new technologies. When lawful interception capabilities are provided for at the engineering stage of network design, the costs are a fraction of a retrofit of existing equipment. MITA will further minimize the financial impact on industry and consumers by requiring service providers to meet the requirements of the legislation in the most cost-effective way.

Claiming that lawful access will actually reduce costs was so implausible that the government has dropped the argument. Even if the claim may have disappeared, the costs have not. Before proceeding with the legislation, Canadians are entitled to an independent regulatory impact assessment that provides a realistic analysis of the costs created by Bill C-30 for both the implementation of surveillance technologies, operational costs, and resources needed for oversight.

11. The Missing Regulations

Bill C-30 may be more than 100 pages, but Section 64 makes it clear it is only part of the online surveillance story. Section 64 gives the Governor in Council (ie. cabinet) the power to make regulations related to the implementation of the bill as broad as it comes. For example, the bill requires Internet providers to have the ability to engage in multiple simultaneous interceptions but a wide range of questions - minimum and maximum simultaneous interceptions, how interception is made, maximum number of agencies making requests, etc. are all left to future regulations. Bill C-30 doesn't even specify that all communications must be interception-capable. Section 7 identifies a series of requirements (enable the interception of communications, isolate the communication, etc.) associated with this requirement. But what is a "communication" for these purposes? That is left to the unspecified regulations.

The mandatory disclosure of subscriber information without a warrant has been the hot button issue in Bill C-30, yet it is subject to unknown regulations. These regulations include the time or deadline for providing the subscriber information (Bill C-30 does not set a time limit) and "prescribing any confidentiality or security measures with which the telecommunications service provider must comply."

These are just some of the uncertainties. Section 64, which identifies the issues subject to future regulations by the Council cover almost every major substantive issue in the bill. In case the government has forgotten something, they have all regulatory power "generally, for carrying out the purposes and provisions of this Act." In other words, cabinet gets to fill the many blanks of this law without a House of Commons review or vote. Given the importance of this legislation, they should see the regulations before the bill is passed. To do otherwise is to enact a lawful access system without knowledge of associated rules and regulations.

12. Deal With The Failure of Privacy Laws To Keep Pace

The government emphasized the need to update the law in order to keep pace with technology and the Internet. Yet there are many problems exist on the privacy side where laws have failed to keep pace with new realities. For example, the Privacy Act, the public sector privacy law, has not been updated for decades, despite repeated efforts by every federal privacy commissioner to put the issue on the legislative agenda. Bill C-12, which implements 2006 recommended reforms to PIPEDA, the private sector privacy law, is languishing in the House of Commons with no movement whatsoever. In fact, it has taken so long to pass the bill that many of its provisions on mandatory security breach disclosure rules (the flip side of mandatory subscriber information disclosure) are already outdated and insufficient. Throw in the missing anti-spam regulations (which is keeping the law from taking effect) and the delayed 2011 statutory review of PIPEDA and it becomes clear that there is much work to be done on the privacy side. Given the close correlation between privacy and security, the government should commit itself to move forward with privacy reforms in conjunction with lawful access.

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Anonymous Coward said:

Comment on #12, Privacy

One of the arguments that is made in favour of C-30 is that we have no privacy anyhow, so what's the worry? That ignores the real problem that privacy is badly broken on the net. I am sure that support for fixing it would gain wide support.

February 24, 2012

Gregg said:

conservative mentality

Whuuuuut? Common sense? What, you been readin' them wurdz again, boy?

gets strap

Frankly, can't really blame them for 100% of the problem - the dumbass voters that put them in are the majority of the problem.

February 24, 2012

Hooray for Hollywood said:

...
"Serious crime" must obviously include file sharing, TPM circumvention, and conspiracy to sell fake purses. Canada is a well known hotbed for piracy and counterfeiting, as the USTR has conclusively proven year after year.

And we all know that IP theft leads straight to child porn and terrorism. Not to mention that people could be seriously injured by fake insulin!

And it's a good thing you are building all those new jails for all of those thieves and pirates in your midst. Those jails should be filled to capacity ASAP!

February 24, 2012

pat donovan said:

cheaper by the dozen

Like banking CEO's and the CEO of blackberry... AND the muzzled tech-types in NRC (AND the FUD as news services, monsanto, e encryption, sat services (illegal phones with sec mechs), and sterilization of data is the only way to go.

My data is for sale. Will fink-world monetize (vengeance, money, power) by offering rewards/ % of e-crime?

C-30 will be the BIGGEST black-mail machine ever invented. With spoofed addressing, planted evidence and and grandfathered crime

There will be no recovery till the corporate cyber-wars need it.

packrat

February 24, 2012

Anonymous Forever said:

Or we could implement this ONE STEP solution for both C-30 AND C-11

Step One: Use TOR from torproject.org as a client and, where possible, as an exit node.

It's easy. Plus you get to defeat fascism.

February 24, 2012

Jason K said:

Cost Analysis Questions For Committee on C-30

I've drawn up some important questions I would ask as a Systems Analyst in search of a cost effective approach:

<http://jasonkoblovsky.blogspot.com/2012/02/cost-analysis-questions-for-committee.html>

February 24, 2012

Crockett said:

...

I don't think any sensible person would want to impair an investigation against serious crime on the internet, especially child pornography. That said, I can sympathize with the police societies wanting this legislation.

What must take place though is an open dialogue with all the affected parties. Wrapping this problem in a poorly designed bandage will not stop the pain these crimes cause.

There are likely two types of internet predators out there, the computer savvy and the, how should we put it ... clueless. The tools and techniques in place now are sufficient to catch the latter if there are some much needed efficiencies and resources put into improving the warrant process.

To catch the ones who hide their tracks will prove to be much more problematic. The tracking systems the government wants to install are useless if the traffic is encrypted through TOR or other means. The more spying technology that is implemented will just mean some malcontent will design a way to bypass it. The only real way to catch these monsters is through social engineering, old fashioned police work.

In the meantime we are paying all the costs to have our own non-criminal activities logged and preserved, possibly for some hacker to discover. The US & UK governments have tried to implement similar measures in the past and have found them to be little successful and highly invasive to law abiding citizens. Why repeat their mistakes?

Let's just pause for a moment and think this all through. I am not against laws and systems to keep our children and society safer, but I design a comprehensive system (not just a technological band-aid) that includes proper laws, technology and police procedures.

February 24, 2012

Eric L. said:

RE: Crockett

"I am not against laws and systems to keep our children and society safer"

But this bill is not close at all to being a bill about that. By all means, I think everybody is not against children and society safer laws, not confuse the issue by suggesting that C30 is one of them (even a bad one). C30 does not deserve that much.

February 24, 2012

IamME said:

Why repeat their mistakes?

ROTFL!!! Why? Because the Americans are so narcissistic and Harper such a pro-American lackey, that they can't possibly have little Canada do something better than them. Our conservatives are trying to ram-rod through this legislation while at the same time the Am are implementing laws to strengthen American consumer privacy and allowing them to opt out of tracking.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/technology/obama-steps-up-fight-for-online-consumer-protection-with-privacy-bill-of-rights/2012/02/23/gIQAT2z1XR_story.html

February 24, 2012

Giordano Bruno said:

Coincidences

Meanwhile at the same time of C-30...

In the US: How Internet Companies Would Be Forced to Spy on You Under H.R. 1981 <http://t.co/EieqFvu0>

In the UK: Government spy programme will monitor every phone call, text and email... and details will be kept for up to a year <http://t.co/bnM8MMim>

February 24, 2012

Irving said:

Easy fix for this

Instead of requiring a judge to issue a surveillance warrant, require the agreement of three separate judges. Problem solved.

February 24, 2012

end user said:

...
What's really funny here is if these children are going online to places where the "predators" are, where are the parents? All this happens home its not like these kids are sneaking out and walking the back alleys of Vancouver or sneaking out to go to the local internet cafe strangers.

The kids probably have much higher chance of getting ran over and killed by a car while walking to school then being lured out of the by someone. Should be be posting a police officer at every corner from 7am-8:30am and 2:30-3pm?

I'd rather take the chance of online predators than being spied on all the time without the need for warrants and gag orders.

Why does the gov need a gag order if they have nothing to hide.

February 24, 2012

Context said:

Context is Everything

To put Bill C-30 in context, here's what's in the news:

<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/politics/article/1135548--peter-mackay-says-global-security-economics-require-closer-u-s-canad-military-co-operation?bn=1>
<http://news.nationalpost.com/2012/02/24/peter-mackay-runs-from-questions-over-stupid-dirt-digging-on-liberal-critic/>

The first article seems to indicate pre-emptive strikes against what the powers in government perceive as threats to national security: "Domestic security issues begin internationally and it's best to act before they happen, MacKay said." Presumed guilty and convicted due process? It also points to information-sharing with foreign countries.

The second article seems to infer that the Department of National Defence has been used by politicians for political objectives.

Those two articles, in the context of Bill C-30, should be enough to convince anyone that Bill C-30 is a threat to democracy.

February 24, 2012

Norm said:

@end user

How dare you question the need for more police power when the crime rate is the lowest it's been in 40 years (and 40 years ago, a lot was "legal").

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/110721/dq110721b-eng.htm>

I couldn't find the rate of getting hit by a bus (you'd think that would be on the front page considering how often it comes up), but the "child luring" over the Internet based on data from 2006-2007 is 3/100000.

For comparison, the rate for "self-injury hospitalization" in Canada for 2009 was 65/100000 for both sexes and 75/100000 for females.

(http://www.cihi.ca/hirpt/?lang...lf_inflct)

So it's much more likely your kid will cut him/herself out of angst than be exploited on the Internet.

110% of a very small number, is still a small number.

How dare you want control of your privacy.

How dare you wonder if governments have enough control.

How dare you wonder if we have our priorities straight.

How.... Well, you get the point.

February 24, 2012

Norm said:

stat

the 3/100000 number is from this page:

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2009001/article/10783-eng.htm>

February 24, 2012

Crockett said:

35% ?? ... must be the same % that voted the conservatives in :D

@mario_canseco: "Half of Canadians (51%) want to see Bill C-30 defeated; 35% would pass it." ... <http://t.co/nVfxbSxO>

February 24, 2012

Chris G said:

Engineer

The intent of #6 was not clear until I read the full text. I think what people need to see is a short video showing the full capabilities of provided by suppliers such as SS8 and BlueCoat; they would really be shocked. Without pre-specification of the capabilities of the eq in the Bill, one has to assume that the worst case is possible.

February 25, 2012

Context said:

Phone Hacking

Police fed information to Rebekkah Brooks in British phone hacking scandal:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2012/feb/25/rebekah-brooks-police-phone-hacking?newsfeed=true>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/story/2011/07/17/rupert-murdoch-phone-hacking-scandal.html>

Brooks admitted in 2003 to paying police for information. Bill C-30 opens the door for this sort of behavior in Canada.

February 25, 2012

Context said:

Robocalls

Granted, having easy access to the personal information of Canadians would sure make a robocall list easier to compile:

<http://bit.ly/xjZ9zH>

February 25, 2012

Not a Crimnal said:

How to chase criminals

I have spoken to my relatives who work in different police agencies and they tell me that criminals are ever-increasingly resorting to N internet methods. For example, sending messages by courier and meeting in restaurants to plan deals. After all, criminals are not stupid phones began getting wiretapped in the past - criminals stopped using phones.... The same evolution will happen with the "patrolled" i

The only criminals left to prosecute on the computer will be guys downloading music and watching porn.....

February 25, 2012

don't_tape_me_bro said:

Principles, Mr Teows

Mr. Teows, the problem lies with your proposed methods of going after perps of heinous crimes such as pedophilia.

To enforce the law, police must gather evidence, but they should not break the law or break safeguards (such as the right to or expecta privacy) in collecting evidence. Unless there is a dire need and some specific evidence, in which case a judge can be convinced to perri police action.

The question and issue here is the concept of the police "investigation". Certainly police are obligated to "investigate" crimes and repo crimes, suspicions of crime etc. But keeping the above principle in mind, the investigation is limited to observing what can legally be observed. Police can't break the law in order to "investigate".

If police are investigating shoplifting but have no evidence, they are free to investigate by observing me in public - at the store. Or the;

even park on the street and observe my comings and goings. But not to enter my premises, tap my phone or email just because they are "investigating".

Rebuild the law around the specific crime and the specific evidence. Police should find real evidence without relying on general surveillance. And when they do, a judge should grant them a warrant and more precise individual surveillance should be merited.

Finally internet access of all forms could be considered an extension of my personal communications inside my home - private. The exception being those things I post or publish on the internet.

February 25, 2012

Doug Webb said:

Recording all phone calls

If the government tried to pass a law that says all phone calls made in Canada must be recorded and kept for X years, would people want that? Would you want every phone call you make to everyone to be recorded and kept in some corporate locker somewhere? I wouldn't. I don't engage in illegal activity but I still don't want my phone calls recorded. This legislation would do that, it would record every phone call you make. Phone calls all go on the internet now so every phone call you make will be recorded if this legislation goes through. If this legislation does go through I'll bet it will be conservatives it catches most often!

February 25, 2012

Norm said:

So much for the digital economy

Canada's privacy laws have been a real asset to IT businesses providing confidence to operators and users. I expect growth to slow just because of this being on the table.

February 25, 2012

Context said:

Top Secret Security Clearance For Five-Time Fraudster

The former commissioner of the RCMP granted top secret security clearance to a five-time convicted fraudster who worked in the Prime Minister's Office:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canadavotes2011/story/2011/04/05/cv-election-carson-rcmp.html#>

<http://news.nationalpost.com/2011/04/07/what-the-the-bruce-carson-affair/>

This is the kind of person who might have access to your personal financial passwords and private phone calls under Bill C-30.

February 25, 2012

ENO said:

Famous last words

This is a legislative framework that has been adopted by many leading European countries. --Vic Toews

We already know that in UK they are still debating and now in Germany...

Germany's New Right to Online Privacy <http://bit.ly/x62jDL>

A ruling against government surveillance of personal computers, delivered this week by a German court, has set a precedent: Computers have the right to trust their IT equipment.

February 26, 2012

John said:

retired ISP tech

Thanks to Michael for showing the depths of C-30. Unfortunately we can not count on the MP's who will vote on it to read and understand

(or our) concerns.

The signals intercepts have been going on for awhile . . . check out [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Echelon_\(signals_intelligence\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Echelon_(signals_intelligence)) driven security agreement among Australia, Canada, New Zealand, U.K. and U.S.A.

"Carnivore" (updated to Magic Lantern) was the FBI's contribution to sniffing email traffic. We might assume that type of monitoring continues and is not limited to the U.S.A. I found it somewhat ironic that the supposedly CIA funded "Safeweb" and "Triangle Boy" s used to be available for free to anyone who wished to try and make their communications anonymous to oppressive governments. The China and others in mind but the software must have been too successful since it is no longer available. The term "anonymizer website" Google gets over half a million hits, so alternatives exist but I'm not sure I'd trust any of them.

Michael is right about the downloaded costs to the ISP's . . . and then to us. I know by experience that a small number of low volume v at a small ISP in the early 2000's generated 2 GB of text log files per month detailing every IP connection to each website and every g put to/from that IP. That did not include any email storage, which was normally erased upon retrieval. Today's traffic is far greater and although costs of storage media have dropped, 2GB times a few hundred million times 12 is still a significant and costly requirement.

February 26, 2012

ENO said:

sorry

Sorry for the outdated link...

I cannot find an english article on this topic yet. I read on the Italian news about the constitutional court in Germany stopping a law sir C-30 and stating that personal information behind an IP address can only be obtain with a warrant.

This is the link if you know Italian: <http://bit.ly/xuNy7b>

February 26, 2012

Crockett said:

...

#UBB

#SOPA

#PIPA

#ACTA

#C-30

#Winning :D

February 26, 2012

Crockett said:

...

Seriously ... while there is public momentum on curtailing the overreach of government & industry, the pressure cannot wane. They do plan to give up and neither must we.

February 26, 2012

ENO said:

UNCONSTITUTIONAL

German constitutional court rules that the current regulations on delivering user data, passwords, pins as well as dynamic IPs to invest authorities are a violation of informational self-determination and thereby unconstitutional.

Here a link if you know German: <http://bit.ly/xvtTK3>

February 26, 2012

skyspy247 said:

Costs !!

"The cost of lawful access remains a mystery, notwithstanding recent reports of \$80 million over the next four years."

They spent \$1.4 Billion on the Long Gun Registry ... a simple, single purpose database.

\$80 Million over 4 years, how stupid do they think we are?

February 26, 2012

oldguy said:

...

Hmmm.. This is quite a bit older, but perhaps apropos in the context of this bill:

http://www.wired.com/wired/arc...nt_pr.html

Think about it. We are fast reaching the decision point implied by the above..

February 26, 2012

Cheap Jordans Shoes said:

<http://www.cheapairjordansshoesale.org/>

Life, work, and study if it can automatic, the education of the convergence can certainly easier.

February 27, 2012

bernadette slosmanis said:

Freedom

Freedom, freedom, freedom.....

April 19, 2012

kasia yechimowicz said:

...

The only thing to be done with the online surveillance bill is to scrap it. The people who wrote it (and it was not written by the govern should be in prison for interference in democracy, and as we all know the current federal government and the Corruption Party should jail too. I'd like to see capital punishment return and Harper be the first person electrocuted. Enough is enough.

April 19, 2012

Ron Tog said:

retired

I am in favour of the police petrolling the internet as they petrol our streets in an attempt to keep us safe. Petrolling looking for trouble make me uncomfortable.

However, what I accept the idea the Police/media etc can "GO Public" with the information they gather on me without a Warrent: Son review of the evidence gathered by an authority that I can sue if I think my person/property has suffered unjustified damage.

I define "privacy" in context. Here is an example of my guideline test for a privacy violation: When I apply for a mortgage the people

bank gather considerable personal and financial information and share it with Branches of their organization. That's O.K. But, when I p the gas station to fill my car I don't want the pump attendant discussing my mortgage application with me. That's a violation of my pri

April 21, 2012

TK said:

user land

Hand's off our hard drives Harper!

This is just an other tool the Conservatives can use to find out who doesn't support them.

A warrant should be required for Police (and the politicians should not have access) to snoop our Internet activity. There is already ple open data to support an investigation without allowing the police to hack into our systems.

I can just imagine how a divorced police officer could uses this new tool to find out information about there ex. or anyone else they dc Not even telephone conversations would be safe as many are transmitted through the Internet.

No disrespect intended, but there may be a few bad apples, that is why the checks and balances and accountability are needed. We do to be living in a police state.

May 10, 2012

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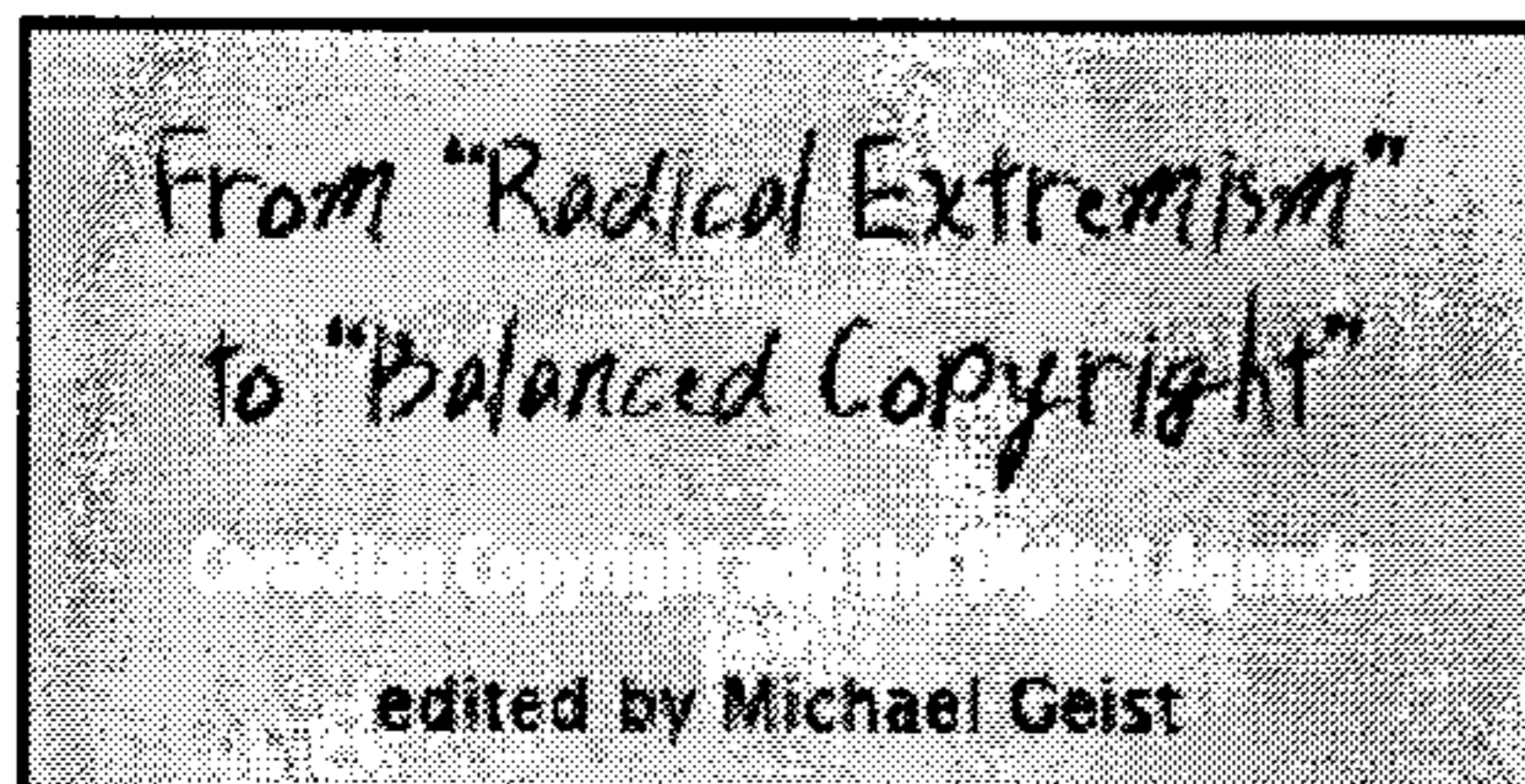
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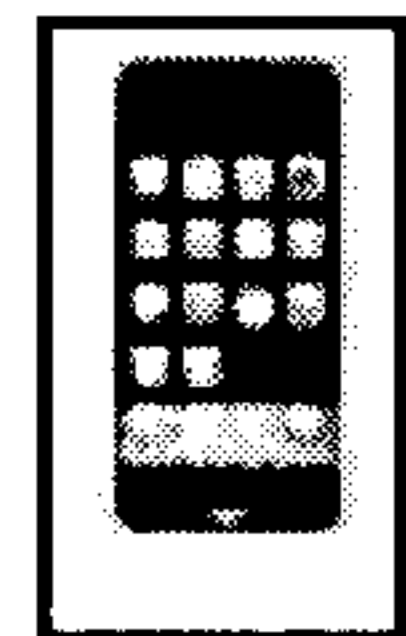
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When the U.S. invited Canada to join the Trans Pacific Partnership negotiations last month, there was an [agreed upon delay](#) to allow it to complete a domestic approval process. As part of that delay, Canada was to be excluded from the negotiations during the approval period and bound by any substantive agreements reached during those talks. While most assumed that would only cover the just-completed San Diego round of discussions, it turns out that Canada will be excluded from the next round of negotiations as well. The USTR sent the [formal letter](#) to include Canada in the TPP to Congress on July 10, 2012. Last week, it also [announced](#) that the next round of negotiations will take place in early September in Virginia. Given the 90-day waiting period from the date of the USTR letter, Canada will also be excluded from this round of negotiations and will have to wait until December to formally participate in the talks.[Jul.16/12Comments](#) (14)

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The UK government is set to [announce](#) that all research funded by the government will be mandated as open access by 2014, ensuring that all taxpayer funded research will be freely available to anyone anywhere in the world.[Jul.16/12Comments](#) (1)

- **UK MEP Calls for Revision of CETA to Remove ACTA Provisions**

Nigel Farage, a UK Member of the European Parliament, has tabled a question to the European Commission that asks if it "will undertake a revision of the EU-Canada deal to remove all proposals similar to ACTA." Farage says that CETA should be thoroughly revised to remove anything that would implement ACTA through the back door. Jul.12/12 Comments (0)

- **Mexico Signs ACTA Amid Speculation It Was Price of TPP Admission**

Despite a Mexican Senate recommendation not to do so, Mexico unexpectedly signed the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement yesterday. There is some speculation that signing the agreement was a U.S. condition for joining the Trans Pacific Partnership talks. The Mexican Senate must still ratify the agreement for it to take effect. Jul.12/12 Comments (2)

- **The Magnotta Case and Online Surveillance**

The CBC reports that it obtained documents under the Access to Information Act in which the government tries to justify statements from Public Safety Minister Vic Toews that Bill C-30, the online surveillance bill, would have assisted with the Luka Magnotta investigation. I appeared on CBC's Power and Politics to challenge the claims. Jul.12/12 Comments (2)

- **Access Copyright: 40 Percent Of Non-Quebec University Students Outside Model Licence**

Access Copyright's Executive Director Maureen Cavan tells University Affairs magazine that 40 percent of university students outside of Quebec are currently at institutions that have not signed the Access Copyright model licence. Carleton University, which opted-out of the licence last year, reports that "roughly 80 percent of requests to use copyrighted material were already covered under licences that Carleton held. For the remainder, Carleton either got a digital copy under licence or dealt directly with the publisher or a U.S. copyright clearance agency." Jul.10/12 Comments (1)

- **Copyright and Innovation: The Untold Story**

Professor Michael Carrier has published the results of a remarkable initiative on copyright and innovation that uses the music industry and Napster as the case study. Carrier interviewed leading executives at major record labels and technology companies in an effort to better understand the implications of the litigation strategy against Napster. The article concludes that there were five losses from the Napster decision and related litigation: lost innovation, lost venture capital, lost markets, lost licensing, and lost magic. Jul.10/12 Comments (0)

- **Canadian Government Announces Plans To Block Copyright Levy on MicroSD Cards**

The Canadian government announced yesterday that it will use its regulation-making power to block the attempt to apply the private copying levy to MicroSD cards. I noted last November that it had this power to stop a Copyright Board hearing into the matter and that the Canadian Private Copying Collective (the group that manages the private copying levy) had explicitly argued that it could use it to stop the imposition of the levy on media deemed "inappropriate." Jul.04/12 Comments (6)

- **Twitter Issues Transparency Report**

Twitter has issued a transparency report that discloses government requests for user information along with copyright takedown demands. The report indicates that there were 11 Canadian user information requests in the first half of 2012, behind only the U.S. (easily the most requests) and Japan. Jul.03/12 Comments (1)

- **Declaration of Internet Freedom**

Dozens of civil society groups have issued a Declaration of Internet Freedom that focuses on five principles: expression, access, openness, innovation, and privacy. [Jul.03/12Comments \(1\)](#)

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Vikileaks linked to House of Commons IP address

An IP address connected to what is known as the Vikileaks30 Twitter account originates within the House of Commons. In a bid to determine the origin of the account, which details personal information about **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews**, the Citizen undertook an investigation on Thursday. An email was sent to the writer of the Vikileaks30 Twitter account, containing a link to a website. The website was monitored by the Citizen and only the author of Vikileaks30 had the address of the website. About 15 minutes after the email was sent, Vikileaks30 opened the link and visited the page, leaving behind an IP address that belongs to the House of Commons. The Vikileaks30 Twitter account surged into public prominence following the tabling of new legislation that would have allowed increased police surveillance of the Internet and those who use it. A string of tweets posted portions of alleged details relating to **Toews'** divorce proceedings. "**Vic** wants to know about you. Let's get to know about **Vic**," read the first tweet. "Let's start with affidavits from **Vic's** divorce case." What followed were dozens of tweets with alleged quotes from affidavits connected to **Toews'** divorce proceedings. The contents of the tweets were unverified. Calls to **Toews'** office about the origin of the IP address and whether he would request an investigation have not been returned. The hashtag (used on Twitter to classify subjects) **#TellVicEverything** became the focal point for a mass popular protest. Thousands of Canadians flooded **Toews** with routine, often inane, updates on their lives, which is the kind of information many fear police could access if the Internet surveillance bill passes. Ottawa Citizen, A1 (StarPhoenix, Leader-Post, National Post, Montreal Gazette, Calgary Herald); * Times Colonist

Nasty tweets

An editorial states, "There's a smart, funny and civil way to use social media to point out the flaws in the government's online access bill. And there's a mean-spirited, toxic way. Canadians have used both this week. The nasty way did get a lot of headlines. An anonymous Twitter account, sent apparently from a House of Commons IP address, sent out snippets of information about **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** personal life, information that seemed to come from court documents relating to his former marriage. Supporters of the tactic have pointed out that **Toews** made the fight personal when he said of an opposition MP, "**He can either stand with us or with the child pornographers.**" They argue that publicizing material already on the public record - a court document - is not a violation of privacy in the way that warrantless access to online subscriber information would be. They argue that the tactic is fair game since **Toews** is championing legislation that would erode privacy rights. It is, according to this view, a taste of his own medicine. The information about **Toews** might not have been private, but it was personal, and selectively quoting from it served no purpose other than to give his political opponents a chance to crow at his expense. It did not further the debate about the proposed legislation. And the fact that **Toews** himself - like many politicians - has tried to demonize opponents does not make it right... And as National Post columnist Chris Selley pointed out on Twitter, even if you think **Toews** himself had this coming, **Toews'** family members did nothing to merit having their personal lives served up for laughs and insults online. Twitter has also been the forum for funnier and more effective tactics. The hashtag **#DontToewsMeBro** is funny all on its own. The hashtag **#TellVicEverything** has become a platform for silliness and satire, as critics of the legislation unburden themselves of fake confessions to the government. They make the same point as the anonymous account, without the nastiness... No one is served when politics becomes about airing and comparing dirty laundry." Ottawa Citizen, A10

Bill C-30 fiercely opposed

Public outrage at the government's proposed Internet surveillance laws boiled over Thursday, as thousands of Canadians made their objections loud and clear on the Twitterverse. Meanwhile, a Liberal MP turned the tables on **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** and Justice Minister Rob Nicholson, requesting that Parliament divulge the web surfing histories from

their computers and BlackBerrys. Prince Edward Island Liberal Sean Casey says he's trying to make a point about the Harper government's contentious online surveillance law with his order paper question. "I very much want the **minister** to have a taste of his own medicine," Casey said. The hashtag (used on Twitter to classify subjects) **#TellVicEverything** became the focal point for a mass popular protest. Thousands of Canadians flooded **Toews** with routine, often inane, updates on their lives, which is the kind of information many fear police could access if the Internet surveillance bill passes. Others used the **#TellVicEverything** tag to lampoon the surveillance bill, which they fear will give police constant access to personal communications. "Hey **ToewsVic**, I lost an email from my work account yesterday," wrote British Columbia Twitter user Kevin Harding. "Can I get your copy?" Others pilloried **Toews** over the-top rhetoric that those who oppose the bill are in bed with child pornographers. "Hey, everybody! You either **#TellVicEverything** or you side with the child pornographers," wrote another Twitter user. Casey's question requests a log of all "websites accessed on the personal departmental desktop computers, laptop computers, mobile phones, tablet computers or other Internet-enabled devices" used by **Toews**, Nicholson and their political staffers. But the Liberals have baggage of their own when it comes to lawful access legislation - a point **Toews** has reminded them of each time they've raised concerns since the bill was tabled on Tuesday. Windsor Star, C1 (Edmonton Journal, The Province, Vancouver Sun, Times & Transcript, Daily Gleaner, New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal); Calgary Sun (Winnipeg Sun); * Winnipeg Free Press

PM delays proposed bill to dodge firestorm

Prime Minister Stephen Harper -- sensing a public backlash -- made the decision to kick a controversial cyber crime bill to committee even before opposition howled over it, QMI Agency has learned. Harper made the decision to send the bill to the public safety committee after his return from China on Sunday, but that was only made public Wednesday to quell opposition anger and concerns among privacy watchdogs and back-bench government MPs. **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** fuelled the outrage after he painted opponents of the bill as defenders of child pornography. **Toews** said Thursday the bill was not rushed nor hastily crafted, and that much of the outcry is unwarranted and politically charged. "*I hear a lot of concerns expressed that are not substantiated if you actually look at the legislation,*" he said in an interview. "*There is still the idea somehow that private information is being shared without a warrant, and that's clearly not true.*" Asked what sort of amendments the government would entertain, **Toews** said: "*If there is private information in e-mails and web surfing that somehow is being shared without a warrant, I'd want that addressed ... but I don't believe that's occurring.*" Calgary Sun, 34 (Toronto Sun, Edmonton Sun, Ottawa Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard); London Free Press

No warrant? No way

An opinion piece states, "Have you heard about the Harper government's plans to allow police to get some of your personal data without a search warrant? It's part of a new bill aimed at updating surveillance practices for the Internet era and most of it is long overdue, but the bits about allowing searches without a warrant are a little worrisome... Prime Minister Stephen Harper has said amendments will be welcomed, **but Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** is still defending this. Appearing on Ezra Levant's show The Source on Sun News Network, **Toews** said these kind of powers exist in most European countries..." Calgary Sun, 15 (Edmonton Sun, Kingston Whig-Standard, Ottawa Sun, Toronto Sun, Winnipeg Sun, London Free Press)

Rocky launch for Tories' Internet law

An opinion piece states, "Sometimes a political issue launches with such a resounding thud that a quick reset is all that can be done. And so it was with the Harper government's proposed Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act. From the **moment Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** introduced the bill with the ludicrous statement that you're either with the government or the child pornographers, the issue struggled... There is a valid debate on whether or how police should get any of this without a warrant. One day after introducing the bill the government backed down, agreeing to have a parliamentary committee make major changes. The people have spoken." StarPhoenix, A2 (Leader-Post)

Protection vs. privacy

A letter to the editor states, "Justice Minister Rob Nicholson supports giving police the ability to gain greater access to citizens' private data without warrant. If this requirement is so necessary, why was such a large and successful bust of child pornographers recently possible without this ability? In case Nicholson would dare to think that I somehow support child pornography **as Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** accused anyone who opposes this Conservative government bill, I am very much concerned about the online safety of my three grown children and eight grandchildren. But I am also concerned about my privacy..." Ottawa Citizen, A10, Ottawa Citizen; Globe and Mail; * Edmonton Sun; * Winnipeg Free Press; * Chronicle-Herald; * Vancouver Sun; * The Province; * Winnipeg Sun

*** Tories try to scare away our rights**

An opinion piece states, "Why does our government try to scare us with scary titles for laws (re: Bill C-30: Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act)? What this law will actually do is require your Internet service provider to keep a record of your Internet history, not the police. The law means NorthwesTel will be keeping a record of every website you visit, and the RCMP can look at it any time it wants, without a warrant... **Safety Minister Vic Toews** says that you "*can*

either stand with us or with the child pornographers" when it comes to letting the government look at your Internet history without a warrant. It is this type of rhetoric that creates hostility between Canadians with different political views and stops real debate on issues... Well, it is apparent from **Mr. Toews'** quote that the Conservative Party is unwilling to work with any other party in Parliament... We listen to each other and take into account opinions that are different than our own. That is what our government should be doing, not trying to scare us." Yellowknifer

Civil libertarians when necessary

An opinion piece states, "This week, the Conservative government introduced legislation which would create a vast system of warrantless Internet surveillance. Civil libertarians howled in protest. **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** told them they could either support the government's plan or side **"with the child pornographers."**... By the end of the week, **Toews** suggested that perhaps it might be possible to modestly amend the bill in unspecified ways - without aiding and abetting child pornographers. As farce, this was amusing. As governance, it was appalling. But as an illustration of the thinking of the prime minister and his circle, it was invaluable. There's always been a riddle at the core of Stephen Harper's party. They say they're for "small government" and "individual liberty." They say they oppose the "nanny state" and can't stomach "social engineering."... A classic example is the gun registry. The Conservatives insisted it's simply wrong to force otherwise law-abiding gun owners to divulge private information about private property... A starker example is the longform census. Unlike the gun registry, there was almost no popular opposition to the long-form census... So far, so very libertarian. But note the other side of the ledger. In September, the prime minister casually mentioned that he would restore emergency anti-terrorism powers that allowed judges to compel witnesses to testify in secret hearings and police to jail suspects without warrant for up to three days... No matter, Stephen Harper said. They were essential. So he would restore them. And make them permanent. Then there's FINTRAC (the Financial Transactions Reports Analysis Centre of Canada)... The one constant is that civil liberty is not Stephen Harper's concern. It is merely something to be used or discarded as needed." Ottawa Citizen, A11

Want to read my email? Get a warrant

An editorial states, "**Vic Toews**, stay out of my inbox. And no, it's not because I'm trying to hide messages between me and kiddie porn providers. I was about to write a column defending the Tories' "lawful access" bill, albeit with strong reservations. Then **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** accused anyone and everyone who wasn't fully behind his bill of being supportive of the sexual creeps who prey on children by making and distributing pornographic images of them. Seriously, **Mr. Toews?** Could you have done anything else that would have more thoroughly confirmed civil libertarians' fears about your bill's assault on privacy and personal liberty?... Police should not be able to conduct surveillance online with fewer safeguards than those required when they do it in person or over the phone. If they need a warrant to stake out your home or business or eavesdrop on your telephone calls, they should also need one to intercept your emails or ask your Internet service provider to keep a record of your surfing habits. Yes, that could make police work more difficult. It might mean the odd guilty person goes free. But preserving the privacy and freedom of innocent Canadians should be of greater importance. So long as citizens have given the police no reason to suspect them of criminal activity, they should remain free from state snooping." National Post, A12

Bill flawed, but let's cut the hypocrisy

An opinion piece states, "There are good reasons to oppose Stephen Harper's proposed Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act--which is about a lot more than pursuing just child pornographers. But before we consider them -- and why so-called "liberals" and "progressives" are the least credible critics on this issue -- let's be clear on what the act will and won't do... **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** suggestion you're either with the government or the pornographers, isn't helpful. Privacy commissioners have raised legitimate concerns about the bill, especially the potential for abuse, as it's hardly unknown for police and security forces to stretch the limits of any new power they acquire... Finally, these are the folks who perpetually advocate for the state intruding ever more into our lives. Clearly, they should have been more careful about what they wished for." London Free Press, A10 (Kingston Whig-Standard)

Dutil is undeterred by passing of gun bill

While elsewhere in Canada there may be support for abolition of the long-gun registry, in Quebec the registry is favoured as a response to the Dec. 6, 1989, Montreal Massacre, when a lone gunman shot to death 14 women at the Université de Montréal's engineering school. Robert Dutil, Quebec's public security minister, said Thursday the province will go ahead with plans to take the Harper government to court once Bill C-19, adopted Wednesday in the House of Commons, becomes law. "**We have no intention of turning over the information,"** **Michael Patton**, communications director for **federal Public Safety Minister Vic Toews**, said Thursday. Montreal Gazette, A7

*** Uphold our e-privacy**

An editorial states, "... Faced with a backlash from even its own supporters over **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** ghastly Internet surveillance law, the government has wisely chosen to back off and rethink. Bill C-30, the Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act that was tabled Tuesday, will now go before a parliamentary committee where Government House Leader Peter Van Loan promises "the government is open to a broad range of amendments" before it

becomes law. Let's hope so... **Toews** has managed to offend Conservative MPs (and the grassroots) with his ham-fisted efforts to cudgel critics of the bill into acquiescence with the claim that an MP "**can either stand with us or with the child pornographers.**" That was too much even for some supporters to swallow... In the past six years, Ontario police alone have charged more than 1,800 people in connection with child abuse and exploitation on the Internet. Two weeks ago, police nabbed 60 more suspects and - better yet - rescued 22 children who were at risk. Police are getting faster and smarter at keeping up with offenders. And there's no evidence that the need to get a judge's okay is holding them back." Toronto Star, A22

* **La danse macabre**

Un article d'opinion déclare, « Le fait que le gouvernement Harper ait choisi d'organiser de petites fêtes pour célébrer l'adoption de la loi qui éliminera le registre des armes d'épaule a scandalisé les milieux progressistes d'un océan à l'autre... Ce refus de l'intelligence, on l'a vu à l'œuvre dans une foule de dossiers, que ce soit autour du questionnaire long du recensement, ou cette semaine, quand **le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Vic Toews**, a dit à ceux qui s'inquiétaient de la portée du projet de loi C-30 sur les cyberprédateurs qu'ils étaient du côté des pédophiles, reprenant la rhétorique la plus primaire de la droite républicaine. Ou encore à la façon dont le premier ministre laisse le sénateur Boisvenu débiter ses âneries... » La Presse, A23

* **L'épouvantail de M. Toews**

Un article d'opinion déclare, « A vouloir se protéger contre tout, on finit par avoir peur de tout le monde, dirait-on à la lecture de la stratégie antiterroriste, déposée la semaine dernière par le **ministre canadien de la Sécurité publique, Vic Toews**. La stratégie «Renforcer la résilience face au terrorisme» inquiète autant qu'elle rassure. On y évoque la «radicalisation» des terroristes, mais les terroristes, on les voit partout. En effet, la stratégie ratisse plutôt large. On identifie la menace posée par l'extrémisme islamiste sunnite, à l'international comme à l'intérieur du pays, ainsi qu'une quarantaine de groupes terroristes internationaux connus, comme les Tigres tamouls, l'organisation basque ETA ou les FARC de Colombie... De toute façon, la «radicalisation», ce virus que le gouvernement agite comme un épouvantail, a déjà infecté l'appareil gouvernemental... Radicalisation? Prenez la destruction de toutes les données du registre des armes à feu, dans une province (le Québec) où le Parti conservateur a obtenu moins de 17% du vote. Ceci par un gouvernement qui veut se substituer aux juges et imposer des peines minimales pour... la possession d'armes à feu. Voilà un beau cas de cet «Extrémisme d'origine intérieure militant pour des causes précises». » Le Soleil, 21

* **Tory bill names rapped as marketing**

It's safe to say the Protecting Children from Internet Predators Pipeline is not in the cards for Canada. But when Megan Leslie made the tongue-in-cheek suggestion Thursday in the House of Commons, the New Democrat MP was taking more than just an environmental swipe at Stephen Harper's Conservative government. She was talking about the perversion of language. Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act is just the latest in a long line of Conservative bills with seemingly unassailable, motherhood handles. **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** drew a straight line between the legislation's "short title" and opponents of the bill's privacy-invasive elements. "He can either stand with us or with the child pornographers," **Toews** scolded a Liberal MP critic earlier this week in the House of Commons. Chronicle-Herald, B2

* **DIGITAL SURVEILLANCE**

An editorial states, "...If you're in the government trade, you also need something like the editor rule. Governments aren't infallible, even when they've just been elected with a majority. Police can make mistakes, even when they're trying to do good things like shutting down child pornography. That's why we have important institutional editing tools - Parliament to look for flaws in legislation, the courts to supervise police intrusion on the privacy of citizens - to act as a check on misguided authority... Bill C-30 requires close scrutiny because of understandable concerns in two areas... These issues need serious examination. But **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** wrong-footed discussion by absurdly suggesting the goal of stopping child pornography put the bill beyond criticism. "**He can either stand with us or with the child pornographers,**" he railed at a Liberal critic on Monday, a cheap shot that backfired when Conservative MPs joined privacy commissioners and other critics in calling for amendments to make C-30 less intrusive. By Wednesday, **Mr. Toews** was sending the bill to committee for rescue editing and House Leader Peter Van Loan said the government was "open to a broad range of amendments"... But with C-30 up for serious scrutiny, let's clean up the debate. **Mr. Toews** is now the target of an intrusive social media outing of purported details of his divorce. That muck-hole is not where a responsible discussion of policing and privacy needs to go." Chronicle-Herald, A11

* **Internet proposal an attack on civil liberties in Canada**

An opinion piece states, "**Safety Minister Vic Toews** has repeatedly characterized opponents of a plan to force Internet service providers and cellphone companies to provide law enforcement agencies with consumers' private information as "siding with child pornographers." This is a baseless accusation... Equally offensive is a Twitter campaign smearing **Toews** by posting intimate marital details from affidavits filed in a bitter divorce case. Even worse, perhaps, is the discovery that the postings are coming from someone in Parliament. The Ottawa Citizen reported today that the Internet Protocol address from which the anonymous tweets originate belongs to the House of Commons... But the electronic

surveillance bill introduced by **Toews** would dispense with the basic obligation of authorities to obtain that arm's length judicial warrant. It would grant police unprecedented power to subject individuals to online surveillance... Ostensibly, according to **Toews**, this provides the state with tools essential for catching criminals - and he repeatedly cites child pornographers as the justifying example... If provincial and federal privacy commissioners, lawyers, scholars specializing in digital technologies and civil liberties experts are all weighing in with serious concerns about expanded police powers and insufficient oversight, government would do well to listen and take the legislation back to the drawing board. I am glad to see that the government has decided to do exactly that." Vancouver Sun, B1

*** Attack the creeps but not at cost of our privacy**

An editorial states, "Government's legislation targeting online predators needs some fine-tuning so Canadians' privacy isn't lost. You can either stand with the government or with child pornographers prowling online. That was **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** response to a Liberal MP's concerns about a bill introduced in the House of Commons purported to protect children from online predators... Reaction to the proposed legislation was swift, especially from those online. Social-media networks and comment pages exploded with opposition. Even a Conservative backbencher, John Williamson, said the proposals are too intrusive and need a second look... Canadians have a right to privacy. It's not something we should let go without a fight." The Guardian, A10

*** Projet de loi C-30 - Trop envahissant**

Un éditorial déclare, « Dans les rangs conservateurs, fait rarissime, s'entend une certaine grogne autour de l'aspect intrusif du projet de loi C-30 sur la surveillance des internautes. Le gouvernement Harper se fait donc bon joueur, et accepte heureusement d'amender une version trop floue là où elle devrait être précise. Le gouvernement soutient qu'il vise l'atteinte du parfait équilibre entre les besoins d'enquête et la protection de la vie privée, mais à l'évidence, la perfection n'est pas de ce monde. Force est d'admettre que le projet dévoilé lundi demeure très perfectible. Il faut espérer que les amendements auxquels le ministre de la Sécurité publique **Vic Toews** se dit ouvert ne seront pas d'ordre cosmétique... Ensuite, un ministre -- **Vic Toews** -- embourbé dans une formule inconvenante qu'il ira jusqu'à nier: « **Vous êtes avec nous ou avec les cyberprédateurs!** » Aussi, le maintien volontaire d'un certain brouillard dans des zones cruciales comme l'obligation pour les fournisseurs de services Internet de divulguer des informations personnelles sur certains utilisateurs sur demande, le tout, sans mandat... En quoi la surveillance d'un registre où seront colligées les fameuses «demandes» remplace-t-elle l'examen préalable que rendrait un tribunal? Les nouveaux pouvoirs proposés par C-30 sont-ils «nécessaires, proportionnés, efficaces»? Et surtout, pourrait-on arriver aux mêmes résultats avec un moyen moins envahissant pour la vie privée? Des réponses sont attendues." Le Devoir, A8

*** Un projet de loi à revoir**

Un article d'opinion déclare, « Le projet de loi C-30 sur la cybercriminalité, tel que présenté, doit être modifié en raison de son manque de clarté et de balises insuffisantes dans les nouveaux pouvoirs qui seraient accordés aux policiers... Après avoir affiché une attitude pour le moins méprisante en affirmant que les critiques du projet de loi avaient le choix entre appuyer le gouvernement ou être du côté des pédophiles, le ministre de la Sécurité publique, **Vic Toews**, semble avoir enfin compris que les craintes des défenseurs des libertés civiles sont fondées... Plutôt que de diaboliser les opposants au projet de loi, le ministre **Toews** doit répondre aux inquiétudes du public et des organismes, resserrer la portée du projet de loi et mieux encadrer les nouveaux pouvoirs qui seront accordés aux policiers. » La Tribune, 12

*** Tories finally win Commons approval for bill to kill long-gun registry**

Federal Conservatives erupted in cheers Wednesday after finally securing House of Commons approval to scrap the controversial long-gun registry. The Harper government used its majority to pass the bill by a vote of 159-130, with the support of two maverick New Democrats - John Rafferty and Bruce Hyer. "**Many of us have waited for this day for a very long time,**" **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** told a news conference earlier Wednesday. He said it's the end of a campaign that began for him 15 years ago, when he was attorney general of Manitoba. And he called it an important day for Conservatives, who have opposed the registry for years. **Toews** said the registry - created by Jean Chretien's Liberal government following the massacre of 14 women at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique on Dec. 6, 1989 - is "a billion-dollar boondoggle" that does nothing but penalize law-abiding hunters and farmers. Whitehorse Star, 8

*** Is minister's behaviour warrantless?**

An opinion piece states, "If the **public safety minister's** job is to viciously beat his opponent with a rhetorical cudgel - suggesting that if a certain Liberal MP refuses to support his cybercrime initiative, that misguided fellow clearly chooses to "stand with" child pornographers - then **Vic Toews** deserves a workplace achievement award. But that's not his job, or it shouldn't be... The long arm of the law would still be required to make its case before a judge or justice of the peace if it wanted more information, such as an ISP's customer account and Internet activity logs. Yet, the distinction is lost on many, including Grit MP Francis Scarpaleggia who accused **Toews** this week of "preparing to read Canadians' emails and track their movements through cell phone signals," a charge that provoked the **minister's** now infamous retort: "**He can either stand with us or with the child pornographers.**"... With an annual budget of \$6 billion, **Public Safety** is, apart from Defence and Finance, the government's most important portfolio. Established soon after the September 11 attacks on the United States, its mandate is "to keep Canadians safe from a range of risks such as natural disasters, crime and

terrorism." To this end, it is directly responsible for: Canada Border Services Agency, Canadian Police College, Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP, Integrated Terrorism Assessment Centre, Parole Board of Canada, Office of the Correctional Investigator, and the RCMP External Review Committee. It also houses the Government Operations Centre which, according to its website, "provides strategic-level coordination on behalf of the Government of Canada in response to an emerging or occurring event affecting the national interest"; and implements the National Crime Prevention Strategy, which "works closely with partners and stakeholders in the provinces and territories to develop and implement results-driven programs." With such responsibilities weighing squarely on **Toews'** shoulders, it's hard to credit a role for his flippancy, especially when he remains stubbornly mute on what, if any, privacy rights the new legislation might compromise... In fact, despite **Toews'** defiance, some Tories are beginning to back away from the bill as it is currently configured... None of which excuses the **public safety minister's** warrantless behaviour. But it is comforting that at least a few of his government colleagues seem to know his job, even if he does not." Times & Transcript, D6

* **ISPs balk at surveillance price tag**

The government's online surveillance bill - already hitting snags over privacy - is raising concerns among Internet providers about who'll pick up the tab. The legislation would allow authorities access to Internet subscriber information - including name, address, telephone number and email address - without a warrant. The price tag for carriers could be significant, and it's unclear what kind of compensation will be offered, said Bernard Lord, president of the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association. Meetings to discuss compensation are planned over the next several weeks with officials from the departments of **Public Safety**, Justice and Industry, said Tom Copeland, chairman of the Canadian Association of Internet Providers, which represents small- and medium-sized companies. **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** said that "*amendments can be considered, and will be considered, by the committee, whether they are within the scope of the legislation or outside the scope of the legislation. It is a very broad referral.*" Liberal MP Sean Casey tried to make a point about the bill's potential intrusiveness by using the Commons question paper to demand information about websites **Toews** and Justice Minister Rob Nicholson visited on their government-issued devices during the first two weeks of February. Indeed, **Toews** has faced pointed and personal criticism for leading the federal charge on the bill, with an anonymous Twitter user dishing out salacious details of the minister's divorce proceedings this week. On Thursday, the popular social media site featured a deluge of Tweets labelled TellVicEverything. Red Deer Advocate, A6 (Waterloo Region Record)

* **Cryptocat keeps chatting private**

Nadim Kobeissi can keep a secret. And he wants everyone else to be able to do the same. Nobeissi, a 21-year-old Concordia University student, has spent hundreds of hours designing a system of codes and ciphers that allows for privacy in the most public sphere: the Internet. In May he launched Cryptocat (crypto.cat), a chat room where users can exchange information protected by the same encryption standard the U.S. and Canadian governments use. Web privacy has been a contentious issue in the wake of the Conservative government's proposed lawful access bill, which would give police sweeping powers, including the right to demand a wide range of personal information from Internet service providers and telecommunications companies - often without a warrant. "Basically you're removing a measure of police accountability, and whenever you do that there's going to be a potential for abuse," said Abby Dushman, a lawyer for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. "**Despite what the public safety minister is saying**, this isn't just a tool to hunt child pornographers - it could be used to track a wide variety of people." Kobeissi's software is just one among many encryption devices available to the public. Montreal Gazette, A2

* **Critics see Victoria tie to refugee crackdown**

The federal government introduced a bill Thursday that would impose a mandatory one-year detention for refugees who arrive in Canada by boat or "irregular arrival," which critics call a knee-jerk reaction to the two migrant ships that arrived in Victoria in recent years. The government has promised tougher laws to prevent "bogus" refugees from abusing Canada's immigration system since the Ocean Lady and MV Sun Sea arrived in the capital in October 2009 and August 2010, respectively, carrying a combined 600 Sri Lankan asylum-seekers. Under the proposed reforms, the minister of public safety will have the power to designate a group of people as an "irregular arrival," based on whether border officials suspect human smuggling, criminal involvement or terrorism. Times Colonist, A1

LAWFUL ACCESS / ACCÈS LÉGAL

* **Concerns about online spying**

An editorial states, "Despite being outspoken on the question of crime, Stephen Harper seems less eager to discuss the legislation that would allow online spying without a warrant. The proposed legislation would force every phone and Internet provider to allow "authorities" to collect the private information of any Canadian, at any time, without a warrant. The legislation would be: ... I'm not sure where I stand on the Harper government's push to give law enforcement more power to monitor Canadians' Internet activity, but I do find the paradox in their priorities amusing: Let's remove the

tracking of lethal weapons by dissolving the gun registry and let's now focus on what Canadians are Googling." Toronto Star, A22

*** Tory spy bill is an unwarranted invasion of privacy**

A letter to the editor states, "The proposed legislation will force every phone and Internet provider to allow "authorities" to collect the private information of any Canadian, at any time, without a warrant. This will create legislation that is: Warrantless: A range of "authorities" will have the ability to invade the private lives of law-abiding Canadians and our families using wired Internet and mobile devices, without justification... Any proposals to expand telecommunications surveillance must be based on a clear need for new powers, which must be demonstrated by verifiable evidence. And these new powers must include comprehensive internal controls, clear oversight, meaningful deterrents, and a system of enforcement." Vancouver Sun, A10

*** Listen to the people**

A letter to the editor states, "How many shades of lipstick are they going to try on this same pig before they finally hear "No!" from the Canadian people? This is now the fourth attempt to force the spying bill on innocent citizens. Shy of calling it, "If You're Not With Us, You're a Pedophile Spy Bill," this barbaric rhetoric at the expense of Canadians must be exposed and put to an end for the sake of freedom of information and citizens' rights online." The Province, A17; Vancouver Sun; Vancouver Sun

*** It's child porn - we need Bill C-30**

An opinion piece states "Think of it like this: With this kind of cyber crime, surfing the Internet is akin to driving your car. The car is your private property and you know how to use it, but some people keep making the road dangerous... If we don't get this right, more children will be violated. The accountability demanded of the government is a good thing. Paul Gillespie, the former Ontario police officer who pioneered policing child porn with Microsoft founder Bill Gates, struck a hopeful tone: This gives us a chance to elevate the debate to find answers for protecting children, he told the CBC, and isn't that what everyone would want?" Globe and Mail, A15

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

*** Fin des mesures d'urgence aux Iles-de-la-Madeleine**

Les mesures d'urgence ont été levées hier aux Iles-de-la-Madeleine, Hydro-Québec ayant terminé le remplacement des 250 poteaux d'électricité qui ont cédé sous le poids de la glace et du vent, la fin de semaine dernière. Plus de 1350 clients de la société d'État ont été rebranchés dans la nuit de mercredi à hier, dépassant ainsi l'objectif de 1000 personnes. La Tribune, 8

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

*** Blackout 'too sweeping': information czar**

The secrecy surrounding a federal agency designed to sniff out funding flowing to terrorists remains a "black hole" in the machinery of government, says Canada's information commissioner. Suzanne Legault told a Senate committee Thursday that legislation exempting the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre, or FINTRAC, from ever releasing most of its information is too sweeping. Ottawa Citizen, F10

*** May says Tory rhetoric goes too far**

The Tories have to tone down their demonization of environmentalists, says Green Party Leader Elizabeth May. She said that according to the words of Conservative MPs "I am now condemned as against Canada, as a radical, as an enemy and I sup-pose as a future terrorist." May's call to tone down the rhetoric comes after the revelation that Canada's spy agency considers the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and Greenpeace a threat. The Province, A27 (Times Colonist)

*** The million-dollar 'Radical mosque'**

On a recent Friday at the Salaheddin mosque, Imam Aly Hindy spoke to his followers about how homosexuality was "invented," calling it "nonsense" and "garbage" to believe anyone could be born that way. The Toronto imam has long been known for his controversial comments. He called the 9/11 attacks a joint CIA operation, refused to join other imams in signing a statement condemning the 2005 London bombings and referred to the Toronto 18 terrorists as good people. But while he remains as provocative as ever, the institution that serves as his platform has undergone a notable shift. According to federal charity records, the Salaheddin Islamic Centre is being increasingly financed by foreign patrons. National Post, A3

*** Islamic extremism in high schools**

A newly released intelligence report warns that teenagers are being exposed to Islamist extremism in Canadian high schools. In an Intelligence Assessment, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service says that in two recent cases, suspects charged under the Anti-Terrorism Act "appear to have been radicalized in part while attending Canadian secondary school institutions." While high school years are a time of "exploration and idealism," the report says "exposure to violent ideologies at this potentially vulnerable stage can set in motion a series of developments that can lead to actual acts of violence." National Post, A3

*** Green exit strategy**

A letter to the editor states, "A few people seem upset by Justin Trudeau's thoughts on Quebec separating if Canada becomes increasingly repressive. Frankly, I'd like the option of a nearby, socially progressive country to move to when the RCMP and CSIS start to target me for Internet communication sympathetic to Greenpeace and PETA (Security Services Deem Environmental, Animal-Rights Groups 'Extremist' Threats - Feb. 16)." Globe and Mail, A14

*** Harkat: End terror secrecy**

Sophie Harkat can't even use a cellphone in her home. Her husband Mohamed Harkat was arrested in 2002 on a federal security certificate. He was released on bail in 2006 on strict conditions: He must wear a GPS bracelet, his computers are monitored and he must ask to leave the city. The couple were present along with Green MP Elizabeth May and human rights activists for a press conference at Parliament Hill Thursday in support of Harkat's trial before the Federal Court of Appeal on Feb. 21. Ottawa Sun, 22; Le Droit

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND POLICING / LA POLICE ET DE L'APPLICATION DE LA LOI

MP emotional at passage of bill to end registry

One of Saskatchewan's most outspoken opponents of the long-gun registry admits he cried after casting his vote in the House of Commons to kill the program he fought against his whole political career. Yorkton-Melville Conservative MP Garry Breitkreuz often criticized the ballooning cost of implementing the long-gun registry introduced in the 1990s, and also questioned the effectiveness of the registry. Leader-Post, A3

Quebec to take gun registry case to court

Robert Dutil, Quebec's public security minister, said Thursday the province is prepared to go ahead with its plan to take the Conservative government to court to recover Quebec data in the federal long-gun registry. Ottawa Citizen, A4 (The Province)

The gun registry debacle was really a privacy issue

A letter states, "The media understates the most important issue with the long-gun registry. The biggest issue was not the enormous expense - instead it was that the gun registry invited authoritarian politicians and police officers to harass registered owners and/or steal their guns. We might consider these negatives worthwhile overall if there were significant benefits..." National Post, A13

The gun registry debacle was really a privacy issue

A letter states, "Hearty congratulations and a huge "thank you" to the Conservative Party of Canada on the passing of Bill C-19 in the House of Commons on Wednesday. MPs who voted in favour of the bill played a large part in making Canadian political history. Those opposed are out of touch with mainstream Canada. In the meantime, let the common-sense Conservative tide roll on." National Post, A13

*** The gun registry's abolition**

A letter states, "I would love to condemn Stephen Harper over the abolition of the gun registry, but I can't. I fear Quebec's devotion to maintaining the registry at all costs is based on emotion, not function..." The Gazette, A20

*** Second legal grow op shut down**

With the illegal wiring, fire-charred wall and meter-bypassing water system, the home that city inspectors searched Wednesday had all the hallmarks of an illegal pot grow op. The key factor distinguishing this one: its owner had a Health Canada licence to grow medical marijuana plants for ailing Calgarians. Calgary Herald, B1; Red Deer Advocate

*** Smokes campaign 'losing the battle'**

Gary Grant is candid when he describes the campaign against the manufacture and sale of illegal cigarettes in Canada. "I'd like to say we're doing really well, but we're losing the battle," said Grant, who was in Kingston Thursday representing the National Coalition Against Contraband Tobacco. "The RCMP is putting a lot of effort into it, including re-establishing

the Cornwall Regional Task Force, but recent arrests in the Maritimes (135,000 contraband cigarettes were seized in Fairview, N.S.) and Manitoba (1.45 million contraband cig arettes were seized in Rosser) indicate it's becoming more of a national problem than a regional problem." Whig-Standard, 1

*** Cops zap man, 87, with Taser**

A police officer in Nova Scotia used a stun gun on an 87-year-old man Wednesday because he refused to drop his knife and lunged at the officer, the RCMP says. Edmonton Sun, 36; Chronicle-Herald

*** Smith battles human trafficking**

MP Joy Smith wants to see Feb. 22 designated as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Calling it "modern-day slavery," the Kildonan-St. Paul MP said Canadian boys and girls, particularly those of aboriginal descent, continue to be sold into prostitution. Other vulnerable people are trafficked into Canada. Winnipeg Sun, 16

*** Écoute électronique**

Malgré les objections des procureurs fédéraux, qui souhaitaient exceptionnellement les garder cachés, un juge a ordonné hier à la Couronne de remettre à la défense une version censurée des mandats d'écoute électronique et des déclarations justificatives ayant permis d'accuser le caïd Raynald Desjardins et ses complices allégués du meurtre du mafioso Salvatore Montagna. Les accusés exigent ces documents pour savoir comment et pourquoi la GRC a intercepté leurs messages PIN envoyés par BlackBerry. Le Soleil, 18 (La Presse)

*** Stolen guns seized in traffic stop**

Police seized two stolen guns during a Halifax traffic stop Wednesday night. Chronicle-Herald, A3

*** Registre**

Un lettre déclare, « Enfin. Le registre des armes de chasse n'est plus. Il y a là matière à réjouissances. C'est une des raisons pourquoi j'ai voté conservateur. Le registre ne ciblait en fait que les gens honnêtes, les chasseurs, fermiers... Les groupes criminalisés n'enregistrent pas leurs armes. Ce registre avait été créé pour prévenir les meurtres commis avec armes à feu... » Le Droit, 16

*** Judge finds Mountie's statements admissible**

The statements of a Mountie who said he had two shots of vodka after a fatal accident are admissible, a judge ruled Thursday. B.C. Supreme Court Justice Jan-ice Dillon said she found the constitutional rights of RCMP Cpl. Benjamin (Monty) Robinson had not been violated. Vancouver Sun, A8

*** High-tech police database needs test, researchers say**

A nationwide computer system de-signed by the RCMP to help investigators identify links between violent and serious crimes - and stop serial killers and predators in their tracks - has come under scrutiny by a team of Canadian academics who say the system's effectiveness has not been rigorously tested despite being in use for almost two decades. The Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System or ViCLAS, which costs \$12 to \$15 million annually to run, contains details on more than 400,000 cases and has been credited in recent months with helping investigators link - and in some cases solve - a variety of crimes, including sexual assaults and the luring of minors on the Internet. Edmonton Journal, A15

*** Wounded Mounties released**

Both RCMP officers wounded during a gunfight at a rural property near Killam last week have now been released from hospital. Constables Sheldon Shah and Sidney Gaudette were wounded Feb. 7 when they tried to serve a warrant for a .45-calibre handgun at the property about 10 kilometres southeast of Killam. Edmonton Journal, A6

*** Registre des armes d'épaule - Harper lance un défi à l'opposition**

Le premier ministre Stephen Harper a mis les partis d'opposition au défi de promettre d'ici la prochaine élection de recréer un registre fédéral des armes à feu une fois que celui-ci sera aboli. Selon lui, c'est sa meilleure garantie de réélection. Le Devoir, A2

*** Armes et cannabis chez un col bleu**

Un col bleu de Châteauguay, Mario Daignault, a été arrêté et a comparu au palais de justice de Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, à la suite des perquisitions qui ont eu lieu mardi et mercredi. À sa résidence de la rue Desrochers Ouest à Châteauguay, les policiers ont saisi 26 armes à feu avec plusieurs munitions, 1780 boutures de cannabis, 42 plants arrivés à maturité, 846 grammes de cannabis, 1235 \$ en argent comptant et des équipements de production de drogue. Journal Montreal, 42

*** OxyContin addiction adds to First Nations' problems**

First Nations leaders say a health crisis is about to be unleashed on northern Ontario reserves because thousands of residents addicted to OxyContin will soon be cut off from the prescription opiate. Leaders of Ontario's Nishnawbe Aski Nation, or NAN, said that with no OxyContin available, those addicted to the drug will go into withdrawal. "It scares me. It's going to be a catastrophe," said NAN Chief Stan Beardy, stressing that there is potential for a "mass involuntary opiate withdrawal" on the horizon. "I don't think governments understand the severity of addictions we're talking about here," Beardy said in an interview Thursday. Red Deer Advocate, A6 (Hamilton Spectator; Halifax Chronicle-Herald); Toronto Star

BC MISSING WOMEN INQUIRY / ENQUÊTE SUR LES FEMMES DISPARUES DE LA C.-B.

*** Pickton sightings chill Downtown Eastside**

By all accounts, David Pickton was the dominant brother. He was not blind to everything that went on at the family pig farm, where he lived with his younger sibling, Willie. David was boss. He would tell Willie when to go to bed, a police investigator was once told. It was David, police alleged, who said that he knew where bodies had been buried. "I know it's over for Willie," one officer recalled him saying, when the Port Coquitlam farm was finally searched in 2002. The remains of dozens of women were found scattered about the property. Willie was held responsible, no one else. Since November, notices warning of David Pickton's presence have been posted in local shelters and drop-in centres. More notices appeared in the neighbourhood this week. National Post, A1

*** Mountie outrages families of Pickton victims**

The families of women murdered by Robert Pickton are furious at the unapologetic self-defence from the RCMP commander of the Missing Women task force who was on the job while Pickton killed his last nine victims. Retired Insp. Don Adam has insisted this week at the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry that his "amazing" team had done nothing wrong in not investigating Pickton and not realizing sooner that women were still vanishing. Times Colonist, A9

*** Cap the lawyers' fees at the Missing Women Inquiry**

A letter to the editor states, "I just read the article about the costs of the Missing Women Inquiry and how the most costly aspect is the lawyers members and former members of the various police forces hired to defend their reputations... So, my freedom is worth so much less than the reputation of these officials. Why cannot the rate that they are able to charge back to the taxpayer be likewise restricted?" Vancouver Sun, A10

*** Police probed for surfing porn**

Fifteen Vancouver police members are under investigation for viewing pornography and other inappropriate images on the job. Aside from loss of productivity, the viewing of porn by cops on the job raised concerns about the culture within the Vancouver Police Department at a time when it's already under fire for its role in the botched Robert Pickton probe. RCMP Cpl. Catherine Galliford, the former spokeswoman for the Missing Women Task Force, said in a statement released last November that both RCMP and Vancouver police officers had engaged in sexual harassment and watched porn in the workplace during the missing-women investigation. Vancouver lawyer Cameron Ward, a high-profile public critic of the VPD who is representing the families of Pickton's victims in the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry, said the report does nothing to inspire public trust in the police. The Province, A6

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Tories move to fix 'broken' asylum rules

The Conservatives are playing politics and flexing their majority muscle with a tough new omnibus bill that will deport so-called bogus refugee claimants quicker, clamp down on human smugglers and require certain visa holders to turn over biometric data, critics argue. Billed as an improvement to the Balanced Refugee Reform Act adopted during the previous minority Parliament but not yet implemented, the new legislation effectively reintroduces contentious elements that were omitted so the Tories could reach a consensus with the opposition. The Protecting Canada's Immigration Act, introduced Thursday by Immigration Minister Jason Kenney, also swallows the government's human smuggling bill tabled in June and moves forward on a biometrics plan a Commons committee only recently sat down to consider. Ottawa Citizen, A7 (The Gazette, Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal); National Post (Toronto Sun, Whig-Standard); * Globe and Mail; * Chronicle-Herald; * Vancouver Sun; * Windsor Star

*** Effective, but a bit more appeal, please**

An editorial states, "No refugee determination system will ever be perfect... Fast-tracking refugee claims from these countries, and ensuring failed claimants are promptly deported, is an excellent way to make sure Canada does not

become a magnet for abuse. The bill will also implement biometric identification, such as fingerprints and photos, for people who apply for visitor's visas. This welcome change will guard against the use of false identities..." Globe and Mail, A14

*** All part and parcel of saving**

A small airport is tucked near the border of a foreign country. An antiquated DC-3 sits inside an isolated hangar. Tons of packages large and small are spread underneath the plane's wings. Business is carried out day and night. A location for a foreign drug cartel facilitating the shipping of illicit drugs over the border? Winnipeg Free Press, A4

*** What will happen to three Canadian boys?**

An opinion piece states. "Why has this situation dragged on? Lucene Charles is not a terrorist who is threatening the safety of Canada. She is a person who did not fill out a form and start the process to become a Canadian citizen..." Hamilton Spectator, A12

*** Lucene Charles: MP Sweet misled me**

An opinion piece by Lucene Charles states, "...David Sweet, there isn't anything Sweet about you... Last week, I received notes from the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) stating that on Nov. 3 they had been contacted by Sweet's office saying they had done "some research about Ms. Charles case and did not wish to go any further." It appears that this research concluded that my boys' father had been paying court-ordered support. In fact, he has made no payments, and the matter is with the Ontario Family Responsibility office... My case is still not being reviewed with common sense and compassion as we meet every criterion for residency based on a Humanitarian and Compassionate Application..." Hamilton Spectator, A12

*** With plane tickets in hand, Lucene is still hoping to stay**

Today's downtown rally supporting Lucene Charles's bid to remain in Canada could turn into a celebration - or a last-ditch effort to get her deportation on Monday stopped. That's because a federal-court decision on whether to stay the deportation is expected very soon and her lawyer is hopeful it will be made today. Hamilton Spectator, A3

*** Une Canadienne aurait tenté de faire entrer de la drogue au Maine**

Une Canadienne et un Américain ont été accusés aux États-Unis après avoir tenté d'y faire entrer des centaines de comprimés de méthamphétamine cachés dans une portière de leur véhicule, selon les autorités. Une femme de 24 ans, Patricia Smith, de Perth-Andover, et Caleb Jewett, âgé de 20 ans, de Mars Hill, au Maine, ont été arrêtés la semaine dernière au poste frontalier de Bridgewater, à l'ouest de Woodstock. L'Acadie Nouvelle, 8

*** Un présumé passeur reste détenu**

Arrêté à la frontière canado-américaine à Stanstead le 26 janvier dernier, Azllan Pajazitaj devra demeurer détenu en attendant la fin des procédures judiciaires contre lui. Cet Albanais aurait tenté de faire entrer illégalement aux États-Unis des ressortissants de deux pays d'Amérique latine, dont un enfant. La Tribune, 7

*** Good moves on refugees**

An editorial states, "As ideals go, extending everyone the benefit of the doubt for an in-definite period has become unsustainable. Take the case of refugee claimants. The federal government states that in 2011 Canada received 5,800 asylum claims from people living in European Union countries. In fact, according to Ottawa, Canada now receives more applications for refugee status from Europe than it does from either Asia or Africa..." Edmonton Journal, A22

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

*** Program to rehabilitate sexual offenders through accountability**

A national organization that aims to rehabilitate sexual offenders through support and accountability is looking for volunteers to open a chapter in Saint John. The Circles of Accountability and Support (CoSA) program is a community-based reintegration program that assists people in their effort to rejoin society after serving time in prison for a sexual offense. Telegraph-Journal, C3

*** Flagrant double standard**

An opinion piece states, "...Prime Minister Stephen Harper is the favourite whipping boy for the soft-on-crime folks these days. Harper's "scary" omnibus crime bill, which adds a few mandatory minimum sentences to the dozens that have existed for decades in the Criminal Code, is somehow "changing the face" of Canada, the pro-criminal folks whine... And yes it costs money. It costs taxpayers a lot of money to keep dangerous offenders off the street. And it costs taxpayers a lot of money to fund social programs, too. The difference is the soft-on-crime crowd use a double standard when

considering the outcomes of jail time and social programs. They demand empirical evidence when it comes to incarceration. Yet they do not demand the same standard for outcomes of social programs." Winnipeg Sun, 5

*** Les libéraux veulent limiter les huis clos**

Les libéraux veulent empêcher les conservateurs de forcer les comités parlementaires à délibérer à huis clos, une pratique de plus en plus répandue sur la colline parlementaire depuis juin dernier. Les libéraux disent que les Canadiens ont été exclus de nombreux débats sur d'importantes questions comme le projet de loi omnibus sur la criminalité, le Fonds d'infrastructure du G-8, et même la protection de la vie privée des anciens combattants. Le Droit, 21

*** Provincial leaders must take a stand on marijuana**

An editorial states, "...We therefore called on the federal government, which is responsible for the criminal law, to end this debacle, but that call has fallen on deaf ears. Indeed, Bill C-10, the omnibus crime bill now before the Senate, will merely make things worse by introducing mandatory prison sentences for non-violent marijuana offences. Given this lack of leadership at the federal level, it is imperative that provincial leaders step up and fill the vacuum. While the criminal law remains a federal matter, the provinces can certainly have an impact on federal policy, just as they did when they advocated for an end to providing defendants with 2-for-1 credit for time served before conviction. Now it is time for B.C.'s leaders to play a similar role by informing the federal government of their opposition to Bill C-10's provision to impose mandatory sentences for marijuana offences..." Vancouver Sun, A 10

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

*** Harper administration orders departments to omit details of cuts from reports**

The Conservative government has ordered federal departments to refrain from putting any details about reductions caused by anticipated spending cuts in their annual reports to Parliament. Treasury Board has sent a memo to all chief financial officers directing them to release their reports on plans and priorities without including any information on the cuts from the Conservatives' strategic and operating review that will be announced in the upcoming budget. Treasury Board President Tony Clement said the memo was sent by bureaucrats. He said he is investigating but if it is a "logistical" decision because the reports have to be completed before the information is ready, then the reports could be electronically updated or refiled as details become available. Edmonton Journal, A16; Globe and Mail; Ottawa Citizen

*** Feds set to issue firm OAS targets - Budget will lay out a path forward rather than start national conversation**

The federal government is poised to issue a firm policy direction on Old Age Security in the upcoming budget centred around raising the age when retirees can start to collect. Several government sources now say the budget will lay out a path forward, rather than launch a national conversation or policy paper on proposed changes despite considerable discomfort within the Conservative caucus on OAS changes. The OAS changes will likely be packaged together with cuts to public service pension packages, sources said. Waterloo Region-Record, B6 (Halifax Chronicle-Herald)

*** Public-service pensions in the spotlight - While some groups are ringing the warning bells about mounting plan obligations, others say the worry is exaggerated**

From fewer firefighters in Saint John to increased taxes in Montreal and Regina, the battle to control public-service pension plans is hitting home for Canadians across the country. Governments at all levels are grappling with massive deficits in their public pension plans thanks to a combination of factors, including low interest rates, sluggish investment returns and an aging work force that is retiring in record numbers. Globe and Mail, A4

*** Austerity isn't for everyone**

An editorial "Is anyone else getting tired of being lectured about austerity by wealthy consultants in expensive suits who charge \$1,500 a day for their advice and have comfortable government pensions, besides? And do we really need another warning about saving for old age - instead of frittering away money on escalating tuition for our children; or scrambling to compensate for unexpected job loss, or medical expenses - from disapproving cabinet ministers with fat salaries and fatter pensions?..." Ottawa Citizen, A10

INTERNATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

Terrorist gets life in prison

Unrepentant to the last, the Nigerian "underwear bomber" who tried to blow up a packed airliner on Christmas Day 2009 was sentenced to life in prison by a U.S. judge on Thursday. Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, 25, declared he was "proud to kill in the name of God" before being handed a mandatory life sentence for attempting to murder 289 people on board Detroit-bound Northwest Airlines Flight 253. Windsor Star,

C2

OTHER / AUTRE

*** De l'arsenic dans des barres de céréales**

Des taux inquiétants d'arsenic ont été détectés par des chercheurs américains dans des barres de céréales, des laits maternisés et des gels énergisants sucrés avec du sirop de riz brun. Ces résultats sont pertinents chez nous, puisque plusieurs de ces aliments sont vendus des deux côtés de la frontière. La Presse, A8

*** Int'l Man of Mystery**

Thanks to last year's Delhi High Court bombing, Nitin Mandlaus is literally a magnet for attention at any security check. That a Brampton man, who survived the gutless terror attack, is stranded in India because authorities worry 600 pieces of shrapnel piercing his body will set off airport screening machines seems like a hell of a story. Toronto Sun, 3

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MINISTER / MINISTRE

It's not, says Toews

A letter from Public Safety Minister Vic Toews states "I would like to express in no uncertain terms that I have no desire to read Lorne Gunter's emails. Nor, I suspect, do the police. But if for some reason they did, they would need a warrant - and always will. There has been a lot of misinformation recently thrown around, which I would like to correct. First, there is no provision in the Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act that would allow police to read email without a warrant issued by a judge. Nothing in the proposed legislation would change that reality. What the bill would do is allow police to obtain basic information about an individual when the police are engaged in a lawful investigation. While reasonable people could disagree on this point, most would not object to the idea of linking a phone number to a person's name. That's how a basic phone book works right now. Far from avoiding the need for a warrant, matching an IP address to a name is the first critical step in going before a judge to obtain a warrant. Warrants are the key investigative tool in fighting online crime - and always will be. That's just one of the reasons why Canada needs to update its laws to reflect 21-century realities and catch up with the rest of the industrialized world in dealing with online crime." National Post, A21

Le ministre Toews demande une enquête

Le gouvernement Harper accuse le Nouveau Parti démocratique (NDP) d'être à l'origine de la création d'un compte controversé sur Twitter, "Vikileaks", qui, depuis quelques jours, **divulgue des détails croustillants sur la vie personnelle du ministre de la Sécurité publique, Vic Toews. Manifestement embarrassé par tous les détails envoyés sur ce réseau social, le ministre Toews a demandé au président de la Chambre des communes, Andrew Scheer, de mener une enquête afin de déterminer le responsable de cette offensive sur Twitter.** Aux Communes, hier, le ministre des Affaires étrangères, John Baird, a accusé le NPD de se livrer à "des jeux vicieux et obscènes" aux dépens du ministre Toews et aux frais des contribuables, et il a exigé des autorités du parti que l'on trouve le "coupable". Mais le NPD a rétorqué que l'adresse IP en question est publique, et que cette campagne pourrait provenir de n'importe quel individu travaillant sur la colline parlementaire. **Heather Bradley, porte-parole du président de la Chambre des communes, a indiqué que le bureau se penchera sur la demande du ministre Toews. Les documents liés au divorce de M. Toews étaient disponibles à la cour de Winnipeg. M. Toews a refusé de commenter les détails de cette affaire diffusés sur Twitter.** La Tribune, 16 (La Voix de L'Est; La Presse); Journal de Montréal; Charlottetown Guardian (Hamilton Spectator; Halifax Chronicle-Herald; St. John's Telegram); Le Devoir; L'Acadie Nouvelle (Le Droit); Ottawa Sun (Toronto Sun; Winnipeg Sun); Globe and Mail

Probe launched into Twitter attacks against Tory minister - Leak distracting from Internet surveillance bill, opposition says

The House of Commons has launched an investigation into who is behind a Twitter account that has been exposing purported personal details **surrounding the divorce of Public Safety Minister Vic Toews.** The opposition NDP and Liberals said Friday they were not involved in the Twitter feed and that the focus on how Toews' private life was spilled online distracted from the ongoing debate about government legislation affecting personal privacy online. **Meanwhile, the hacker group Anonymous posted a video on YouTube this week addressing Toews and threatening to release more personal information on him unless he scraps Bill C30, the government's Internet surveillance bill.** Victoria Times-Colonist (Vancouver Sun; Edmonton Journal)

No more Tweets - Mysterious Vikileaks account shut down

A Twitter feed that took aim at Public Safety Minister Vic Toews has shut down. "I set up this project to make a point, not ensnare innocent people in a government witch hunt," tweets from the account @Vikileaks30 said Friday night. "I am shutting down before any other innocent people are targeted. Please keep up the fight against #C30 Canada. "You are showing the government that the people have the real power. Farewell." The page was deleted around 9:45 p.m. EST. Calgary Sun, 20 (London Free Press); Ottawa Citizen

Author wants Omar Khadr barred from Canada

Convicted al-Qaeda terrorist Omar Khadr is due to be returned to Canada any time now - something Ezra Levant is working to scotch. The scrappy journalist, lawyer and Conservative-minded activist is trying to goad the tough-on-crime Harper government to revisit its pact with the U.S. government to repatriate the Canadian prisoner at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Levant wants Canada's National Parole Board to hold an open hearing into Khadr's case, and for **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews to intervene to prevent the plea deal with the Americans from ever being acted upon.** Mike Patton, spokesman for Toews, would not comment Tuesday, saying only: **"When an application for transfer is received, the minister considers the facts of each case and bases his decision solely on those facts."** Calgary Herald, A24

VOTING with your TWEET? - Toews' Twitter flap may show social media as new grassroots political force

First it was a story about the dregs of a cabinet minister's divorce details, splashed on a mysterious Twitter account. Then it was a story about a grassroots campaign to unleash a steady stream of personal information, a tongue-in-cheek protest against an online surveillance bill critics say erodes Canadians' rights to privacy. But at its heart, **the last 48 hours of media frenzy over tweets, taunts and everything Canadians told Vic Toews were a story about a conversation.** But as politicians wrangled over the fallout from Bill C-30 -- a piece of legislation Toews champions that will make it easier for police to glean information about Internet subscribers without a warrant, among other provisions -- the question bubbled beneath the surface: Would it make a difference? Could all the voices really turn the tide on a bill that, the government hinted, it could be open to changing? Winnipeg Free Press, A4; Saskatoon Star-Phoenix

Motherhood titles used to sell government bills to public - Tories chided for such titles as 'Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act'

Feel-good titles for government legislation have become standard Conservative salesmanship, a development highlighted this week with the introduction of a complex and controversial electronic surveillance bill. The "Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act" is just the latest in a long line of Conservative bills with seemingly unassailable, motherhood handles. **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews drew a straight line between the legislation's "short title" and opponents of the bill's privacy-invasive elements. "He can either stand with us or with the child pornographers," Toews scolded a Liberal MP critic earlier this week in the House of Commons.** That kind of incendiary, us-and-them talk has Opposition MPs spitting nails. It hasn't always been this way. Traditionally, legislation in Ottawa has been given neutral, objective names that broadly reflects the content. Charlottetown Guardian, A12

There's no privacy online. And it isn't missed

An opinion piece states "There's a poignantly innocent tone to the rhetoric that flowed this week from the stout defenders of online privacy. Innocent in the sense of sincere, trusting, unworldly and absolutely simpleminded. **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews wants to make it easy for Canadian police to learn, without going to the trouble of getting a warrant, the email addresses and phone numbers of people suspected of crimes.** And if (as I suspect) many police forces already know exactly how to do this, Toews wants them to be able to swear in court that they obtained their evidence through unimpeachably lawful means. But it was the response to the bill that struck a curious note of naïvety. People criticizing Toews suggested that he was undermining the sacred principle of privacy. It's a terrifying image, but entirely unrelated to reality. Could it be that people... don't read the news? Do they not know that the term 'online privacy' is now pure anachronism? Experience tells us that just about any level of secrecy on the Web can be cracked." National Post, A20

New media filled with old dirty tricks

An opinion piece states "Perhaps the best place to fight an inane big government is in the inane world of cyberspace where - **despite federal Public Safety Minister Vic Toews's fondest wishes** - one still can roam free. There again, maybe cyberspace itself has been invaded by the nastiness of 'old politics' that seeks out any such unregulated space as a canvas for its messy political dirty work. Or maybe it's a bit of both, as demonstrated this week in the tale of @vikileaks30 - an anonymous Twitter account quickly hailed as the greatest victory for the little guy's participation in direct democracy in decades and then just as quickly scorned as old-time political sleaze taking over the new media." Regina Leader-Post, A10

They've got you on file - 'The growth of the database nation presents a grave danger to democracy'

An opinion piece states "Welcome to the age of the data shadow. **A proposed federal law, Bill C-30, tabled this week by Public Safety Minister Vic Toews,** requires Internet service providers and cellphone companies to hand over basic

customer information to authorities without a warrant. It is causing a furor. 'Now, every single Canadian citizen is walking around with an electronic prisoner's bracelet,' NDP critic Charlie Angus said. While that hyperbole makes a terrific sound bite, just like the bill's title - The Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act - it is purposely polarizing. It does, however, spark the question: What does government already know about us? Unless you are exceptional, your data shadow is huge." National Post, A10

What Wikileaks hath wrought - Vic Toews wants to snoop on our private lives. But should we snoop on his?

An editorial states "Whoever is behind @wikileaks30, the Twitter account dedicated to embarrassing **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews**, he is proceeding according to a certain vague logic. **Mr. Toews is championing very flawed and hugely unpopular legislation** that would grant police and government agencies easier access, to some extent without a warrant, to Canadians' online identities and activities. This minor fracas raises two important issues: The relevance of politicians' private lives to their public work, and the place (if any) for politicians' private lives in media coverage. There is a widespread belief in Canada that dragging, say, a politician's messy divorce into the spotlight is at the very least undesirable. (Canadians have long enjoyed feeling superior to Americans in this regard.) **But some who dislike Mr. Toews and his government have supported Wikileaks on grounds that perceived hypocrisy constitutes a bridge between private and public spheres:** If you promote yourself as morally upstanding, you liberate any evidence to the contrary into the public domain - particularly when you are championing a bill that would place others' private information out in the open." National Post, A20

Snoop and spy is already here, thanks to Liberals

An opinion piece states "**The public safety minister** has earned the justifiable wrath of frothing opposition members, a bevy of pundits of various political pedigrees, and, decidedly more mutedly, even his caucus colleagues, for his bellicose championing of the so-called "protecting children from Internet predators act." Given the bill's politically charged moniker, **you knew that Toews was going to employ the kind of pitbull rhetoric this Conservative government has become accustomed to** using against its perceived political adversaries in and outside the House of Commons. But lost in all the insults and the predictable antics in the House, is the inconvenient fact - particularly for the Liberal Party of Canada - that while in government not too long ago, it lifted the longtime ban on this country's super-secret electronic eavesdropping agency, the Communications Security Establishment (CSE), to intercept Canadians' electronic, Internet and cellular traffic. So in the days and weeks to come when you read and hear more hankering about how Canadians' privacy may be invaded because of proposed government action, remember it may have already happened to you." Ottawa Citizen, B7

Internet bill seriously flawed

An opinion piece states "**'You're either with the government, or with the child pornographers.'** -- **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews**. Don't be an idiot. There is a huge difference, Minister, between demonizing child pornographers and those of us who believe in the democratic right to privacy and free speech. The legislation, Bill C-30, tabled this week as the Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act, had virtually no safeguards to protect law-abiding Canadians, including the media, from being spied upon by police, bureaucrats, CSIS -- even the competition bureau. Until Prime Minister Stephen Harper punted the bill straight to committee for a badly-needed overhaul, his government appeared unconcerned about its own inconsistency. Two weeks ago, more than 200 charges were laid in a massive central-Canada kiddie-porn bust that came as a result of police using solid investigative techniques to locate 8,940 IP addresses suspected of being involved in child pornography. They didn't need Bill C-30 then, and they don't need it now. And neither does Canada." Winnipeg Sun, 8 (Ottawa Sun; Toronto Sun; Edmonton Sun; Calgary Sun)

Revue de presse - Affrontement et incompréhension

Une pièce d'opinion dit « Le dépôt du projet de loi sur la cybercriminalité a soulevé une tempête sur la Toile et nombre de journaux ont critiqué la portée excessive du projet et les dangers qu'il pose pour la vie privée des internautes.

L'indignation était d'autant plus vive que le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Vic Toews, a lancé le débat en disant que, dans ce dossier, on n'avait qu'un choix, être avec le gouvernement ou avec les adeptes de pornographie juvénile. Margaret Wente a fait écho à plusieurs en répondant au ministre qu'«en matière de vie privée sur Internet, je suis du côté des amateurs de pornographie juvénile». Comme elle le dit, elle n'est pas la première à relever le fait que 'le gouvernement Harper aime diaboliser ses adversaires ou qu'il a un penchant autoritaire' » Le Devoir, B4

The world according to Toews

An opinion piece states "**Two weeks ago, I pointed out in a column that one of the best things about federal Public Safety Minister Vic Toews is that, whether he means to or not, he coughs up some of the accidentally hilarious - and outrageous - defences of Harper government policies.** Sometimes, they're just funny; other times, they are so eye-rollingly over the top that you have to stop for a moment and ask yourself if you're not the unwitting guest on a comedy show. A few weeks ago, for example, when asked by NDP MP Jack Harris about the government's decision to allow Canada's spy agency to use information obtained through torture by foreign security forces, **Toews' hilarious response was that Harris was the kind of politician who would keep information secret and allow a jet filled with Newfoundlanders to be blown up.** Toews finished up that little dose of preposterousness by adding that was why

no one trusted the NDP to run a government. And don't forget - this week, a judge defied the federal government's mandatory minimum sentencing rules, saying that there are circumstances where a mandatory minimum sentence is 'cruel and unusual punishment.' **Can't wait to hear Toews' pronouncement on that bit of judicial independence. And this is the guy who is in charge of the public safety of Canadians? Now, that's a danger.**" St. John's Telegram, A20

De l'orage dans l'air!

Une pièce d'opinion dit « Il y a longtemps qu'on n'a pas vu au pays une telle polarisation au sein de l'opinion. Partout, le centre est évacué au profit des extrêmes. Mercredi, pendant que ministres et députés conservateurs, dans une ambiance festive, trinquaient à la disparition du registre des armes d'épaule, une porte-parole de Polysesouvient les accusait au Téléjournal de 'danser sur les tombes de victimes d'armes à feu'. Comme contraste, c'est saisissant. **La veille, le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Vic Toews, jouait les durs, prêt à mettre tout le monde à risque d'espionnage électronique pour chasser les cyberprédateurs.** Sa philosophie rappelle George W. Bush: vous êtes pour nous ou contre nous. Pas de compromis possible. Est-il allé trop loin même pour ses collègues conservateurs? Devant le tollé suscité par ses propos, on parlait hier d'adoucir les mesures proposées. Le climat actuel est malsain. A n'en pas douter, il y a de l'orage dans l'air! » Le Droit, 22

Quel Vic Toews dit vrai?

Une pièce d'opinion dit « Vic Toews, ministre de la Sécurité publique, affirmait ceci, lundi, en défendant bec et ongles au Parlement le projet de loi C-30 sur la protection des enfants contre les cyberprédateurs : 'Le député a le choix de se joindre à nous ou aux adeptes de pornographie juvénile.' Le lendemain, le même Vic Toews, interrogé sur cette même affirmation dans une entrevue télévisée au réseau CTV, disait sans sourciller : 'Je n'ai pas exactement dit cela'. Ah bon! Et mercredi, M. Toews nuançait encore plus ses propos en disant : 'Nous prendrons les amendements en considération.' Entre-temps, il faut dire que sa vie privée avait été étalée sur Internet. » Le Soleil, 15

It's been a Bad Week for...

An opinion piece states "How bad can your week be when even your arch enemy expresses support? When **details of the public safety minister's divorce were tweeted to thousands of followers** in response to a Tory bill seeking more access to your personal online information, Liberal MP Justin Trudeau tweeted "the invasion of his privacy... is reprehensible." What? He was being sarcastic? Never mind." Winnipeg Free Press, J5

If you value your privacy, be concerned

An opinion piece states "**Federal Public Safety Minister Vic Toews is being roundly scorned for comments he made this week concerning the government's proposed online surveillance bill.** Referring to critics of the bill, **Toews said they 'can either stand with us or with the child pornographers.'** His asinine remark earned condemnation across the political spectrum. But perhaps we should be thanking the minister. His clumsy attempt to polarize the country on the subject helped propel this story to centre stage, which quickly caused the government to turn tail and kick this ridiculous and dangerous legislation back to committee where, we hope, it will die a quick death. Contrary to what the minister would have you believe, the multitude of Canadians who have spoken out against this unwarranted intrusion into their private lives are not on the side of child pornographers. We are on the side of finding an appropriate balance between being tough on legitimate bad guys and preserving the dwindling freedoms and privacy Canadians cherish." Hamilton Spectator, WR6

Nasty tweets

An opinion piece states "There's a smart, funny and civil way to use social media to point out the flaws in the government's online access bill. And there's a mean-spirited, toxic way. Canadians have used both this week. The nasty way did get a lot of headlines. An anonymous Twitter account sent out snippets of information about **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews' personal life**, information that seemed to come from court documents relating to his former marriage. **The information about Toews might not have been private, but it was personal**, and selectively quoting from it served no purpose other than to give his political opponents a chance to crow at his expense. It did not further the debate about the proposed legislation. **And the fact that Toews himself - like many politicians - has tried to demonize opponents does not make it right.** Heaven help us if all Canadians start acting like members of the House of Commons during question period. No one is served when politics becomes about airing and comparing dirty laundry." Vancouver Sun, C3

Internet bites back

An opinion piece states "Apparently, **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** isn't as keen on the principle of fishing in personal Internet data as it would appear from the legislation he tabled earlier this week in the House of Commons. **Toews asked the Speaker for an investigation to determine the source of an anonymous Twitter account, aptly named @vikileaks30**, that had been publishing embarrassing details from affidavits relating to the breakdown of Toews's former marriage until its user went silent Thursday night, shortly after the Ottawa Citizen traced the account's IP address to the House of Commons. A day after tabling the bill, and several days after his "pornographers" jibe, Toews had to

suffer the indignity of telling the House that C-30 will go straight to committee, which means the government will entertain major amendments to it. He charged into the House on the offensive Tuesday, but looked like a victim of his own making by week's end. Behold the power of the Internet, Mr. Toews." Edmonton Journal, A22

VikiLeaks case shows how tricky life is on the electronic frontier

An opinion piece states "A couple of months ago, a staffer with an opposition party showed me **Vic Toews's** divorce file, a public document that someone had retrieved from the Winnipeg Court of Queen's Bench, and that person honestly believed the public should know some of the stuff. I disagreed. That isn't news. Canadian journalists are skittish about reporting on the private lives of politicians, and nobody in the press gallery took the bait, so Toews's secrets were safe. At least until Tuesday, when Liberal MP Francis Scarpaleggia stood in the House to ask about Bill C-30, a new Internet snooping law. **Toews said critics "can either stand with us or with the child pornographers." This smear from Toews was shocking, and counterproductive, since C-30 looks like a terrible law.** That sparked a backlash, and the prime minister wisely signalled the government will be open to amendments. VikiLeaks30 sent out dozens of tweets, mostly containing embarrassing details from his ex-wife's divorce affidavit. It's an apt parable for the Internet age, the kind of thing we need to think about as we sit down to write the laws to control life on the electronic frontier." Montreal Gazette, B7 (Regina Leader-Post; Saskatoon Star-Phoenix; Calgary Herald; Ottawa Citizen)

The public and the personal

An editorial states "Public life should not come at the price of having one's personal life laid out in every detail for the entertainment of one's critics. But public life has never come with guarantees of an absolute shield of anonymity. If you participate in Canadian politics, it's fair for Canadians to ask, at the very least, who you are. **The Twitter account @Vikileaks30 began tweeting information about Public Safety Minister Vic Toews' divorce this week, in response to Toews' championing of a badly flawed online access bill. Toews himself bears some responsibility for lowering the level of the debate around the bill, most notoriously in his declaration in the House of Commons that the opposition could either stand with the government or with the child pornographers.** But Vikileaks kept lowering the bar. While the information that has been plastered all over Twitter this week seemed to have been in the public domain, the political culture in Canada tends not to dwell on politicians' personal lives. If you want to use your platform to participate in Canadian political life, whether that platform is the House of Commons or a Twitter account, you can expect that people will want to know your identity. It's a long walk from that standard of openness to a culture in which everyone's family life is fodder for a sustained public attack." Ottawa Citizen, B6

Letters to the Editor Column

Letters to the editor state "PRIVACY - Re: **The proposed Internet legislation and Public Safety Minister Vic Toews. So, Mr. Toews: What do you and your significant other do in your bedroom that we can't watch?//** Re: "Welcome to Big Brother government," David Akin (Feb. 15): Pedophiles keep to the shadows and dark corners of the Internet for a reason. Because they know society disapproves of what they do. Allowing the government free reign to intercept my communications, that are of a private and personal nature, is not going to stop child porn distribution." Edmonton Sun, 14

Letters to the Editor Column

A letter to editor states " Tories make privacy a lark - The Conservative government introduced a bill that would allow the authorities to access the Internet data of average Canadians without a warrant. When the Liberal public safety critic questioned the government about this, **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said we "can either stand with us or with the child pornographers."** So because I want my privacy protected and respected (a right every Canadian should have), I'm suddenly in the same category as child pornographers. It's absolutely reprehensible that this government would allow someone like Toews to hold any position of authority." London Free Press, E3

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

WHO agrees to publish bird flu studies – later

A group of scientific experts, many drawn from the influenza world, has concluded that controversial bird flu studies should be published in full - but only after public concern over the work can be assuaged. There was no time frame given for how long the scientists and journals involved felt that public relations effort might take, but the World Health Organization official who chaired the meeting in Geneva referred at one point to a period of a few months. In the meantime, Dr. Keiji Fukuda said, flu scientists involved in these types of studies have agreed to extend their self-imposed moratorium on work aimed at puzzling out what it would take for H5N1 viruses to be able to spread easily among people. Red Deer Advocate, A5; Victoria Times-Colonist (Edmonton Journal); Calgary Herald; Montreal Gazette; Globe and Mail

Surge in calls to mop up toxic spills

Oil and hazardous chemicals are spilling into the Greater Victoria environment with alarming regularity, according to a major mop-up company. "I would much rather not do emergency response. I would much rather teach people how not to

spill," said David Rogers, founder of B.C. Hazmat Management, one of the private sector spill responders in Greater Victoria. "This last year we have had one major spill a month and five years ago we had one or two a year," Rogers said. Some of the increase is probably due to increasing awareness, he said. "Ten years ago, an oil spill was something that you just washed away, and now the public is becoming more and more environmentally aware," he said. Victoria Times-Colonist, A3

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

To defuse the ticking time bomb of torture

A column states "The issue with regard to torture is not whether it is an evil, but whether it is a necessary evil. But the case against it is not only one of morals, but efficacy. But these are matters of empiricism. Indeed, if torture never worked, it would seem strange so many countries make use of it; possibly prisoners will say anything, including the truth. It is legitimate to be concerned Canada's willingness to use the information they produce would, in effect, create a demand for torture or indeed open the door to the sort of nod-and-wink outsourcing of brutality we have seen before. That would certainly be a concern if it were generally the practice to use such information, but it cannot be ruled out even in the more circumscribed policy the government has adopted. Still, unless we are prepared to say that, having received word of a plot to, say, blow up a plane over Montreal tomorrow, we would do nothing with it on the off chance it might have been obtained through torture, I think we have to live with that possibility." Winnipeg Free Press, J11

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

LAW AND DISORDER

This week, an Ontario judge rebelled against mandatory-minimum sentencing, calling it 'unfair' and 'abhorrent.' But if the Harper government's Bill C-10 passes the Senate, it will impose new minimums and other measures that undermine years of effort to avoid trapping more aboriginal people in the prison system - programs Ottawa claims to support. Native Canadians make up less than 4 per cent of the general population, but they account for 22 per cent of prison inmates. Many of those are young men who have grown up in poverty and high unemployment, and who have lower-than-average education levels. Shawn Atleo, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said recently that aboriginal children are more likely to go to jail than to graduate from high school. More will go to jail after C-10, and many will end up in the gangs that flourish in western and northern jails, where more than 70 per cent of inmates are aboriginal. "What we're doing with C-10," says Jonathan Rudin, program director of the ALST, "is to increase our reliance on things that don't work." Globe and Mail, F1

INTERNATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

FBI sting foils alleged suicide jihadist

A Moroccan man allegedly poised to launch a suicide attack on the U.S. Capitol was arrested in Washington Friday after a "sting" operation by the FBI. Amine El Khalifi, 29, is said to have believed he was carrying a vest packed with explosives when he was captured. However, a spokesman for federal prosecutors in Virginia, where the investigation was centred, said the vest was filled with non-lethal material. Mr. Khalifi was reported to have been praying at a mosque in the Washington area shortly before his arrest. It was unclear how the FBI learned of his alleged intention to attack the U.S. At least 20 people have been arrested in the U.S. on terrorism-related charges over the past year, according to the Senate intelligence committee. Last October an Iranian-American man was arrested after a sting operation on his alleged plot to kill the Saudi ambassador to the U.S. and bomb the Saudi and Israeli embassies in Washington. National Post, A13

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MINISTER / MINISTRE

Toews calls for more discussion of his controversial privacy bill

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said Saturday he'd like to see a discussion of some of the controversial police privileges proposed in the surveillance bill he introduced in the House last week. Toews was responding to criticism from privacy watchdogs, put forward by Evan Solomon on CBC's The House, that Bill C-30 - dubbed the "Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act" - gives police too much power to request personal information, such as names and addresses, from Internet service providers without a warrant. **"Police will not be able to read emails or view web activity unless they obtain a warrant issued by a judge," he told Solomon. "If there is anything in the bill that deviates from that very important principle ... I am certainly prepared to consider amendments, as is the Prime Minister."** When pressed by Solomon about Section 17 of the bill, which would introduce those police powers "in exceptional circumstances," Toews said: **"I'd certainly like to see an explanation of that." "This is the first time that I'm hearing that this somehow extends ordinary police emergency powers. In my opinion, it doesn't, and it shouldn't."** Toronto Star, A4

More than just tweets: Official received threats over cyber-crime bill

The Mounties have been called to investigate threats of serious physical harm against Public Safety Minister Vic Toews and his family, QMI Agency has learned. Officials in Toews' Ottawa office would not comment on the specifics of the threats the minister mentions in a letter to constituents, dated Feb. 18, to address the controversy this week over the government's cyber-crime legislation. **"Threatening communications have been directed at the minister," said Michael Patton, the minister's director of communications. "These incidents have been reported to the proper authorities."** Toronto Sun, 23

'Threats... will not dissuade me:' Toews

This is the text of an emailed letter sent to Public Safety Minister Vic Toews' constituents in Provencher. **Dear Constituents, Over the last few weeks I have been subjected to an extensive personal attack by my political opponents as a result of certain legislation that I have introduced in the House of Commons on behalf of the federal government.** Winnipeg Free Press, A3

TICKED TOEWS TUSSLING

Vic Toews says personal attacks delivered from a now-defunct social media account will not dissuade him from doing his job. Toews, the federal public safety minister and MP for the southeastern Manitoba riding of Provencher, sent an open letter to his constituents Saturday morning addressing the now-infamous Vikileaks Twitter account that sprung up just a few days ago in protest against a new Internet security bill introduced by Toews, which opponents fear might lead to invasions of privacy. Winnipeg Sun, 4

Hunt on for Toews tweeter

The House of Commons has launched an investigation into who is behind a Twitter account that has been exposing purported personal details surrounding the divorce of **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews**. The opposition NDP and Liberals said Friday they were not involved in the Twitter feed and that the focus on how Toews' private life was spilled online distracted from the debate about legislation affecting personal privacy online. The Province, A22

Too much information for Toews on Twitter

The federal government's proposed Internet- surveillance law triggered the Twitter backlash #TellVicEverything, where thousands of Canadians poked fun at **Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews** by tweeting the mundane details of their lives. NDP MLA Michelle Mungall got into the spirit, tweeting to the world: "I eat a lot of goat feta," "Running low on shampoo," "I am a big fan of Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Just crossed Baker St. in Nelson," "Had salad and perogies for supper," and "Just woke up." The Province, A4

Registry sit down denied

Prime Minister Stephen Harper criticized Quebec's opposition leader on Friday and refused a request to meet with her to discuss the long-gun registry data. Parti Quebecois Leader Pauline Marois said in a letter to Harper on Friday that she would like to discuss saving the data that the Conservatives promised to destroy . . . **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** said the data from the registry would be destroyed as soon as possible after the bill receives royal assent. The Quebec government said it would take the government of Canada to court to prevent the data being destroyed. Winnipeg Sun, 14; Le Journal de Montreal

Challenging perceptions: Khadr far from a victim, Levant says

An opinion piece states, "...After all, in the closing chapters of Levant's fierce attack on convicted war criminal Omar Khadr and his supporters, the Calgary native and lawyer offers what seems like urgent legal advice for **Canadian Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** on how to keep Khadr off Canadian soil. But the answer quickly veers from an explanation of the International Transfer of Offenders Act, to Paul Bernardo, to mafia crime families, to the nature of evil and, finally, his theory on how the supposedly liberal media has orchestrated a vast conspiracy to keep the truth from Canadians..." Calgary Herald, B5

Compromise needed amid snooping cries

An opinion piece states, "The introduction of Internet surveillance legislation last week generated an immediate storm of outrage. Fuelled by **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** comments that critics of the legislation were "*siding with child pornographers*," the bill was slammed by commentators on both the right and the left who decried the dangers of new surveillance powers and mandatory disclosure of personal information without court oversight. The public concern should not have come as a surprise..." Toronto Star, A17

No one wins when a political fight turns dirty

An editorial piece states, "...Well, the Canadian bill--Bill C-30, **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act (PCIPA)--saw opponents come together to publicize Toews' divorce files. The sickening campaign culminated in a shocking Ottawa Citizen story Thursday, which revealed the Twitter account that had been disgorging salacious details about the Toews family had been -- wait for it -- run out of the House of Commons..." Toronto Sun, 39

Media in a lather! #TellVicEverything

An editorial piece states, "What a pleasure to see Canada's consensus media so concerned about the erosion of privacy and civil liberties under a proposed new crime law called Bill C-30, introduced by **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews**. Government snooping didn't bother the media pack when it came in the form of the long-form census and its invasive personal questions --to be forcibly answered on pain of fines and even prison..." Toronto Sun, 38

Twitter trips up common sense

An editorial piece states, "After a number of Twitter led revolutions in the Arab world a year ago, it's not like we need more examples of the micro-blogging service's power. But a couple of recent incidents have shown the dark side of some Internet born campaigns, and both have a local angle. **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** showed just how fast he could become a worldwide trending topic with one thoughtless comment..." Winnipeg Sun, 12

Twitter tirade hardly shocking

An editorial piece states, "We wish the bloodhounds in the House of Commons IT detective branch all the best tracking down the crusader behind the Twitter tirade against **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews**. Because the odds of catching the rascal are likely less than winning Lotto Max or finding a sequin on an ocean floor..." Winnipeg Sun, 4

No Democracy

A letter to the editor states, "**Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** Lawful Access legislation will require Internet service providers to store, and to make available to the government and law enforcement agencies, information on the Internet activity of their customers. Previous versions of the bill failed to make it through minority parliaments, but now that the Conservatives have a majority, it is almost certain to pass. I have a bad feeling about the government lending so much power to law enforcement agencies to snoop on the private lives of us all. I thought the Conservatives were for less government intrusion in our lives." Edmonton Sun, 16

Letters to the Editor Column

A letter to the editor states, "... **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** is showing himself to be increasingly out of touch with reality as he presents his case, using child pornography as his banner to justify these new laws, as though all Canadians who do not approve of the invasion of privacy must therefore approve of child porn, which is insulting..." Calgary Sun, 35

Banish Vic Toews to backbenches for his child porn remarks

A letter to the editor states, "I am no fan of the government's lawful access law, as it has too many flaws which make it open to abuse. However, it is awfully rich for the Liberals to scream foul when they tried to implement legislation that was even more far reaching and intrusive when they were in power. I suspect that the Twitter account outing details about **Vic Toews'** divorce proceedings is the handiwork of one of the opposition parties - and published reports seem to point to the NDP and the IP address originates from the House of Commons..." Calgary Herald, A10

LAWFUL ACCESS / ACCÈS LÉGAL

Twitter co-founder sees risk of privacy abuse

The co-founder of Twitter said as more people share the details of their lives online, there are more risks for that information to be misused or passed out without their authorization. . . Stone said he believes if governments set limits to the Internet, it can discourage innovation as in the case of Canada's proposed Lawful Access bill that would force telecommunications providers to monitor the activity of their users, and to pass on personal information to police when requested. It has been met with harsh criticism from net-neutrality activists. Calgary Herald, A1

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

Bomb scare ties up police in Beltline

The bomb squad was called to an abandoned residence Saturday after a report of an improvised explosive device. Shortly after 4 p.m., police, fire crews and EMS arrived at a building near 6th Street and 15th Avenue S.W. Roads in the area were cordoned off as an investigation continued for more than five hours before the initial bomb reports were found to be false. Calgary Herald, A4

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Social media changing demographics of terrorism

Social media has changed the demographic of potential jihadists but its impact was far less prevalent in propelling the Arab Spring and last year's London riots than previously thought, according to experts at a major scientific conference here. U.S. scientists, speaking Saturday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, discussed the use of web surveillance in the fight against terrorism and infectious diseases. Toronto Star, A6

Rangers play growing role in North: Eyes and ears in remote territories a vital presence as sovereignty at issue

With their imposing armoured trucks and green camouflage, the troops from the south get the most attention as they train up here on the edge of the Arctic. But the real eyes and ears - those who never forgot how to fight and survive in the Canadian North - are the 1,500 members of the 1st Canadian Ranger Patrol Group. Edmonton Journal, A1

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND POLICING / LA POLICE ET DE L'APPLICATION DE LA LOI

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

A letter to the editor states, "... Knowing the legal owner of a stolen registered firearm is of no more help than knowing the legal owner of a stolen automobile. It simply permits return of the merchandise should it ever be recovered. Therefore, from a public safety point of view, what did we gain from the billions of dollars spent on a gun registry? And why have we, the public, been so misled?..." Chronicle-Herald, A12

Justin buys into myth of Quebec's progressivism

After the Commons voted to pass Bill C-19, abolishing the long gun registry, Conservative MPs retired to a cocktail reception to celebrate. The sentiment was understandable enough: It had taken 17 years and six elections for the party to achieve its goal on this, perhaps its signature issue. Among the opposition, however, the reaction was dismay. "Supporters of the long-gun registry," Postmedia News reported, "were appalled by the festive attitude of the Conservatives." Calgary Herald, A11

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Radiation fears not enough to be refugee

A Japanese woman who claimed exposure to radiation from damaged nuclear reactors has been denied refugee status in Canada almost a year after Japan was rocked by an earthquake and tsunami that left more than 100,000 people homeless. The woman's identity has not been released by the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB), since she's seeking asylum in Canada. Ottawa Sun, 11

Family fears being sent back to abuser

Omaira Makdesi and her three children fled to Canada in 2008 to escape a violently abusive husband who regularly beat and threatened to kill them. Last year, the Immigration and Refugee Board granted them protection as refugees. It's a common enough story. Desperate women regularly turn to Canada when authorities in their own countries are unable or unwilling to protect them. Ottawa Citizen, A1

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Judges need discretion in sentencing

An opinion piece states, "Bill C-10, entitled the Safe Streets and Communities Act, would increase mandatory minimum sentences and limit further the ability of judges to impose conditional sentences. The Canadian Bar Association has warned parliamentarians that these aspects of the bill, now before the Senate, can result in "unjust" sentences. How can it be "unjust" to sentence to incarceration those who have committed crimes that Parliament has deemed serious enough to require incarceration? Well, the CBA explains why in its brief to legislators..." Times Colonist, D2

Parole violated

Andre Lars Nanooch served six years in prison for two counts of aggravated assault. But after violating his parole this month, cops are hoping to find the 24-year-old. Nanooch was given statutory release on Jan. 12. After violating his parole conditions, police issued an apprehension and suspension warrant for his arrest on Feb 12. Now he has a Canada-wide warrant out for his apprehension. Edmonton Sun, 40

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

Impact of coming federal budget cuts puts city economy on notice

An opinion piece states, "The health-giving properties of vegetables have never made kids any keener to eat them. So when I say the public service is crucial to the City of Ottawa's well-being, I don't expect anyone to start greedily gobbling up grey pages of endless stats wreathed in doom-laden pronouncements..." Ottawa Sun, 6

Ontario's tough lesson: All provinces can learn from Drummond report

An editorial piece states, "There are lessons to be learned by all provincial governments, including Alberta's, from Ontario's long-awaited report on reforming its public services. A radical point, driven home repeatedly by author and respected economist Don Drummond, is that the fix is well beyond a temporary freeze on spending. To sustain public services long-term, nothing short of reinventing government will do..." Calgary Herald, A9

INTERNATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

FBI's anti-terror stings criticized

When Amine El Khalifi was dropped off at a car park near the famous white-domed Capitol building on Friday, he thought he was carrying out a spectacular suicide mission for al-Qaeda to blow up the U.S. Congress. For two months, the unemployed Moroccan had been meeting repeatedly with "Hussein," who he believed to be an al-Qaeda operative, and an associate called "Yusuf," discussing potential targets and planning an operation. Ottawa Citizen, A4

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MINISTER / MINISTRE

Mounties probe 'serious' threats to Toews, family

The RCMP is investigating "serious threats" against **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** and his family, as popular blowback to the government's Internet surveillance bill continues to escalate. **Toews' spokesman Mike Patton** said that the RCMP has been asked to investigate the threats. He described the threats as "serious." In a letter distributed to his Manitoba constituents this weekend, **Toews** says he has been the target of numerous threats since the firestorm over Bill C-30 erupted. In his letter, **Toews** said he has already been attacked. **"These attacks, which have included criminal acts and threats of criminal acts against me and my family, have been referred to the police for investigation,"** **Toews** wrote. **Toews** angered many observers when he said opponents of Bill C-30 were friends of child pornographers. Opposition to the bill became the most Tweeted about subject in Canada Thursday, and among some of the top trending subjects around the world. While some Twitter users suggested the public "Tweet him to death," the social media response to Bill C-30 has been mostly peaceful, and does not include direct threats of violent action toward **Toews** or his family. The hacker group Anonymous, however, has posted a video to You-Tube in which threats are levelled against **Toews**. The video talks about an "Operation White North," which appears to be the name for Anonymous' campaign against Bill C-30. "We demand that you scrap the bill in its entirety and step down as **safety minister**," the video says. "We know all about you, **Minister Toews**." Ottawa Citizen, A1 (Montreal Gazette, Windsor Star, The Province, Vancouver Sun, Calgary Herald, Daily Gleaner, New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, Daily Gleaner); Globe and Mail; Winnipeg Free Press; Le Devoir; L'Acadie Nouvelle

Internet snooping

An opinion piece states, "There are times in the life of every government when the best tactic is an orderly advance to the rear. That's where the Conservatives are today after a furious public backlash made them rethink their new online surveillance legislation... Before the bill was even introduced, privacy experts were providing detailed critiques of its deficiencies in protecting individual rights. Since similar legislation had been road-tested in a previous Parliament, opposing forces knew what to expect. They had their arguments ready. The government didn't. Then the politics got spun totally out of control by **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews**. He suggested in the Commons that anyone who objected to the bill stood with child pornographers, torching any hopes the Tories had to get the bill through without a fuss... The government's problem is that it has failed to make its case as to why the new law is required. The Internet has made it easier for some criminals to operate, but enforcement hasn't exactly been left in the dust... With any expansion of state powers, there is potential for abuse. That's why strict oversight is required. The original bill did provide for some oversight, but it didn't go nearly far enough. Politically, that left the government's only argument as "trust us." Canadians seems to be saying that if individual rights still matter, the government must prove that new police powers are needed and that it's maintaining a balance between state security and civil rights. Failing that, Canadians will never buy in to a law that puts state security before everything and casts rights to the side." Chronicle-Herald, A7

Smears serve no one

An opinion piece states, "Last Wednesday, tweeting during question period where he and his government were coming under fire for Bill C-30, **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** addressed the uncomfortable fact that the messy details of his 2008 divorce were all over Twitter. **"I won't get involved in this kind of gutter politics,"** he said at the time. Unfortunately, by then, it was already too late. For a number of months leading up to what the government now calls the "Protecting Children From Internet Predators Act," **Toews** has been taking aim at opposition politicians and activists employing the sort of scorched-earth political rhetoric that either placed him the gutter, or the sewers below... The problem is that the VikiLeaks30 story and **Toews'** private dirty laundry cannot go away now after the Ottawa Citizen reported that

the account had been traced back to a Parliament Hill Internet protocol address. So rather than focusing on the bill itself and on the growing disconnect between the government and Canadian Internet users, our political parties are now playing a demented game of tag with the Conservatives accusing an opposition operative of playing dirty tricks with **Toews'** personal life, and the Liberals and NDP (and many others) still reeling from being casually smeared by **the minister**. This sort of back and forth is what our political parties are used to doing, but ultimately it does not amount to much. Smears do not bring good legislation, and that's what Canadians need and deserve." Calgary Herald, A8

Anonymous wants transparency, hides behind name

Its reach is global: This month alone, the Anonymous movement has claimed to have hacked into the websites of a U.S. security company and the Polish government and has broadcast a private conference call between the FBI and Scotland Yard. Now, the group has turned its sights on **Canada's Public Safety Minister Vic Toews**. Anonymous took to YouTube, calling on **Mr. Toews** to scrap the federal government's Internet surveillance bill. "You claim this bill is to protect children from Internet predators," the video states. "All this legislation does is give your corrupted government more power to control its citizens." The speaker in the video purports to "know all about" **Mr. Toews** and said Anonymous would release personal information about him if the bill isn't scrapped. The original video has been removed from YouTube. Globe and Mail, A4

Privacy, costs vital variables in federal anti-child-porn law

While police clamour for a controversial federal bill giving them more access to Canadians' online information, critics say concerns over privacy and costs have to be addressed before it's made law. Under the bill, police would have the power to obtain subscriber information such as name, address and telephone number from Internet service providers (ISPs) without first getting a court order. The concern, however, exploded into popular protest last week when **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** said opponents of the bill "*can either stand with us or stand with the child pornographers.*" Edmonton Journal, A4 (Calgary Herald)

Backlash over Internet bill well-deserved

A letter to the editor states, "It's good that Bill C-30 is getting criticized by both the public and opposition parties. Despite attempts by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** to persuade Canadians otherwise, this is bad legislation that should not be passed... **Toews's** comment that Canadians "*can either stand with us or with the child pornographers*" is nearly a textbook example of an association fallacy..." Edmonton Journal, A14

A mean town just got a lot meaner

An opinion piece states, "The details of **Vic Toews's** divorce were dissected here years ago, but largely, except for a few published details, they stayed here... But **Toews** slithered under his own bar last week with his rejoinder to a Liberal critic, telling him if he didn't back the government's bill he would be backing child pornographers. Even in **the minister's** comic book world of white hats versus black hats, that comment was one of the most foolish ever uttered in this or any Parliamentary session in memory. He offered a nuanced apology Saturday on The House on CBC Radio. **Toews** has left an extensive public record for opponents to attack, but the malicious leaking of divorce affidavits and the YouTube threat is troubling on a number of planes... If the sandbox in Ottawa is now open to anyone with a Twitter account and personal dirt on an opponent, we're all in trouble. It further debases a political system already in historic disrepute. The Wikileaks move was also politically dumb. It allowed the government to turn the tables on an opposition quite properly going after a flawed bill, and what is more remarkable is it allowed **Toews** to play victim. In a letter to constituents, he says he has been the target of "criminal acts," and has asked police to investigate..." Toronto Star, A6

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

A letter to the editor states, "...I always thought those who call themselves conservatives were champions of individual liberty. Yet now we see **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** moving in the direction of turning Canada into a police state. But, of course, this is something that his party did before in the infamous G20 imposition of virtual martial law through the medium of a grossly excessive police presence. What are **Mr. Toews**, and presumably Mr. Harper, thinking of in handing over to police the licence to access citizens' private information at will, on the basis of no more than "suspicion," and without a warrant?... Even without this new law, police forces have been quite effective in curbing child pornography." Chronicle-Herald, A7

*** Cheers & Jeers**

An opinion piece states, "Jeers: to going overboard. **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** has not been very popular lately, and for good reason. His proposed Internet surveillance bill (under the Orwellian title of "Protecting Children from Internet Pornographers Act") has raised a firestorm of protest. And it didn't help when he said people can either support his bill, "*or stand with the pornographers.*" A variety of commentaries and clever Tweets ensued, but one campaign has gone a little too far. A Twitter account holder named Wikileaks30 has been lobbing out intimate details about **Toews'** messy divorce, as well as expense account spending and such. And the IP address has reportedly been traced to the House of

Commons. This is just a bit sleazy - more like something Conservative operatives have been known for in recent years. If you lie down with dogs, you get up with fleas." The Telegram, A6

*** Media in a lather #TellVicEverything**

An opinion piece states, "What a pleasure to see Canada's consensus media so concerned about the erosion of privacy and civil liberties under a proposed new crime law called Bill C-30, introduced by **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews**. Government snooping didn't bother the media pack when it came in the form of the long-form census and its invasive personal questions -- to be forcibly answered on pain of fines and even prison... To be sure, there are problems with the bill. It's called the Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act. But in fact the law allows police to snoop on anyone, for any reason -- not just for suspected child abuse. Literally any cop in Canada -- and civilian staff working at police stations -- can use the law. Not just the vice squad... This isn't a civil liberties meltdown like the left says it is. But it's refreshing to see the media and opposition care... I'm a skeptic of C-30 because I believe in freedom. If only freedom -- and not partisan potshots -- motivated the consensus media too." Winnipeg Sun, 9

*** STAND UP**

A letter to the editor states, "Despite being very outspoken on the question of crime, Prime Minister Stephen Harper seems far from eager to discuss the legislation he's promised to pass within 100 days of taking office -- legislation that will allow online spying without a warrant. Let's take a look at what's being done and then consider how the Harper government is dealing with it. **Vic Toews** sounds like a George Bush fanatic when saying such outrageous things as "... either stand with us or with the child pornographers." Sure child pornographers/ pornography is a concern in our digital age, but so is the privacy of the general public. To me it sounds as though there's a hidden agenda and we need to stand up and protect one another." Winnipeg Sun, 8

*** Crime bill looks like a train wreck**

An opinion piece states, "The omnibus crime bill is a freight train of unintended consequences. Here are some examples:... By trying to make society safe, we are making people sick; they will get sick with the kind of illnesses that are lifelong, costly to treat, and an unintended burden on the health-care system. Let's move on. The majority of people in jail are parents. The crime bill does not address the needs of children... Now here's how the bill is racist; you can decide for yourselves if this is intended or unintended:... Here is Stephen Harper, with his hands on the nation's throttle, instructing his cheerless fireman **Vic Toews** to pour more coals on the fire. Train wreck ahead." Toronto Star, GT2

*** Firebrand author wants Khadr barred from Canada**

An opinion piece states, "Convicted al-Qaida terrorist Omar Khadr is due to be returned to Canada any time now - something Ezra Levant is working to scotch. The scrappy journalist, lawyer and Conservative-minded activist is trying to goad the tough-on-crime Harper government to revisit its pact with the U.S. government to repatriate the prisoner at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba... Levant wants Canada's National Parole Board to hold an open hearing into Khadr's case, and for **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** to intervene to prevent the plea deal with the Americans from ever being acted upon. **Mike Patton, spokesman for Toews**, would not comment last week, saying only: "***When an application for transfer is received, the minister considers the facts of each case and bases his decision solely on those facts.***"..." New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, A5

LAWFUL ACCESS / ACCÈS LÉGALE

Respect citizens

A letter to the editor states, "As leader of the Official Opposition in 2005, Stephen Harper said: "When a government starts trying to cancel dissent or avoid dissent ... is when it's rapidly losing its moral authority to govern." The slandering of ordinary citizens like myself who have genuine questions about his encouragement of foreign investment in our oil industry, about his environmental policies, and about his Internet surveillance policies, shows me that he does not respect the right of legitimate dissent in a democratic society. I have a right to have my concerns addressed with dignity. I have a right to be treated with respect. I am not foreign-funded, a terrorist or a pornographer." Calgary Herald, A9

*** The Province E-street**

We asked readers: What do you think about the Tory legislation that will let police collect private online information without a court order?...The Province, A13

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

*** Forest fires expected to gain in intensity**

Canadians need to brace for more wildfires that are too big and too hot to stop when using traditional fire fighting techniques. The toll is expected to climb markedly in coming decades, said Flannigan. He suggested the wildfires that swept through Slave Lake, Alta., last year and Kelowna, B.C., in 2003 give a glimpse of the kind of fire that is going to become much more common. Ottawa Citizen, A3 (Gazette, Windsor Star, Edmonton Journal, Calgary Herald, Times & Transcript), Le Journal de Montréal

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND POLICING / LA POLICE ET DE L'APPLICATION DE LA LOI

*** Death of long-gun registry 17 years too late**

A letter to the editor states, "Finally, a 17-year accomplishment of jettisoning the long-gun registry achieves success as Bill C-19, and is passed into statute. The bill requires final endorsement by the Conservative-dominated Senate, which makes it a done deal, and it's toast... This government needs to move on to other significant bills such as immigration, which requires an unimpaired reconstruction from top to bottom. This will disqualify bogus refugee applications and salvage billions of dollars to the Canadian taxpayer. There is much to be done but the road to success is never easy!" New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, A4

*** Letters to the Editor Column**

A letter to the editor states, "Yes Michael Platt, peace officers should hesitate. ("Justifiable force," Feb. 16.) Hesitate before gunning down a child with a realistic looking toy gun. Hesitate before assaulting a sickly man with an obvious breathing mask. Hesitate before Taser-ing to death a lost, frightened foreigner who doesn't speak the language..." Calgary Sun, 14

*** Did court overreach with minimum sentence ruling?**

An opinion piece states, "I've got a gun... With my usual exquisite timing, I retrieved possession of the weapon from the Toronto Police Services property unit last Wednesday - the very day Ottawa, as promised by the majority Conservative government, formally scrapped the long-gun registry, a \$2 billion boondoggle. It had taken me all that time, and hundreds of dollars, to negotiate the overwhelming bureaucracy of the detested registry, made more red-tape complicated in this case because the firearm was inherited from my late father. It was his most beloved possession and thus, for me, had great sentimental value... Leroy Smickle was caught in that act, charged with possession of a loaded firearm, convicted and, as was rah-rah reported last week, received just a one-year conditional sentence rather than the minimum jail time specified by mandatory sentencing requirements..." Toronto Star, A2

*** Fair compromise**

An opinion piece states, "Clearly the RCMP has a problem, considering that in 2010 across the province there were 3,700 false alarms out of a total of 4,000 calls. Assuming 2010 was a typical year and that responding to all those false alarms is a waste of resources, there is little choice but to change policy so that the alarm company must verify a problem with the house holder before police respond... Out of fairness to CSA members and their clients, however, we expect the RCMP to be vigilant and to use good judgment, even in cases where a false alarm has been known to go off before. A physical police presence is at least as good a use of police resources as a shipment of expensive rifles." Times & Transcript, D6

*** B.C. criminals failing to complete rehab programs**

Two-thirds of criminals assigned rehabilitation programs while serving their sentences in the community may be failing to complete them, according to the province's auditor-general. As part of case plans developed by probation officers, offenders may be required to complete counselling, substance abuse support, domestic violence prevention, anger management, and sex offender intervention to reduce the chance that they will reoffend. About half of B.C.'s 24,000 offenders who served sentences outside of jail in 2010-11 were ordered to complete a rehabilitation program - called an intervention. But in an audited random sample of 60 offenders, only 35 per cent of those who required interventions completed their programs, according to the report by Auditor-General John Doyle. The Vancouver Sun, A1

*** The young generation's economic malaise**

An opinion piece states, "... It does not help either that the Conservative government's priorities are building unneeded prisons - and filling them through "tough on crime" legislation - and buying fighter jets instead of trying to help an embattled generation of youth. All this is compounded with proposed Conservative legislation that would provide sweeping powers to monitor individual Internet activities - a big brother approach that threatens to invade an important bastion of the Millennial generation (and of Canadians as a whole)..." Telegraph-Journal, A5

*** Plus de 1200 Canadiens incarcérés aux É.-U.**

Près de 1700 citoyens canadiens sont détenus dans le monde, dont un nombre impressionnant dans des geôles américaines, incluant Omar Khadr, indiquent des données obtenues par La Presse. Il s'agit de statistiques compilées par

le ministère des Affaires étrangères (MAECI) et obtenues en vertu de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information. Le Droit, 26 (Le Soleil, La Presse)

*** Sex offender staying behind bars**

A man who has committed a long list of sex crimes in this province has been denied parole - again. Gustav Semigak, 57, is serving an indeterminate sentence that was imposed in 1996. He has been up for parole at least six times, but has consistently been labelled a high risk to reoffend. In it's most recent hearing, a four-member panel of the Parole Board of Canada found that despite a few improvements in Semigak's behaviour he would be a danger to society if released at this time. The Telegram, A3

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Who screens the screeners?**

A veteran British Columbia airport security screener has been charged and quietly convicted after being caught stealing a \$100 bill from a passenger's bag at a security checkpoint. A second security screener at Ottawa International Airport hastily resigned his job after he was caught taking home a laptop left behind by a distracted passenger. The two incidents have emerged during QMI Agency's ongoing investigation into rogue airport security screeners who've stolen from Canadian airline passengers. No announcement was made in the cases by the RCMP, which arrested the Vancouver screener, or by the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority, the Crown corporation that oversees preflight security operations at the nation's airports. Calgary Sun, 7 (Edmonton Sun, Ottawa Sun, Winnipeg Sun, Journal de Montréal)

*** Fugitive's flight ends**

A Kazakh fugitive accused of embezzling about \$20 million from his homeland was living in a lavish King City mansion until his recent arrest. Accused in Kazakhstan of fraud, counterfeiting and organized crime, Rustem Tursunbayev's life on the run from the law ended when Toronto police and the Canada Border Services Agency arrested him on an immigration warrant Feb. 10. Toronto Star, GT1

*** Danger in policy change**

A letter to the editor states, "Stories about Canadians such as Lainie Towell being duped into marriage by foreigners who don't actually love them and who plan to abandon them upon arrival in Canada are indeed sad, and anyone who has ever felt unrequited love can sympathize... Should conflict arising from such situations be resolved through policy change? This question becomes all the more crucial on examination of the proposed regulatory change, which would make permanent residence for sponsored partners conditional for at least two years. If the relationship breaks down and the sponsored person leaves their partner, they will lose their status in Canada and could be deported..." Ottawa Citizen, A8

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Ex-attorney-general joins call for legalization of pot

Geoff Plant has felt for years that the prohibition of marijuana is wrong. Now that the former B.C. attorney-general is out of government, he has joined the chorus of officials and former politicians pushing for the legalization of the drug. Last week, Mr. Plant joined with three former NDP attorneys-general to support a campaign against federal legislation that would impose mandatory minimum sentences for minor, non-violent marijuana-related offences. The campaign, backed by police officers, B.C. public health officers and the current and four former Vancouver mayors, calls for the federal government to regulate and tax marijuana, rather than prohibit it. Globe and Mail, A6

INTERNATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

*** U.S. Boy Scouts ordered to hand over sex abuse files**

A judge overseeing a lawsuit brought by the family of a California boy molested by his troop leader in 2007 has ordered the Boy Scouts of America to hand over confidential files detailing allegations of sexual abuse by Scout leaders around the nation. The Santa Barbara County Superior Court judge said last month that the Irving, Texas-based organization must turn over the last 20 years' worth of records by Feb. 24, with victims' names removed, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday. The files will not be made public. Chronicle-Herald, B1

OTHER / AUTRE

* Peine de mort et avortement

Une lettre déclare, « Le Sénateur Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu aurait-il dû s'abstenir de lancer cette remarque, à savoir, que chaque détenu qui a commis un meurtre prémédité ait droit à "sa corde" dans sa cellule pour se pendre? Bien sûr. Parole malheureuse... S'il arrivait que l'appareil judiciaire fasse erreur, qu'on pendre l'innocent? Cinq exemples: David Milgaard, Guy-Paul Morin, Steven Truscott, Marshall (David?), Wilbert Coffin. La peine de mort a-t-elle un effet dissuasif sur l'individu qui a décidé de tuer? A mon avis, non. Le Droit, 17

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MINISTER / MINISTRE

RCMP weighs need to probe Toews leaks

The RCMP say they've not yet decided whether they will launch a full investigation into threats made against **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** connected to the introduction of an online surveillance bill. **Mr. Toews** or officials in his department have provided information to the Mounties on the nature of the threats - described by **the public safety minister** as criminal acts - but the Mounties wouldn't disclose any details. "We've received information from **Public Safety** so what we're going to do is we're going to examine that information," RCMP Cpl. David Falls said Monday. "Depending on the situation, we may or may not initiate an investigation." **Mr. Toews** has been the target of a sustained online campaign in response to last week's introduction of Bill C-30, a surveillance bill. Among other things, the bill gives authorities access to Internet subscriber information without requiring a warrant and there are concerns that it violates the privacy of Internet users. Part of the campaign against the bill involved the publication of the **Minister's** divorce records, while other people are mocking the bill's supposed powers by sending the **Minister** mundane details of their lives. A video claiming to be by the activist group Anonymous surfaced over the weekend suggesting the heat on the Minister could intensify unless the bill is scrapped. In the letter to residents of his Manitoba riding, **Mr. Toews** characterized the campaign as an *"extensive personal attack by my political opponents."* *"These attacks, which have included criminal acts and threats of criminal acts against me and my family, have been referred to the police for investigation. Any further criminal activity or threats of criminal activity against me or my family will also be referred to the police,"* **Mr. Toews** wrote in the letter, which was published by the Winnipeg Free Press. Globe and Mail, A4 (The Guardian, Red Deer Advocate); Winnipeg Free Press

Vancouver police pledge support for Internet surveillance

The Vancouver police department announced Monday its support for federal cybercrime legislation that critics say would give police extensive access to information about your activities on the Internet. Vancouver police Deputy Chief Warren Lemcke, who is also co-chair of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Law Amendments Committee, blamed "misinformation" for a growing wave of protest against Bill C-30, which was introduced in Ottawa last week. While **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** sought to play down privacy concerns over subscriber information by suggesting it gives police little more than they can get in a phone book, it's information that can be used to build an extensive profile of an Internet user, according to privacy and security experts. Vancouver Sun, A3; * Toronto Star

Vic Toews "n'a pas fait ses devoirs"

Les partis de l'opposition sont catégoriques: **le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Vic Toews**, a mal fait ses devoirs avant de présenter le projet de loi C-30 visant à donner de nouveaux outils aux policiers pour mettre la main aux collets des cyberprédateurs. La seule option qui s'offre maintenant au **ministre Toews** est de retirer ce projet de loi et de reprendre tout le travail à zéro. "**Le ministre** n'a pas fait ses devoirs. Il doit jeter ce projet de loi aux poubelles et retourner à la planche à dessin", a affirmé hier le député néo-démocrate Jack Harris. Le NPD et le Parti libéral sont d'autant plus indignés que **Vic Toews** a admis, en fin de semaine, dans une entrevue à la radio de CBC, ne pas connaître certaines dispositions du projet de loi, notamment l'article 17 qui donnerait le pouvoir aux policiers d'exiger des informations personnelles sur les internautes sans obtenir un mandat lorsque des "circonstances exceptionnelles" le justifient, et cela même si aucune enquête criminelle n'est en cours. Selon le député Jack Harris, les propos de **Vic Toews** sont "ahurissants" et minent sa crédibilité en tant que ministre du gouvernement Harper. Il a ajouté qu'il incombe au premier ministre de décider du sort du **ministre Toews**, mais "si nous avons le choix, il ne serait certainement pas **ministre de la Sécurité publique**. Il n'est pas un **ministre** à la hauteur de ses fonctions". Le député libéral Francis Scarpaleggia s'est aussi dit étonné par les propos du **ministre**, mais il n'est pas allé jusqu'à réclamer sa tête. Par ailleurs, la Gendarmerie

royale du Canada a annoncé qu'elle avait reçu une plainte concernant des menaces destinées au **ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique, Vic Toews**. Mais un porte-parole du ministre a expliqué que des menaces avaient été envoyées à **M. Toews**, ce qui a poussé son personnel à déposer une plainte. **Vic Toews** fait l'objet d'une campagne virtuelle d'opposition à son nouveau projet de loi concernant la cybersurveillance. Ses détracteurs plaident que la proposition violerait la vie privée des internautes. Un ou plusieurs opposants ont publié sur la toile des détails concernant le divorce de **M. Toews**. Le Droit, 18 (La Presse)

Why governments can't pass a privacy bill

An opinion piece by Michael Geist states, "The introduction of Internet surveillance legislation last week generated an immediate storm of outrage. Fuelled by **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** comments that critics of the legislation were "siding with child pornographers," the bill was slammed by commentators on both the right and the left who decried the dangers of new surveillance powers and mandatory disclosure of personal information without court oversight... Fixing the flawed Internet surveillance bill won't be easy. The starting point must surely be a moratorium on the inflammatory us-versus-them rhetoric from the government, which fosters alienation rather than co-operation as Canadians search for solutions that provide both security and privacy." Ottawa Citizen, D2

The child-porn gaffe aside, Bill C-30 has real dangers

An opinion piece states, "In a way, we owe a debt of gratitude to **Vic Toews**. The hapless **Minister of Public Safety**, who informed Canadians that they stand with child pornographers unless they support his government's electronic-snooping bill, sparked a well-deserved uproar where others have failed for so long. The law isn't new; similar bills had been tabled by previous governments, only to die when the minority governments fell. Privacy watchdogs have sounded the alarm time and again, but there was no outcry until **Mr. Toews** added his rhetorical fillip - that dash of George W. Bush - that turned a bit of workaday fearmongering into a grand national insult. The uproar that followed was enough to make the Conservatives blink, indicating that they're open to amending the bill - but **Mr. Toews** has continued to grab headlines: Nasty Twitter accounts about him, hacker threats against him, investigations and demands for more investigations. So, with thanks to **Mr. Toews** for volunteering for pinata duty, it's time to move past the minister. **Vic Toews'** flying circus is a cartoonish distraction from troubling legislation. The dangers hidden in this bill are subtler than they might seem... The enemy here is not **Vic Toews**, that inept amplifier of talking points. Nor is it law enforcement - the police have a job to do, and will use every tool at their disposal to do it. The enemy here is the law of unintended consequences. By stripping away checks and balances, and turning the Internet into a wonder of surveillance, we lay ourselves at its mercy." Globe and Mail, L2

The public and the personal

An opinion piece states, "Public life should not come at the price of having one's personal life laid out in every detail for the entertainment of one's critics. But public life has never come with guarantees of an absolute shield of anonymity. If you participate in Canadian politics, it's fair for Canadians to ask, at the very least, who you are. The Twitter account @Vikileaks30 began tweeting information about **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** divorce this week, in response to **Toews'** championing of a badly flawed online access bill. **Toews** himself bears some responsibility for lowering the level of the debate around the bill, most notoriously in his declaration in the House of Commons that the opposition could either stand with the government or with the child pornographers. But Vikileaks kept lowering the bar... The Citizen did not name an employee it found who has some-times used the IP address for other purposes, and it did not accuse any organization or political party of being responsible for the Twitter account. If you want to use your platform to participate in Canadian political life, whether that platform is the House of Commons or a Twitter account, you can expect that people will want to know your identity. It's a long walk from that standard of openness to a culture in which everyone's family life is fodder for a sustained public attack." Vancouver Sun, A10

Internet spying debate victim of white-hot rhetoric

An opinion piece states, "When the Liberal government of Paul Martin introduced the Modernization of Investigative Techniques Act in November 2005, it received comparatively little attention. As the columnist Thomas Walkom described it in the Toronto Star, the bill would require Internet and telephone companies "to install equipment that would allow the state to monitor all of their customers... The **public safety minister** at the time, Anne McLellan, was quoted to the effect that the police needed the new powers to go after terrorists and child pornographers. In other words, more or less the same legislation, supported by more or less the same arguments, as Bill C-30, whose purported horrors have convulsed the nation this past week... I think a large part of the escalation in rhetoric has to do with the general climate of hysteria in which politics is conducted these days - on all sides. Recent days have seen a Conservative MP refer to gun registry advocates in the same breath as Hitler and a Liberal MP declare that the government's values were so abhorrent as to cause him to contemplate separation. Most notorious, of course, was the invitation from the **public safety minister, Vic Toews**, to a critic of Bill C-30 to stand with the government or "stand with the child pornographers," a ludicrous sortie that said far more about him than his intended target. Hence, a week that began with the threat to privacy represented by Bill C-30 ended with the wholesale publication via Twitter of the details of the **minister's** years-old, and very messy, divorce case. Rather than debate how much those in power should know about the public, we instead debated how much the

public should know about those in power. The relevance of such information to the issue at hand, the fairness of publishing it without offering the **minister** the chance to respond, the morality of attacking another person's reputation without putting your own name on the line - all these were dismissed as distractions, the concerns expressed by working journalists, who deal with these questions for a living, waved away as no more than the dismay of the "gatekeepers" at the loss of their traditional role..." Ottawa Citizen, A1 (StarPhoenix, Leader-Post, Montreal Gazette, Windsor Star, Calgary Herald, Times Colonist, Edmonton Journal, National Post)

Double standard

A letter to the editor states, "It was OK for the Harper Conservatives to mail thousands of flyers containing vicious untruths about Liberal MP Irwin Cotler, but it is a dastardly act when the opposition (apparently) makes legal documents about Harper **Conservative Minister Vic Toews** available on Twitter? Smells like a double standard to me." Montreal Gazette, A18; Montreal Gazette; Calgary Sun; Winnipeg Free Press; La Presse

Internet bill should be ripped to shreds

An opinion piece states, "**Federal Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** refers to Bill C-30 as a law to protect children from Internet predators. In truth, it is a much larger piece of legislation with the potential to undermine due process... Canadians need to be protected from Internet criminals. But we also deserve protection against the overreaching powers of big government and the police." Calgary Sun, 15

Just don't watch me, Ottawa's actions say

An opinion piece states, "The most commonly uttered word on Parliament Hill these days is "privacy." The second should be "ironic." Ironic in that what should be private is fast becoming less so, and what should be public is quickly disappearing behind closed doors... **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews**, who introduced the bill last Tuesday after suggesting its critics were supporting child predators, didn't even appear to know how invasive his own bill is. He told CBC Radio's The House Saturday he wasn't aware the bill lets the government ask for information without a criminal investigation underway... The government wants to know more about what you do, but it wants you to know less about what it does. Ironic? Or just plain scary." Winnipeg Free Press, A3

Dirty fights have no winners

An opinion piece states, "It's a tale of two nations, you might say. When an American politician introduced a bill to crack down on Internet lawlessness, what was the reaction? And when a Canadian politician introduced a bill to crack down on Internet lawlessness, what happened up here? Well, in the case of the U.S. bill--Rep. Lamar S. Smith's Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA), aimed at punishing copyright infringement-- companies such as Google and Wikipedia came together to launch a smart and effective grassroots lobby campaign. Their effort, which culminated in a web blackout on Jan. 18, stopped SOPA in its tracks. Up here? Well, the Canadian bill--Bill C-30, **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act (PCIPA) --saw opponents come together to publicize **Toews'** divorce files. The sickening campaign culminated in a shocking Ottawa Citizen story Thursday, which revealed the Twitter account that had been disgorging salacious details about the **Toews** family had been--wait for it--run out of the House of Commons... The big difference? The Americans stopped SOPA with organized, broad-based lobbying. The Canadians who tried to stop C-30 with vile smears utterly failed, and (amazingly) rendered **Toews** a sympathetic figure. What derailed C-30, truly, was a chorus of conservative voices who objected to the bill's intrusive and authoritarian provisions. Not the gutter politics. My arch-conservative Sun News colleague, Brian Lilley, hammered the Harper regime for C-30's proposal to permit warrantless searches... Another conservative, the right-leaning National Post's Lorne Gunter, was just as tough, telling **Toews** to "stay out of my inbox."... The Globe and Mail's most prominent conservative voice, Margaret Wente, was mocking in her condemnation of **Toews'** proposed law... Meanwhile, influential conservatives like the National Citizens Coalition's Stephen Taylor damned C-30 on Twitter and elsewhere. By Thursday, Conservative MPs were also publicly expressing their concerns, and the government was in full retreat. But it wasn't the opposition that forced them to do so. It was conservatives. Appallingly, Liberal MPs such as Justin Trudeau and Ralph Goodale thought it was appropriate to provide online access to the **Toews** divorce files. And at least two former Michael Ignatieff staffers did likewise, focusing more on **Toews'** personal life than on C-30 itself..." Kingston Whig-Standard, 5

When private eyes go too public

An opinion piece states, "As millions of Canadians fulminate over the Harper government's determination to track their travels through cyberspace, millions more think nothing of providing social networking sites with the right to merchandise their very identities. Granted, **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** simple-minded justification for Big Brother's snooping into the lives of law-abiding Canadians is infuriating. (No, **Mr. Toews**, just because I disagree with your tactics for fighting kiddie porn doesn't mean I'm a latent pedophile)... To monetize such an investment, networking site will have to deploy even canner strategies to demand even more specific and sensitive information from its voyeuristic users who will, naturally, comply. Indeed, it's not too ludicrous to imagine that, at some point, unscrupulous governments might make profitable mischief of this astonishing, largely unregulated resource, as they flex their Orwellian muscles to discover pretty

much anything they please about their hapless citizens... It's entirely possible **Minister Toews** and company appreciate this truism better than their critics suppose..." Times & Transcript, D6

* **Cinq flics maximum par ordi**

Un article d'opinion déclare, « **Vic Toews** n'avait pas lu ou pas compris son propre projet de loi, a-t-il finalement admis en fin de semaine sur les ondes de la CBC. **Le ministre de la Sécurité publique** a soutenu toute la semaine que le projet de loi C-30 ne pouvait s'appliquer sans un mandat des tribunaux... Et puis si vous n'êtes pas content de voir les policiers dans votre ordinateur (la loi prévoit un maximum de cinq personnes par entité apte à vous "cyberinspecter", c'est toujours cela de pris), vous pouvez porter le tout en appel. Mais appel à qui? Je vous le donne en mille, au **ministre** lui-même, nous informe l'article 44. Au vu des impulsions répressives de **Vic Toews**, il y a peu de chances de s'en tirer même pour une éventuelle victime de harcèlement ou d'erreur policière... Devant l'évidente contradiction entre ses propres propos, le texte législatif et le credo antiétatique des réformistes au pouvoir, **M. Toews** doit maintenant refaire ses devoirs... Mais il n'y a pas d'équivalence entre les droits fondamentaux des victimes et l'appareil de justice vengeresse que nous servent les ministres de la Justice et de la **Sécurité publique**. » Le Soleil, 20

* **If we don't protect our rights, who will?**

An opinion piece states, "**Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews** last week told an opposition MP who was questioning the expansion of police surveillance powers that "he can either stand with us, or with the child pornographers." **Toews'** remarks go beyond rude and distasteful. As a Minister of the Crown with responsibility for law enforcement, his suggestion that dissent on policy equals support for criminals is disturbing. It is designed, quite clearly, to silence critics. But the more sinister undertone, particularly in discussing a bill like this, is that those who do not support the policy are suspect, and perhaps deserving of surveillance themselves. It's "you're either with us, or we'll be taking a very close look at you." It's intimidation, worthy of a dictatorial state rather than a participatory democracy. This approach, however, goes beyond **Toews'** remarks. The very title of the Act, the "Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act," is designed to limit dissent... And when the next major public "security event" happens, be it a terrorist attack, civil unrest, a biker war or another G20 summit, law enforcement will have in place the tools to execute widespread invasions of privacy on a scale never before possible... Rights are rarely taken away in a sudden, dramatic fashion. They are worn away, like erosion on the banks of a river. It can be so gradual it is hard to see. But eventually, you find yourself at the bottom of a deep river valley, with no way back to the top. And you wonder, how could this trickle of water have cut so deeply into the bedrock of the land? And how did it happen without you even noticing?" Hamilton Spectator, A15

LAWFUL ACCESS / ACCÈS LÉGAL

* **Foreign surveillance regimes underscore need for caution, Bill C-30 critics say**

Opponents of the government's online surveillance bill C-30 say that Canada should look to its allies for cautionary tales before pushing ahead with measures that would erode internet freedom. Experiences in other jurisdictions such as the United States and Britain show no evidence of improved crime-fighting ability and "overwhelming evidence of increased surveillance," said Micheal Vonn of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association. Waterloo Region Record, A10 (The Guardian, Hamilton Spectator)

* **Vancouver police support Internet surveillance bill**

Organized crime is exploiting a weak spot in Internet security to target victims, Vancouver police said yesterday. The force came out in support of the controversial federal Bill C-30, which would require telephone and Internet providers to build infrastructure that would give authorities greater surveillance capacity. Times & Transcript, B6 (The Province)

* **A bill flawed beyond repair**

An editorial states, "Reaction to the Conservatives' lawful access bill, which was tabled in the House last Tuesday, has been fierce - and the government appears to be getting the message. On Wednesday, it announced the Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act would be sent to committee, where MPs will have the opportunity to make substantial changes. But this bill is so flawed, it is hard to see how the government could amend it enough to arrive at a version that respects the right to privacy that law-abiding Canadians should be able to expect... Government and law enforcement agencies have, so far, been unable to give us a credible explanation for why the lawful access legislation is necessary. Earlier this month, 60 people were arrested on child pornography charges in Ontario - evidence of that the current system is working quite nicely, thank you. Good public policy should clearly address a pressing need within society - and do so with as little impact as possible to the rights and freedoms we all enjoy. The Tories' lawful access legislation meets neither of these criteria." National Post, A12

* **Harper ignoring will of the people**

A letter to the editor states, "Despite being outspoken on the question of crime, Prime Minister Stephen Harper seems far from eager to discuss the legislation he's promised to pass within 100 days of taking office - legislation that will allow

online spying without a warrant... If Canadians care about their online privacy, they should take the time to let Harper know this is not the way Canadians do business." Times Colonist, A11

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

*** Expert expects more major wildfires on the way**

Canadians need to brace for more wildfires that are too big and too hot to stop when using traditional fire fighting techniques. "It's going to be incredibly difficult in the future to manage forest fires because the intensity of forest fires is going to be increasing," said Mike Flannigan, a senior research scientist with Natural Resources Canada and professor at the University of Alberta. His team's latest research, presented here Sunday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, predicts there will be two to three times more fire activity in the northern hemisphere by the end of the century. Leader-Post, B4 (StarPhoenix)

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Canada needs a security strategy

An opinion piece states, "Does Canada need a national security strategy? The world is in flux with China rising and the United States, caught up in election year politicking and an economy in difficulty, slowing down and cutting back its military spending. The European Union is desperately trying to hold together, with its weaker members cutting spending in an effort to balance the books. These events will certainly affect Canada, but they may not be the most important ones to occur in the rest of 2012. There are at least four particularly dangerous scenarios unfolding at the moment, some with possible interconnections, that all have the very real potential to involve or seriously affect Canada and Canadians... The economic, military, and political crises that are coming to the boil this year are very real ones, and short-term stopgap thinking will not be sufficient to deal with them. Canada's government needs to start thinking big at last." Ottawa Citizen, A13

CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

*** A silent threat from inside out**

Since the Cold War, espionage has been a constant thorn in the sides of government and industry alike. But the cyberworld has transformed the art and science of espionage into an entirely new force to be reckoned with. National Post, FP8

CONTRACT POLICING / LES SERVICES DE POLICE À CONTRAT

Codiac Regional RCMP to stay

It appears the question of whether or not the City of Moncton will continue to use the policing services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or resurrect its own municipal police force has been laid to rest at last. As Moncton city council announced it had reached agreement on some governance issues with the Codiac Regional Policing Authority last night - satisfying the third and final condition it had set in March 2010 for continuing to employ the RCMP - Mayor George LeBlanc also made public the fact the the biggest issue had also been finally resolved. Times & Transcript, A2

*** Services de la GRC**

Ayant obtenu un dédommagement de 120 000 \$ du gouvernement provincial pour des inondations survenues dans la localité en 2008, la Ville de Saint-Léonard a utilisé une partie de ce montant pour payer sa dette de 80 000 \$ pour des services obtenus de la GRC. L'Acadie Nouvelle, 10

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND POLICING / LA POLICE ET DE L'APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Toxic workplace created at RCMP, union charges

The RCMP's internal staff association is creating "a toxic workplace" for the force's thousands of civilian workers in a desperate effort at self preservation, a leading public service union is charging. The union's attack is the latest salvo in an ongoing war over the RCMP's controversial and complex labour relations structure that is undergoing yet another internal review and is the subject of a potentially game-changing court challenge. The Union of Solicitor General Employees

accuses the RCMP's taxpayer-subsidized Staff Relations Representatives (SRRs) of "constant attacks and degrading comments" against almost 7,000 public-service employees. Ottawa Citizen, A4

Meadow Lake standoff ends with arrest

A two-hour standoff near Meadow Lake ended peacefully with the arrest of one man who now faces assault and weapons charges. The StarPhoenix, A3; Leader-Post

Guns stolen from rural home

The Rose Valley RCMP is asking for the public's assistance in tracking down the suspect or suspects who stole a number of firearms on Friday from a residence near Kelvington. The StarPhoenix, A4

*** Officer had severe dependency**

According to an addiction expert, RCMP Cpl. Benjamin "Monty" Robinson suffered from severe alcohol dependence at the time of a fatal crash 3½ years ago. The Province, A3; Times Colonist

*** Ottawa on high alert**

An opinion piece states, "Maybe people are used to it in Ottawa, but still, it's startling. The police presence, that is. Since the last time I was on Parliament Hill, the place has sprouted stone barricades to stop vehicles, fences with narrow gates to slow protesters - and there's now a regular and hefty police population, RCMP officers in electric-green vests with, let's face it, not very much to do except let their vans idle in the cold and make small talk back and forth... For what? Well, after a half an hour or so, protest banners and signs came around the corner, and you could hear whistles, drums and slogans. The protest was made up of Congolese Canadians protesting what they called tacit support by the Canadian and American governments for the government of Congo - a government the protesters said has been complicit in eight million deaths in the region..." The Telegram, A6

*** Un enfant fait une overdose de GHB**

-- Une fillette de 7 ans, de Langley, en Colombie-Britannique, a été hospitalisée samedi soir après avoir bu de l'eau dans laquelle aurait été ajoutée du GHB, communément appelé drogue du viol. Journal Montreal, 4; The Province

*** Government's moves a contradiction in terms**

A letter states, "It would seem there is a contradiction in terms regarding how the Harper government operates. On the one hand, it is gutting the federal gun registry; on the other, it is imposing a policing of our Internet use. Was this not the same government that said the gun registry was imposing restrictions on individual's rights and freedoms?..." Times Colonist, A11

*** Former mobster De Vito to be sentenced for smuggling cocaine**

A man who was once the target of a four-year manhunt now faces the prospect of a lengthy prison term for drug smuggling as his wife prepares to go on trial in the deaths of their two daughters while he was in hiding. Giuseppe De Vito, 45, was targeted in Project Colisée, the police investigation into the Mafia in Montreal and its associates. The Gazette, A4

*** Suspicious death at Montreal Lake**

RCMP are investigating a suspicious death on the Montreal Lake Cree Nation. StarPhoenix, A4

BC MISSING WOMEN INQUIRY / ENQUÊTE SUR LES FEMMES DISPARUES DE LA C.-B.

*** Former Vancouver police chief denies coverup**

The man who was Vancouver's police chief from 1999 to 2002 - when serial killer Robert Pickton was stepping up his homicidal attacks on Downtown Eastside women - took the stand at the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry on Monday as lawyers traded shots over the commission's integrity. Former VPD Chief Const. Terry Blythe, who was chief from December 1999 to August 2002, has retained respected and costly Toronto lawyer Edward Greenspan, who began Monday by attacking claims the inquiry has become a "coverup." Leader-Post, A10 (StarPhoenix, Windsor Star, The Province, Times Colonist); London Free Press (Calgary Sun, Red Deer Advocate); Vancouver Sun

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Burglar fighting removal attempt

An Ottawa-born thief is taking the federal government to court to fight a deportation order. Deepan Budlakoti's lawyer has filed a motion seeking a hearing in Federal Court with the hopes his client won't be deported to India. The Tory government in June issued the deportation order against Budlakoti, who is the son of one-time domestic servants employed by the High Commission of India. Ottawa Citizen, C3

Toward a better refugee-determination system

An editorial states, "... Last week the federal government introduced what it calls the Protecting Canada's Immigration Act, legislation intended to make it more difficult for what Immigration Minister Jason Kenney calls "bogus" refugee claimants to game the system, and to streamline the existing cumbersome screening process... The legislation also proposes harsher penalties for those who engage in human smuggling, as well as for asylum-seekers who pay smuggling syndicates to get them to Canadian shores. And it allows for the collection of biometric data - fingerprints and digital photos - of people entering Canada on a visitor visa, a work permit or a study visa. Both of these measures are advisable. Human smuggling is an odious enterprise that should be severely punished. And while the smugglers' clients are perhaps desperate people in many cases, they are nevertheless participants in an illegal activity that should be strongly discouraged..." The Gazette, A18

*** Criminals, yes**

A letter states, "On the front page of the Friday Spectator, I read about immigration officials allowing a criminal to remain in Hamilton to be part of a human trafficking ring that coerced other immigrants into being his "slaves." Why on earth have these same officials been so diligent in trying to break up the Lucene Charles family?..." Hamilton Spectator, A15

*** Deportee bolts custody at Pearson**

Canadian police and border agents are searching for a Chilean man who bolted to freedom at Pearson airport as he was being deported from Canada. A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for the suspect, whose identity has not been released by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). Officers said the suspect, who was in Canada illegally, escaped about three weeks ago, but the CBSA did not provide the public with information at the time about the incident. Toronto Sun, 3 (Whig-Standard, Edmonton Sun, London Free Press)

*** Restaurateur and kin denied refugee status, being sent back to uncertain fate in China**

A well-liked Etobicoke restaurateur and his family are being deported to China, forcing the closure of their popular eatery and a loss of jobs for five workers, including two Canadians. Zhuo Yi Jiang arrived in Canada in 2002 with wife, Wei Hang Ye, both 40, and their son Jia Jun Jiang, 11. They later became parents of a Canadianborn daughter, Zhi Jun, 7. The family has to report to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), on Airport Rd., on Tuesday to make arrangements for their deportation. Toronto Sun, 8

*** Kicked out of Canada**

Clato Mabior has been kicked out of Canada, the Canada Border Services Agency reported Monday. Mabior, whose high-profile sexual assault case regarding non-disclosure of HIV status is still being considered by the Supreme Court, was removed to his homeland of South Sudan Feb. 15, the CBSA said in a statement. Winnipeg Sun, 4; Whig-Standard; Windsor Star; Red Deer Advocate

*** Dans la mire de l'oncle Sam**

La justice n'a jamais eu le bras aussi long pour traquer des Québécois soupçonnés d'un crime commis aux États-Unis ou des Américains en cavale à Montréal. Les États-Unis ont adressé pas moins de 136 requêtes aux tribunaux canadiens afin de traduire autant de fugitifs devant la justice américaine, au cours de la dernière année. C'est deux fois plus qu'il y a 10 ans, selon des données obtenues par le Journal auprès du ministère fédéral de la Justice. Journal Montreal, 3

*** Un suspect pas comme les autres**

En entrevue au Journal de sa cellule d'une prison de la grande région de Montréal, Éric Bédard ironisait en évoquant le nom du célèbre caïd colombien de la drogue, la semaine dernière. Parmi les Québécois que la justice américaine tente présentement de faire sortir du Canada, le cas de ce Montréalais de 36 ans a de quoi surprendre. Journal Montreal, 2

*** Drug smuggler pleads guilty, gets two years**

A B.C. man who admitted that he helped smuggle hundreds of kilograms of cocaine with an ex-Mountie and a border guard has been handed a two-year sentence in a Seattle courtroom. Anthony Jurcev, 26, could have spent anywhere from a decade to life behind bars for his role in the elaborate cross-border smuggling ring that U.S. authorities have linked to the Hells Angels. Vancouver Sun, A5

*** Refugee bill lacks balance**

An editorial states, "Since the Conservatives took power in 2006, fewer of the immigrants arriving in Canada are coming as refugees. As a share of all newcomers, refugees have gone down - from 13.7 per cent to 9.2 per cent. Yet Immigration

Minister Jason Kenney says Ottawa must do more to crack down on "bogus refugees" who are clogging up the system and costing taxpayers too much money. He is proposing legislation that would rapidly deport two types of refugee claimants: those who come to Canada as part of a part of an "irregular arrival" (any vehicle or network suspected of smuggling people) and those who come from countries he considers safe (such as Hungary)... Toronto Star, A16

*** Practical limit to kindness**

An editorial states, "The federal government states that in 2011 Canada received 5,800 asylum claims from people living in European Union countries. In fact, according to Ottawa, Canada gets more applications for refugee status from Europe than from either Asia or Africa. Of those 5,800 claims, 95 per cent were either abandoned, withdrawn by the applicant or rejected by Canadian immigration officials... "We are sending a message today," Kenney said. "If you do not need Canada's protection, we will give you access to our fair asylum system quickly and then send you home quickly." The legislation also bolsters the government's ability to crack down on human smugglers and will require visa applicants to provide fingerprints and a digital photograph, moves aimed at limiting incoming threats to national security..." Leader-Post, A12

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

AFN voices concerns about crime bill's effects

The government's omnibus crime bill could put more aboriginals behind bars rather than addressing the source of high crime and incarceration rates among native Canadians, says the Assembly of First Nations. The AFN told senators reviewing Bill C-10, known as the Safe Streets and Communities Act, that it could override rules allowing courts to consider alternatives to incarceration for aboriginal offenders, rules the Supreme Court outlined in its 1999 Gladue ruling. Those rules have tried to deal with what the AFN argued were unique issues facing aboriginals that cannot always be addressed by the corrections system. AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo said First Nations want to keep more of their offenders in aboriginal-run institutions where they can receive help from community elders and targeted rehabilitation plans. StarPhoenix, A13 (Leader-Post, Times & Transcript, The Province) * Red Deer Advocate

*** Jail time for James?**

Kennedy credits Gilhooly as being the driving force in exposing James after he received a pardon for his prior crimes. The revelation prompted widespread public outrage and an overhaul of the pardon system. Gilhooly expressed no hope the courts can mete out true justice. He derided the justice system as being soft on child-sex offenders, pointing to the sentence James got in his prior case. "In Canada, you can be a drug dealer and get nine years," he said. "You can be a serial pedophile and get 31/2 years. Something is dramatically wrong with the system," Gilhooly said. "My anger stems from a concern about the message we're sending society." Ottawa Sun, 41 (Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun)

*** Convicted killer flees Stan Daniels**

Officials are searching for an inmate who has been on the lam since Sunday night. Correctional Service Canada says Michael Bearboy has been missing from the Stan Daniels Healing Centre since 9:30 p.m. Sunday. Bearboy was released to serve at a halfway house on Feb. 4, 2011, but disappeared on Feb. 27. He is serving a seven-year, four-month sentence for manslaughter and escaped from lawful custody. Edmonton Sun, 3, Edmonton Journal

*** Mandatory minimums needed**

An opinion piece states, "... No doubt those who crafted the mandatory minimum did not foresee Smickle's situation. But before we declare absolute the idea government should just let judges judge, in the belief the system will wisely adjudicate, let's remember Andre Dexter Bourne and his victim, Ronell Williams. Bourne's story is one of consistent leniency on the part of the courts and serial crime on the part of Bourne; a poster boy for mandatory sentencing... Previously, judges consistently paroled Bourne back onto the street. He could be out again by the time he's 40. If judges want judicial discretion, they have to make responsible decisions when they get the chance..." Toronto Sun, 23

*** The trouble with zero tolerance**

An opinion piece states, "Fans of arbitrary and inflexible laws are astonished to discover that these laws are arbitrary and inflexible. What is it about the Leroy Smickle case that comes as such a surprise to those who supported the federal Conservatives' blunderbuss anti-crime bill? Zero tolerance means a defendant has no excuse. Mandatory minimums mean a judge has no sentencing options. That's kind of the way absolutism works... The greatest irony in the wake of Madam Justice Anne Malloy's defiance of parliamentary law in the Smickle case is the praise some conservatives are heaping on her. Zero tolerance and mandatory minimums were designed precisely to take discretion away from judges who are regarded by conservatives as being part of the liberal plot against a civil society... You can't think an absolutist approach on law and order is a great idea and then say "but in this case..." Unless the government amends its crime legislation there will be more and more cases like Smickle. And you can't say we weren't warned." National Post, A12

*** Don't crowd out rehabilitation**

An editorial states, "While a ruling by a lower court in Ontario that's raising eyebrows about the nature of mandatory minimum sentences could be dismaying to Stephen Harper's law-and-order Conservatives, it may be greeted with a measure of relief by those concerned about increasing overcrowding at the Grand Valley Institution for Women in Kitchener... Worries about a growing Canadian prison population flowing from that legislation have clearly registered with Howard Sapers, Canada's correctional investigator, who is concerned that even with additions to Grand Valley, they may not be sufficient to meet the demands that could be placed on the 177-prisoner facility (whose population has almost tripled since its opening in 1997) One of the results of that burgeoning population is a lengthening wait list for rehabilitation programs at the Kitchener institution... It must be asked of those who advocate tough-on-crime agendas if they have lost focus of the rehabilitative aspect of corrections... It would be a true misfortune if overcrowding and transfers away from the prison led to the eventual crowding out of truly beneficial rehabilitative efforts." The Record, A8

*** Isn't spanking a relic of a bygone era?**

An opinion piece states, "... It comes as a surprise to me that we're still discussing the pros and cons of spanking in this country. A recent report in the Canadian Medical Association Journal suggests spanking will make children more aggressive, that it ought to be illegal. The report's authors, with two decades of research to back their argument, think the federal government should remove Section 43 from the Criminal Code that allows physical punishment in certain circumstances..." Edmonton Journal, F1

*** Pomerleau nabs prison contract**

A major Quebec construction company in the running to build the Northeast Nova Scotia Correctional Facility near Coalburn, Pictou County, snagged a federal contract Monday for a \$21.3-million expansion of the Atlantic Institution at Renous in New Brunswick. The contract to add a 96-bed maximum security unit to the federal prison was awarded to Pomerleau Inc., which has offices in Dartmouth and has been operating in Atlantic Canada for about a decade. The Union of Canadian Correctional Officers welcomed the development. Besides Renous, a national build-out and renewal of federal penitentiaries includes expansions in Atlantic Canada at Springhill Institution (192 beds), the Nova Scotia Institution for Women in Truro (18 beds) and the Westmoreland Institution at Dorchester (50 beds). Chronicle-Herald, C5

*** Good on the A-Gs**

A letter states, "Congratulations to the former attorneys-general for acknowledging - even if they did it from the sidelines - the elephant in the room. It is obvious that we are losing the war on drugs. And if we are losing, the gangsters are winning, reminiscent of the earlier alcohol prohibition. Legalizing the sale of marijuana, which is no more dangerous than tobacco or liquor, would be a bold and exciting innovation in the distribution of this much-maligned plant. It could be distributed from the already established government liquor stores and taxed like cigarettes and liquor..." The Province, A17

*** Bellemare veut corriger les " faussetés " dites par le ministre Fournier**

C'est demain, à Ottawa, que l'avocat Marc Bellemare ira défendre le controversé projet de loi C-10 au Sénat. Il entend rectifier les " faussetés " répandues par l'actuel ministre de la Justice Jean-Marc Fournier. Me Bellemare a été convoqué à 10 h 30, mercredi, par le Comité sénatorial permanent des Affaires juridiques et constitutionnelles qui étudie le projet de loi adopté aux Communes en décembre. L'avocat de Québec espère faire contrepoids à Jean-Marc Fournier qui s'était présenté aux Communes, en novembre dernier, pour demander au gouvernement conservateur de faire marche arrière avec ce projet de loi omnibus sur la criminalité. Le Journal de Montréal, 18

INTERNATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

*** UK announces plans for big Olympic security test**

Britain is planning a massive Olympics security exercise around a mock emergency on the London subway system. The security test announced Monday envisions that an emergency takes place on the busiest days of the 2012 London Olympics, which will run from July 27-Aug. 12. Red Deer Advocate, D5

*** U.K. agency restructured after border security lapses**

Britain shook up its troubled border agency Monday after admitting that security checks at ports and airports had been suspended or applied inconsistently for the past five years. Globe and Mail, A14

OTHER / AUTRE

Netanyahu to visit Canada in early March

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is planning to visit Stephen Harper March 2, as Israel faces warnings not to rush into launching military strikes against Iran. The visit will come on Mr. Netanyahu's way to Washington where he is to meet U.S. President Barack Obama on March 5 and attend the conference of the lobbying group, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Globe and Mail, A10

*** Plus de 1700 Canadiens sont détenus hors du pays**

Plus de 1700 citoyens canadiens sont détenus en dehors du Canada, dont un nombre impressionnant dans des prisons américaines, incluant Omar Khadr, indiquent des données obtenues par La Presse. Au 15 janvier 2012, 1708 citoyens canadiens étaient incarcérés sur la planète, dont 1228 aux États-Unis, contre 1073 dans le monde et 551 aux États-Unis en septembre 2009. L'Acadie Nouvelle, 17

*** Sending mixed mental health messages**

Even as a national suicide prevention bill passed second reading last week, Canada's public service bureaucrats are still covered by an archaic provision that stigmatizes suicide by denying disability benefits to those who have attempted it.

Ottawa Citizen, A1

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MINISTER / MINISTRE

Not without a fight

An editorial states, "The most disappointing moment in the otherwise heartening backlash against the Protecting Children from Online Predators Act came right at the beginning, immediately after **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** issued his immortal Question Period ultimatum. **Mr. Toews** was defending a law that would, among other things, allow government agents to march into your Internet service provider, without a warrant, and "examine any document, information or thing." In this regard, he said Liberal MP Francis Scarpaleggia, and by extension all Canadians, "**can either stand with us or with the child pornographers.**" He deserved - Canadian democracy deserved - nothing less than a humiliating, well-crafted, immediate putdown. He didn't even get a "for shame." Members of Parliament have said stupider things in the House of Commons. But rarely do they turn and fire on a significant sub-population of their own parties - in this case civil libertarians, the more doctrinaire of whom often vote Conservative (or used to)... In a dozen words, **Mr. Toews** encapsulated both the intellectual bankruptcy of the post-9/11 security/freedom equation and the capricious, self indulgent doltishness that sometimes infects the Conservative government's policymaking. Any high school student should be able to identify and debunk the fallacy **Mr. Toews** was employing; to defend the intrinsic value of freedom and privacy; to articulate the dangers of handing governments excessive and unnecessary powers. In a parallel Canadian political universe, this was an opportunity for Mr. Scarpaleggia to make a notable contribution to Hansard. Instead, he simply reasked the questions that earned him **Mr. Toews'** cretinous rebuke. It is not even clear that he heard what **Mr. Toews** said... I don't mean to pick on Mr. Scarpaleggia. That's our Parliament. But watching him and **Mr. Toews** reading desultorily from their prepared scripts, in a room of people so unengaged that **Mr. Toews'** statement went all but unnoticed, one is reminded just how poorly served Canadian civil libertarians have been. One is reminded, as indeed **Mr. Toews** reminded Mr. Scarpaleggia, that the push for this sort of legislation originated in Liberal times... So, I think **Mr. Toews'** comment sealed the deal. In the light of day, the War on Terror-era "you're with us or you're with the terrorists" argument is cringe-inducing; sub in criminals for terrorists and it's laughable. More importantly, though, I suspect **Mr. Toews** finally confirmed a certain suspicion among many Canadians: When the government tells you it needs to limit your privacy or freedom, what it probably means is that it wants to limit your privacy and freedom and thinks you won't put up a fight. It's delightful to see this government proved wrong." National Post, A8

Intrusive and scary

An opinion piece states, "**Federal Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** refers to Bill C-30 as a law to protect children from Internet predators. In truth, it is a much larger piece of legislation that may undermine due process... But there are a few more elements of the law that have gone by quietly but are worthy of attention. For example, the government could unwittingly harm the business of struggling tech firm Research In Motion... C-30 could also turn into a boondoggle. For one, firms directed to install extra monitoring equipment could be entitled to compensation... The committee of MPs tasked with looking over Bill C-30 needs to rip it to shreds and fix the mistakes. But it would be much better if the **minister** withdraws this bill, gets government lawyers to work on a rewrite before reintroducing it in smaller, more manageable pieces..." Edmonton Sun, 15

Toews' critics sink lower

An opinion piece states, "... **He can either stand with us or with the child pornographers,**" a Liberal MP was told on the floor of the House of Commons by **Vic Toews**. That's **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews. Member of Her Majesty's Privy Council Vic Toews. The Honourable Vic Toews**. It shouldn't have been as shocking as it was, I suppose. **Toews** has said much the same several times. And it was **Toews** who repeatedly claimed critics of the government's justice policies - including the Canadian Bar Association - are "pro-crime."... And the day after **Vic Toews** made his latest

loathsome comment, who was it who said in the House of Commons "With respect to child pornography, our party is very much against it, and I encourage the NDP to join us in taking that stand"? Prime Minister Stephen Harper... But somehow, finally, **Vic Toews** went too far. He didn't just make me want to puke on my shoes. He sickened millions of Canadians and there was widespread revulsion. At last. If only it had ended there. But along came some person or persons calling themselves "vikileaks30." Said person or persons found **Vic Toews'** divorce records and broadcast them, verbatim, on Twitter. This was simply wrong. Not illegal. But wrong. It was not, as many claimed, a legitimate protest against **Toews'** Bill C-10, which would create a system of warrantless Internet surveillance... **Toews'** divorce records may be public documents in the sense that a determined person can lawfully find them and read them but there's a vast amount of private and potentially humiliating information available in public documents, as every private detective and opposition researcher knows... I don't doubt there are people who have thought carefully about these issues, who hold a consistent standard, and concluded that **Toews'** divorce is a legitimate public concern. I don't agree. But I can respect that view. What I can't respect - what again made me want to puke - were the many cheap and transparent rationalizations of people who despise the **minister** and his government and were thrilled that the low-blow gang was hit with a very low blow. I understand the temptation... Maybe you think the Conservatives are governing badly. (I do.) Maybe you think C-10 is a horrible bill. (Me, too.) Doesn't matter. The government remains legitimate and democratically mandated: When people use a tactic like extortion to force the government to change course they are subverting democracy... If only we could put **Vic Toews**, the sleazemongers, and the Internet zealots together on an ice floe. They deserve each other." Ottawa Citizen, A15

Babysitting the Parliament playpen

An opinion piece states, "... Meanwhile, the House moved on, providing the Speaker with no rest for his weary mind as he cogitated on his present predicament. First, **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** tabled legislation that would expand the warrantless snooping powers of law enforcement agencies across the country. He argued the change was necessary to combat online evil-doers as they seek to destroy the flowers of our youth with child pornography... Then, building on federal security reports identifying Greenpeace and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals as "multi-issue extremists" and "eco-terrorists," **Toews** unveiled a new crime-fighting strategy that, according to a *Globe and Mail* report, posits as threats, "eco-extremists, animal rights radicals and anti-capitalists, as well as white supremacists and foreign terror groups."..." Times & Transcript, D6

Encore trois ans!!! Patience...

Un article d'opinion déclare, « Selon nos propres rumeurs, il paraît que l'être humain n'a jamais été aussi bien informé... Ainsi, le citoyen qui s'intéresse à la vie politique canadienne aura fort à faire pour débroussailler tout ce que nous rapportent les médias, et les échos des médias répercutés par d'autres citoyens, au sujet de l'abolition du registre des armes d'épaule, par exemple, ou encore du projet de loi C-30 visant (officiellement) à combattre la cybercriminalité... Bon, un mince rayon d'espoir: le ministre de la Sécurité publique, **Vic Toews**, a reconnu que le projet pouvait être bonifié et il semble que des modifications sensibles seront apportées à ce projet de loi. Grand bien nous fasse!... » L'Acadie Nouvelle, 13

Vic, James et Larry

Un article d'opinion déclare, « ... En 2012, nous avons droit à **Vic, James et Larry**; c'est du grand burlesque, mais ils sont loin de nous faire rire... C'est au tour de **Vic Toews, ministre conservateur de la Sécurité publique**, de **James Moore**, ministre conservateur du Patrimoine et **Larry Miller**, député conservateur à vouloir voler la vedette au sénateur conservateur **Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu**... Pour **Vic Toews**, la torture est un moyen pour obtenir des renseignements... » La Voix de l'Est, 10

If you value your privacy, be concerned

An opinion piece states, "**Federal Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** is being roundly scorned for comments he made last week concerning the government's proposed online surveillance bill. Referring to critics of the bill, **Toews** said they "*can either stand with us or with the child pornographers.*" His asinine remark earned condemnation across the political spectrum. But perhaps we should be thanking the **minister**. His clumsy attempt to polarize the country on the subject helped propel this story to centre stage, which quickly caused the government to turn tail and kick this ridiculous and dangerous legislation back to committee where, we hope, it will die a quick death. Contrary to what the **minister** would have you believe, the millions of Canadians who have spoken out against this unwarranted intrusion into their private lives are not on the side of child pornographers. We are on the side of finding an appropriate balance between being tough on legitimate bad guys and preserving the dwindling freedoms and privacy Canadians cherish. This proposed law is bad in dozens of ways... This failed attempt to intrude on your personal life is brought to you by the same government that scrapped the long-form census because it sought information - such as how many televisions are in your house - too personal for public research. Yet they want police to have unfettered access to much of our personal information. How's that for irony?" The Guardian, A11

Un sale coup bas

Un article d'opinion déclare, « Tous les coups sont permis pour une certaine gauche, y compris les plus sales. Quand elle est incapable d'argumenter de façon rationnelle, elle cherche à décapiter ceux qui pensent différemment d'elle. Le **ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique, Vic Toews**, a vu il y a quelques jours un passage tourmenté de sa vie privée étalé sur Twitter. L'attaque vicieuse contre sa personne a été attribuée au NPD, qui s'en défend... » Journal de Montréal, 22

Toews off-target

A letter to the editor states, "Regarding **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** remarks about killing the long-gun registry, *"it does nothing to help put an end to gun crimes, nor has it saved one Canadian life,"* I ask where is the evidence for this claim? Does it not make sense that knowing the location of every shotgun and rifle in Canada gave an edge to Canada's law enforcement? It seems that **Toews'** only evidence for destroying the long-gun registry was idealism. He says *"that's really what the long-gun registry is about ... it's attempting to criminalize a way of life."*... And now, only time and gun crime statistics will truly show if **Toews'** ideology held any truth." Leader-Post, A8; Edmonton Sun; Hamilton Spectator; Hamilton Spectator; * The Province

*** Back chat**

Many readers weren't thrilled to learn that police support Bill C-30, the controversial legislation that gives government agents easier access to the private information of Internet users. Fear of a police state continues to build. Join the conversation at: theprovince.com/opinion. **Vic Toews**, Stephen Harper, RCMP and local police just don't want to play by the rules. That is what the Constitution grants us all. If the police need to get information on a suspected child predator, they can obtain a court order. Otherwise, stay out of our private affairs. They already have enough power..." The Province, A19

Sticks and stones

An opinion piece states, "... Last week, a firestorm of protest broke out over **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** proposed legislation to allow greater police access to online activity by private citizens. Several people sent tongue-in-cheek tweets to **Toews** revealing mundane details of their private lives. There were also letters, petitions and blog postings. But one campaign took a decidedly nasty tone. Someone armed with records of **Toews'** divorce proceedings, as well as his public spending habits, issued a steady stream of tweets under the Twitter name **Vikileaks30**. It was ugly and personal. When the tweets were traced to the Parliament building, **Toews** decried it as gutter politics. He even asked police to investigate. So far, the RCMP have not said anything about the "leaks" of public information, though they are looking into an apparent death threat against the **minister. Toews**, meanwhile, has indicated he would entertain amendments to the legislation. Nonetheless, a new online campaign surfaced this week from an underground group calling itself "Anonymous." As well as reviving the **Vikileaks** tweets, the group posted an ominous video displaying its mysterious logo... What makes it even more disturbing is that it may signal a new approach for opposition forces in this country: fight sleaze with sleaze... It's a little rich, therefore, for a Tory minister to point fingers over clandestine manoeuvres. But that still doesn't make it right... This is one instance where two wrongs don't make a right." The Telegram, A63

*** Toews: the poetic romantic a puzzling fellow**

An opinion piece states, "We are not here today to discuss the **Honourable Victor Toews, MP for Provencher and minister of public safety**, gentle readers. He has received too much public scrutiny in that role lately, most of it related to his proposed Internet surveillance bill and, as a tangential result, his divorce from his wife of 33 years. We are here today instead to examine **Vic Toews**, poetry lover, unabashed devotee of William Butler Yeats and eloquent writer of public love notes to his second wife and their young son. What the heck was he thinking? This newspaper has not written in detail about the **Toews** divorce. It won't begin today... In a weekend letter to constituents, Manitoba's senior federal cabinet minister claimed online protests against his proposed Internet surveillance bill escalated to threats of "criminal acts" against him and his family. **Toews** made reference to his divorce in the letter: *"I want you to know that I have never responded publicly to the specific allegations made in these affidavits nor will I ever do so."* Here's where the poetry came in: *"The other night, while I was reading my favourite poet, William Butler Yeats, I came across these lines: " 'Yet they that know all things but know 'That all this life can give us is 'A child's laughter, a woman's kiss.' "No words could ever describe my love for my young son and my spouse any better. What a fortunate man I am to have them in my life."*... I had never read Yeats before **Toews** said he was his favourite poet. I don't have a favourite poet. I am partial to doggerel, especially as it relates to ladies from Nantucket... **Vic Toews** objected to having the details of his divorce made public. In that context, his decision to publicly proclaim his love for his second wife (presumably his Aillinn) is a real head-scratcher. If you want your privacy respected, why reference a poem where devoted lovers are prevented by society from being together? I'll rephrase: In light of a divorce that was rapidly followed by a remarriage and a baby, what the heck were you thinking? **Vic Toews** is entitled to his privacy. For now at least, he can use email to tell his wife how much he loves her without worrying someone is reading over his shoulder." Winnipeg Free Press, B1

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Cops pitch online powers

Current provisions in the Criminal Code that allow police to get a general warrant anytime they want are not focused enough to track child pornographers online, a Senate committee heard Tuesday. Investigators from the RCMP and Ontario Provincial Police told the committee that legislation has not kept up with technology and that police need every tool available to combat child pornography online, including the ability to look deeper into IP addresses. That was a reference to the government's anti-cybercrime legislation, bill C-30. It came as police testified before the Senate legal and constitutional affairs committee, which is reviewing another crime bill, C-10, known as the Safe Streets and Communities Act. Both bills have attracted criticism, but it was C-30 that last week caught the ire of Conservative backbenchers and online experts, who said the bill could erode personal privacy online. Windsor Star, C1 (Daily Gleaner)

*** Law enforcement officials defend proposed bill**

Increasing access to personal information isn't about spying on citizens, says Kingston Police Chief Stephen Tanner, but about evolving with technology to keep individuals safe. "I don't think anywhere in law enforcement in Canada we have excess officers with available time to be doing anything other than the investigations that we're tasked with," Tanner said. "People want us to solve those more serious crimes." Tanner was reacting to criticism sparked by Bill C-30, the Investigating and Preventing Criminal Electronic Communications Act, which was introduced in the House of Commons last week. Kingston Whig-Standard, 1

*** Smile for Big Brother**

An opinion piece states, "There's been much comment recently on the insidious potential of the federal government's proposed Internet snooping laws. Under the disingenuous guise of catching child pornographers, Ottawa would like to make it far easier for authorities to see what we're all up to online. But the feds are by no means the only ones who'd like to brush aside your privacy in the interests of efficient law enforcement. Provincially, we need look no further than the Stanley Cup riots to see how when the going gets tough, safeguards get tossed in the name of catching the bad guys... Too often in our zeal to catch the bad guys, we don't pay attention or care enough about what we're giving up. Big Brother is indeed watching." Times Colonist, A10

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

*** Japanese quake an ominous portent of British Columbia 'megaquake'**

Scientists are still unravelling last year's giant Tohoku earthquake and tsunami in Japan, and some of what they're finding doesn't bode well for British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest. Detailed analyses of the way the Earth warped along the Japanese coast suggest that shaking from a Cascadia megaquake could be stronger than expected along the coasts of Washington, Oregon and B.C., researchers reported at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Leader-Post, C8 (StarPhoenix)

*** N.B. coastline must prepare for rising sea levels: expert**

Coastal communities in Canada, including those in low-lying areas of New Brunswick, will have to start thinking about whether they want to retreat or defend their land in the face of rising sea levels. Times & Transcript, C8 (Daily Gleaner)

*** Lepreau station needs seismic study - watchdog**

New Brunswick's conservation watchdog says NB Power must delay restarting its nuclear reactor at Point Lepreau - which is already three years behind schedule - until the public utility has completed an earthquake hazards study. The Conservation Council of New Brunswick said Point Lepreau couldn't withstand a serious earthquake, a point of contention when the nuclear generating station was built. Daily Gleaner, A6 (New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal); Chronicle-Herald; L'Acadie Nouvelle

*** Emergency radio system integration ditched**

A plan to integrate the separate emergency radio systems for the three Maritime provinces has been scrapped, two years after it was announced. The plan would have provided a digital upgrade to replace several systems in place for first responders such as police, firefighters and search organizations. The provinces decided to abandon the plan after evaluating the technical requirements and costs to provide the system, Aaron Campbell, the director of public safety for Prince Edward Island, said Tuesday. The Guardian, A3

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

*** Harkat appeal puts law to renewed test**

Canada's new and improved security certificate law continues to deny terror suspects the detailed information they need to defend themselves, the Federal Court of Appeal has heard. Norm Boxall, a lawyer for Ottawa's Mohamed Harkat, told the appeal court Tuesday that the government introduced important safeguards when the law was remade in 2008, but did not go far enough. The Harkat case is the first to test the revised law with a challenge under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Ottawa Citizen, A4; Ottawa Sun; The Guardian (Whitehorse Star, Red Deer Advocate); Le Droit

*** Former B.C. engineer freed from Indonesian jail**

A Canadian engineer found guilty of corporate espionage in Indonesia has been released from jail after his three-year sentence was reduced to six months. Rick van Lee, 63, is now with his wife, Nieves (Maria) Navarro, in Singapore after an Indonesian High Court judge decided on Feb. 2 to reduce a lower court's sentence, according to a website set up by van Lee's friends and associates. Vancouver Sun, A9

*** CSIS got a chuckle MP's Chinese flirtation**

The intrigue launched by coquettish correspondence between Bob Dechert and a Chinese reporter was more comedy than thriller for Canada's spy service. Emails sent after the Conservative MP's amorous notes to a reporter for China's state news agency were made public suggest some within the Canadian Security Intelligence Service got a chuckle out of the whole affair. One email chain carries the subject line "By far, my favourite news story this year." A recipient of the email wrote back: "Scandal. haha." The emails circulated around CSIS in the days after news broke of Dechert's flirtatious exchange with Xinhua News Agency correspondent Shi Rong. Toronto Star, A11

*** Military presence needed**

Outside of one mishap involving a Griffon helicopter clipping high-voltage power lines from the Snare hydro generating station there is a lot to consider regarding the presence of the Armed Forces in the Northwest Territories for Exercise Arctic Ram. The incident that plunged the city of Yellowknife into darkness for two hours during the evening of Feb. 13 and fortunately did not result in loss of life among the chopper's three occupants, has generated many a conversation around town. Yellowknifer

CONTRACT POLICING / LES SERVICES DE POLICE À CONTRAT

*** No Esquimalt police decision until the fall**

In what has already been a longdrawn out process, Esquimalt residents will have to wait until the fall to find out if Victoria police will continue to police the community or if the Mounties replace them. Mayor Barb Desjardins said Tuesday the township will have to wait until the province signs the new contract with the RCMP in late March and then receive more clarification from the Mounties on their proposal for policing Esquimalt. Times Colonist, A6

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND POLICING / LA POLICE ET DE L'APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Ironic actions

A letter states, "Isn't it ironic that in the same week the Harper government abolished the gun registry under the pretext that it treats innocent people as criminals, it also introduced an Orwellian surveillance bill targeting cellphone and Internet users that does just that?" The StarPhoenix, A10

Threatening voice mail gives directions to marijuana garden

A man who threatened to kill a pension administrator if \$144,000 in cash wasn't delivered to his house was obviously delusional when he left a frightening voice mail, his lawyer said. Dana Earle MacCuish effectively reported himself as a grower of marijuana when he left the message, noted defence lawyer Morris Bodnar, speaking Tuesday in Saskatoon provincial court. Police found a number of rifles and shotguns inside, as well as 36 marijuana plants. MacCuish was charged with possession of marijuana and production of marijuana. The StarPhoenix, A4

Mountie drank after fatal crash

A Mountie involved with the infamous death of Polish immigrant Robert Dziekanski at the Vancouver airport in 2007 denied Tuesday he drank with the intention of blocking a police investigation into a fatal crash in 2008 in which a motorcyclist died. Windsor Star, A9; * The Province

*** Mountie shooting suspect absent in courthouse**

A man facing charges of attempted murder in connection with the shootings of two RCMP officers did not make his first appearance in court Tuesday. RCMP say Sawyer Robison -- who is being held in the Edmonton Remand Centre -- was not required to make the trip to a Killam courthouse. Edmonton Sun, 18 (Calgary Sun); The Guardian

*** Airport Taser fuelled alcoholism, Mountie says**

An RCMP corporal on trial for obstruction of justice blames his severe alcohol dependence on his involvement in the Taser of a Polish immigrant. Benjamin (Monty) Robinson, 41, took the witness stand Tuesday at his trial in British Columbia Supreme Court in New Westminster. Robinson is charged in connection with an unrelated incident that killed 21-year-old motorcyclist Orion Hutchinson. He is best known for being one of four officers who were involved in the Taser of Polish immigrant Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver International Airport in October 2007. The 40-year-old died moments after being hit numerous times with a Taser. Edmonton Journal, A11 (Times Colonist, Calgary Herald)

*** Quebec judge urges citizens to help corruption crackdown in province**

Citizens are being asked to do their part to root out the rot in Quebec's construction industry. Whig-Standard, 12; Le Devoir (La Voix de l'Est)

*** Psychiatrist confirms Monroe was delusional**

A forensic psychiatrist has confirmed a colleague's opinion that Lee Christopher Monroe was delusional and suffering from paranoid schizophrenia long before he stabbed a Mountie at the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team office in Calgary on June 1, 2010. Calgary Herald, B2

*** Dead man linked to Hells Angels**

A man found dead on a Montague Gold Mines road Sunday night had a Hells Angels connection and was shot in the back of his head, The Chronicle Herald has learned. Chronicle-Herald, A1

*** Native leaders wary of Ottawa relationship**

Manitoba chiefs have joined those in Saskatchewan in condemning an action plan to improve the lives of native people, saying it was crafted without their input by the Assembly of First Nations and the federal government. The rejection strikes another blow at attempts by AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo to forge a new relationship with Ottawa. Globe and Mail, A10

BC MISSING WOMEN INQUIRY / ENQUÊTE SUR LES FEMMES DISPARUES DE LA C.-B.

*** Inquiry to move to more 'co-operative' approach**

The head of a commission of inquiry raking over the police probe that ended with the arrest of serial killer Robert Pickton announced Tuesday that after 52 days of hearings, 150,000 pages of evidence and often heated arguments between top lawyers, he will switch to a "less adversarial" panel approach as soon as next week. Now, commissioner Wally Oppal said, it is time to move toward "a more co-operative approach," although panel members still will speak under oath. Oppal said he now hopes to "work collaboratively with communities, police agencies, governments and women at risk to develop new strategies to protect women at risk." Leader-Post, A6 (StarPhoenix); Globe and Mail; National Post; Vancouver Sun

*** Inquiry releases reports on ways to protect women**

The missing women's inquiry has released four reports meant to spark debate about how to protect and police British Columbia's most vulnerable women. The reports make dozens of recommendations to improve safety for the women of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and for those who still insist on hitchhiking along northern B.C.'s so-called Highway of Tears. Waterloo Region Record, A3

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

Making Canadian citizenship matter

An editorial states, "Is Jason Kenney the best Immigration minister Canada has ever had? Very likely. Mr. Kenney has done much to plug the gaping holes in our immigration and refugee system and to restore the value of Canadian citizenship. On Thursday, in his latest move to fix a broken refugee determination process, Mr. Kenney introduced a law that he hopes will cut the time it takes to assess the validity of a standard refugee application from 1,000 days to just 45. Even if he manages to cut the wait time to just 100 days or 200 days, his bill should save provincial and federal taxpayers billions..." National Post, A8

*** Busts on the rise for euphoria-inducing khat**

Canadian border authorities seize millions of dollars worth of an addictive drug known as khat at airports each year, but police services say the market is limited for a niche drug that isn't commonly available on the street. Jerry Jesso is chief of intelligence for the Canadian Border Services Agency and oversees drug interdiction programs at ports of entry across

Canada. Whereas 15 years ago there was no khat smuggling to speak of in Canada, these days it's a different story. Calgary Herald, A3

*** Border walkout was justified**

A letter states, "... To suggest that the work refusal invoked by the members in Windsor was unjustified is not only inaccurate but dangerous. In fact, the Health and Safety officer who investigated the refusal at no time, in written or verbal communication, suggested the refusal was unjustified... Border Services officers have a tough job but we do it with pride. All we ask is that at the end of a shift where we are tasked with protecting Canada and its interests, that we are able to go home to our family..." Windsor Star, A7

*** Russian's wings clipped**

A Russian flight attendant appeared in a Toronto court on Tuesday to fight extradition to the United States on charges relating to a multimillion-dollar Internet fraud involving the sale of vehicles. Toronto Sun, 2

*** Illegally exporting cattle to U.S. alleged**

A Neepawa veterinarian and the owners of several livestock operations in Neepawa and Brandon face charges of illegally exporting cattle from Canada to the United States between February 2008 and August 2009. The charges fall under the Health of Animals Act and the Health of Animals Regulations and come after a two-year investigation by the federal Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Winnipeg Free Press, A7

*** "Ç'a l'air de le paralyser"**

Le nombre de demandes d'extradition adressées au Canada par les États-Unis, soit 136, a atteint un sommet, l'an dernier. Plusieurs Québécois se retrouvent dans la mire de la justice américaine qui veut les juger pour des crimes perpétrés de l'autre côté de la frontière. L'Oncle Sam a gain de cause dans la grande majorité de ces requêtes judiciaires, les présumés criminels visés évitant rarement le procès qu'on entend leur faire subir. Il y a toutefois des exceptions. Journal Montreal, 10

*** PREGNANCY SCAM**

The government plans to crack down on a scam in which pregnant Chinese women are coming to Canada for the sole purpose of giving birth so the child becomes a citizen, QMI Agency has learned. London Free Press, B3

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

U.S. officials tell Tories war on drugs has failed

A high-profile group of current and former U.S. law enforcement officials has written to the Conservative government with a surprising message: Take it from us, the war on drugs has been a "costly failure." The officials are urging Canada to reconsider mandatory minimum sentences for "minor" marijuana offences under its "tough-on-crime bill" and say a better approach would be to legalize marijuana under a policy of taxation and regulation. Ottawa Citizen, A2 (The StarPhoenix, Windsor Star); * London Free Press (Kingston Whig-Standard)

Study shows crime worries Saskatoon

Focus group participants in Saskatoon were significantly more concerned about crime than those in other Canadian cities, according to federal government research. Twelve focus groups conducted last August in cities across Canada found that participants in Saskatoon and Montreal were more worried about crime than participants in North Vancouver, B.C., Toronto and Kitchener, Ont. Results of the poll - presented to the government in December and made public this week - come at a critical time as the Senate committee reviews the tough omnibus crime bill - also known as the Safe Streets and Communities Act - in detail. The StarPhoenix, A4, (Gazette)

Ex-NHLer pushes crime bill on Hill

Victims' advocate and former NHL player Sheldon Kennedy argued on Parliament Hill Tuesday in favour of mandatory minimum sentences proposed in the government's omnibus crime bill. Kennedy told the Senate legal and constitutional affairs committee that he supported the mandatory minimum sentences proposed in Bill C-10, especially for offenders who have sexually exploited or abused children. He said he hoped that the new mandatory sentences could prod more victims to come forward and tell their stories, especially children who often have barriers to revealing their plights. Gazette, A10; * L'Acadie Nouvelle (Le Soleil)

For the justice system, a status-quo budget that critics say perpetuates a crisis

Those hoping the B.C. Liberals would toss a financial lifeline to the province's stretched justice system were met with disappointment, as the government's budget largely maintained the status quo for the legal sector. B.C.'s justice system

has been a regular fixture in the news in recent months. More than 100 cases were thrown out of court last year because of excessive delays, and thousands more remain in peril. With the federal government's omnibus crime bill on the horizon, provincial and territorial ministers last month asked Ottawa to share the cost. Though B.C. has spoken in favour of the majority of Bill C-10's provisions, it has also expressed concerns about who will pay for their implementation. Tuesday's budget contained only one passing mention of Bill C-10 and did not provide an estimated cost. Globe and Mail, S3

*** PREDATOR FREED**

A high-risk violent sex offender who spent 15 years behind bars for attacks on women -- many of them prostitutes -- is back on city streets, warn cops. Russell Gunville, 48, was hit with the latest hefty sentence after being convicted of sexual assault and uttering threats. A report from the Parole Board of Canada stated "any gains made in programs previously are being eroded." The city police behavioural assessment unit will be tracking the six-foot-two, 225-pound Gunville frequently, but the warning and mugshot have been issued so citizens can take precautions, not vigilante action. Edmonton Sun, 3

*** Les intérêts du Québec et la nostalgie de Cannon**

Un article d'opinion déclare, « ... Les échecs du gouvernement conservateur sont trop nombreux: retrait du protocole de Kyoto, projet de loi omnibus sur la criminalité, fiasco dans le dossier des avions à réaction F-35, projet de loi sur C-30 concernant l'espionnage de données personnelles sur Internet, appui inconditionnel à l'exportation de l'amiante... » Le Droit, 17

*** Key to con's escape**

Violent sex offender Michael Nadolnick used a homemade plastic key to undo restraints before overcoming his guards and escaping, court heard Tuesday. Crown prosecutor Bev Bauer said Nadolnick had the handcuff key hidden in the groin of his pants while on a medical escort from the Calgary Remand Centre. And Bauer, reading from a statement of agreed facts, said a quick-thinking witness to the drama helped thwart his flight to freedom last Nov. 3. Bauer -- seeking to have Nadolnick declared a dangerous offender -- said he was being taken to the Sunridge Professional Centre on 36 St. N.E. when he took off. Calgary Sun, 7

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

*** Civil servants sweating changes**

The 2,000 federal civil servants in the Fredericton area are on pins and needles as they await the latest government cost-cutting budget, says a union leader. Daily Gleaner, A1 (Times & Transcript)

*** Le déménagement de fonctionnaires inquiète les élus des CUPR**

Les Comtés unis de Prescott et Russell (CUPR) veulent connaître l'impact social et économique qu'aurait le déménagement de 10000 fonctionnaires de la Défense nationale vers Kanata, dans l'ouest d'Ottawa. Inquiet, le maire de Clarence-Rockland, Marcel Guibord, a demandé la tenue d'une étude financée par le gouvernement régional. D'autant plus que 50% des employés fédéraux à l'emploi de la Défense nationale et de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada demeurent dans le corridor situé entre les CUPR et l'est d'Ottawa, rapporte-t-il en s'appuyant sur des statistiques qui lui ont été fournies. Le Droit, 2

*** Cuts could tip Canada into recession: union**

The Conservative government could tip Canada into a recession if it reduces federal spending by up to \$8 billion, says an analysis by the union representing government economists and social scientists. The union estimated the reductions could eliminate 116,000 jobs across the country, but it didn't provide a breakdown of job losses in private and public sectors. It earlier estimated 110,000 jobs could disappear - including 50,000 in the public service - if the government opted for spending reductions of up to \$8 billion rather than the \$4 billion it originally targeted. It will release its findings on potential job losses later this month. Ottawa Citizen, A1; Leader-Post

*** Economic epiphany**

An editorial states, "Premier Dalton McGuinty had an epiphany of sorts last November. He suddenly realized that Ontario's economic outlook wasn't so hot. There was a \$16-billion deficit to contend with. The economic growth forecast had dropped sharply from earlier predictions. And the European financial crisis was having a negative impact on the province. By January, McGuinty was telling the public service sector to brace itself for the sacrifices needed to balance the budget, and said he looked forward to hearing the recommendations of Don Drummond, the former TD Bank chief economist who was hired to advise the government on ways to cut costs..." Windsor Star, A6

*** White men off fed wish list**

The federal government is continuing to set aside jobs for specific groups based on race, gender and disability, more than a year after it pledged to end such practices. In Nov. 2010, Stockwell Day, then treasury board president, told the House of Commons he was instructing departments to end the practice of setting aside jobs for specific groups, such as women, Natives, visible minorities and the disabled. Toronto Sun, 18 (London Free Press, Edmonton Sun, Whig-Standard, Winnipeg Sun, Calgary Sun)

*** Facts meet ideology**

An editorial states, "The Conservatives are going full steam ahead with their agenda to make deep cuts to the public service and to federal government spending. Recently the prime minister went to Switzerland to make an announcement (or send up a trial balloon?) regarding Old Age Security (OAS)..." The Telegram, A6

INTERNATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

Somali youngsters forced to fight, wed

The armed Islamist group Al-Shabab is increasingly recruiting Somali children, some as young as 10, forcing them to become fighters and wives, says a Human Rights Watch report released Tuesday. With its ranks dwindling after a spike in fighting, the al-Qaeda-affiliated group has turned to children to bolster its numbers, said the study, based on interviews with dozens of Somali children who had escaped Al-Shabab. National Post, A12

*** Skepticism, hope meet at conference**

The last thing Somalia needs is another conference. Hundreds of thousands have been spent on lavish gatherings over the years ending in agreements that fall apart weeks later. Somalis even have a phrase for it - fadhi ku dirir - which means "armchair warrior," or "fighting while sitting down." But Thursday's conference here is different, if for no other reason than the buzz it has created. United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Canadian Foreign Minister John Baird are among the high-level delegates from 50 countries expected to attend. Toronto Star, A14

OTHER / AUTRE

*** Don't let the light dim in Canada**

A letter states, "... The current administration has shown that opposing positions and compromise in Parliament are not valued. Individuals and native populations who support environmental causes are now identified as "terrorists." With virtually no support and declining crime rates, sentencing guidelines identified by the courts as "cruel and unusual" will be implemented. The gun registry and its data base supported by law enforcement and those who wish to avoid the level of violence south of us is being destroyed. The U.S. has been crippled by big money and a minority determined to see the majority abide by policies that are mean-spirited and destructive to society. The media has been bought and the 'terror' card used at every opportunity to destroy the Bill of Rights. The light in 'en-light-enment' is dimmed south of our border. Please don't let it die in beautiful Canada as well..." The Guardian, A10

*** Accusé en Floride, libre au Québec**

Accusé d'un meurtre commis en Floride alors qu'il n'avait que 16 ans, Francis Doyle Fowler a célébré son 21e anniversaire de naissance, le mois dernier, à Longueuil, où il mène une vie presque normale, sans même avoir été jugé. L'extradition en Floride de Francis Doyle Fowler avait été autorisée, en novembre 2009, par le ministre fédéral de la Justice et procureur général du Canada, Rob Nicholson. La Cour d'appel a toutefois annulé cette décision, en juin 2011. Puisque Fowler était mineur au moment du crime, il serait admissible à une libération conditionnelle après sept ans d'incarcération, s'il était jugé coupable de la même infraction, au Québec. Mais pas en Floride, où les libérations conditionnelles ont été abolies, ce qui constituerait une peine " déraisonnable ", a écrit le juge François Doyon, en demandant au ministre de refaire ses devoirs. Son cas est toujours à l'étude à Ottawa, mais il s'agit d'une véritable patate chaude diplomatique avec Washington. Le Journal de Montréal, 11

*** Un Shawiniganais emprisonné**

Un Shawiniganais d'origine, Jean-François Beaudet, est actuellement emprisonné au Mexique après avoir été impliqué dans un accident de la route qui a fait trois victimes mexicaines. Emprisonné depuis le 4 février dernier, le jeune homme de 25 ans fait maintenant face à trois accusations d'homicide involontaire. De passage à Trois-Rivières, hier, le chef intérimaire libéral, Bob Rae, a déploré que les services consulaires canadiens dans le monde manquent de moyens pour soutenir les 1700 Canadiens aux prises avec des difficultés à l'étranger, et qui sont actuellement emprisonnés. Le Nouvelliste, 3

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MINISTER / MINISTRE

Rae says 'perfectly nice' Liberal staffer made Vikileaks posts

Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae has admitted a Liberal staffer was behind the Vikileaks30 Twitter account that aired details of **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews's** divorce in retaliation for an online surveillance bill, and that the staffer has resigned. A subdued Rae, who identified the staffer as Adam Carroll, made the admission in the House of Commons on Monday afternoon before offering **Toews** an apology. Carroll, who is married with kids, was working in the Liberal Party's research bureau when he set up the Vikileaks30 account. A string of tweets posted online offered up alleged details relating to **Toews's** divorce proceedings. Rae described Carroll as a "perfectly nice, hardworking individual who showed a real error in judgment." He said Carroll had been upset with recent comments by **Toews** suggesting a link between opposing the online surveillance bill and siding with child pornographers - as well as Tory MP Larry Miller's speech comparing those opposed to the long-gun registry with Nazis. **Toews** accepted the apology. However, he also noted that some Liberal MPs had been encouraging the public to participate in personal, online attacks on him, and he asked the Speaker to look into that issue separately. "**While I'm prepared to take (Rae's) comments at face value that he had nothing to do with it,**" **Toews** said, "**I think the evidence is clear on the public record that there was at least one member who advocated on a continuous basis the use of that.**" Leader-Post, A8 (Ottawa Citizen, StarPhoenix, Montreal Gazette, Times Colonist, The Province, Calgary Herald, Vancouver Sun, Daily Gleaner, Times & Transcript, Whitehorse Star); London Free Press; Edmonton Sun (Calgary Sun, Edmonton Sun, Ottawa Sun, Winnipeg Sun); Toronto Star; Winnipeg Free Press; * Waterloo Region Record (Chronicle-Herald, The Telegram, Guardian, Red Deer Advocate); * Le Soleil (Le Devoir, La Tribune, Le Nouvelliste, L'Acadie Nouvelle, Le Droit, La Voix de l'Est); * La Presse; * Le Devoir; * Globe and Mail; * Kingston Whig-Standard; * Journal de Montréal

*** Vic la victime**

Un article d'opinion déclare « Au risque de choquer certains lecteurs, je suis de ceux qui pensent que les publicités négatives fonctionnent en politique, qu'elles font partie du jeu et que, parfois, quand elles sont bien faites, elles ont même une valeur éducative pour l'électorat... C'est ce qui vient d'arriver aux libéraux, qui ont lancé clandestinement un compte Twitter pour étaler sur la place publique les détails du divorce du **ministre de la Sécurité publique, Vic Toews**. Ce serait l'œuvre isolée d'un employé trop zélé qui a d'ailleurs démissionné. N'empêche, les libéraux viennent de se tirer dans le pied. Du coup, **Vic Toews, un ministre** qui avoue ne pas lire ses projets de loi qui donnent des pouvoirs abusifs à la police et qui accuse l'opposition d'être du bord des pédophiles, un homme, par ailleurs, qui a été condamné pour fraude électorale au Manitoba, a soudainement l'air d'une victime... Cette affaire "Vikileaks" cause une distraction inopportune pour les partis de l'opposition, qui ont, pour la première fois depuis longtemps, une vraie "poignée" contre les conservateurs avec cette histoire d'appels téléphoniques trompeurs durant les dernières élections... » La Presse, A8

*** Politiciens et réseaux sociaux**

Un article d'opinion déclare, « Il y a les faux comptes Twitter, comme celui du **ministre Vic Toews**, et il y a les vrais, gérés par les élus eux-mêmes. Et ils sont de plus en plus nombreux. Outils d'autopromotion par excellence, les réseaux sociaux comme Twitter ou Facebook peuvent toutefois devenir la corde avec laquelle se pendra un politicien imprudent... » La Presse, A8

*** Conservateurs - Menace pour la démocratie**

Un article d'opinion déclare, « En redirigeant avec arrogance vers Élections Canada toutes les questions de l'opposition concernant les appels frauduleux passés lors de la dernière campagne électorale, le gouvernement conservateur démontre qu'il ne prend pas l'affaire au sérieux, ce qui est en soi inquiétant. C'est tout un hasard que le chef par intérim

du Parti libéral, Bob Rae, ait eu à admettre hier que le «Vikileaks», qui a mis sur la place publique les détails du divorce houleux du **ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique Vic Toews**, venait des rangs libéraux... » Le Devoir, A8

* How to say sorry

An editorial states, "Bob Rae, the interim Liberal leader, showed on Monday how a political leader needs to respond when it becomes clear there's been wrong-doing in his ranks. He stood up and apologized - fully and unreservedly. More to the point, he took personal responsibility. "I carry the can," he said. "I understand that." Rae was apologizing after he learned that a Liberal staff member was behind a fake Twitter account used to spread details about the private life of **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews**. It's not the kind of admission any leader wants to make, and for Rae the timing could hardly be worse as the opposition presses its case against the Conservative government over fraudulent campaign phone calls. For the government, the Liberal stumble is a gift. It will be all too easy for them to shout down complaints about alleged "dirty tricks" on the Conservative side by pointing at the distasteful personal attacks on **Toews** that Rae owned up to. For voters, it will be tempting to take a pox-on-both-your-houses attitude to all this. Tempting, but wrong. However tawdry, the Liberal staffer's attack on **Toews** pales beside what could be at stake in the spreading scandal about so-called robocalls orchestrated by Conservative-affiliated marketing companies. In the Vikileaks30 escapade, details about **Toews'** divorce and finances were spread around in retaliation for Bill C-30, his online surveillance legislation. The information was all in publicly available documents, and the damage was to **Toews'** dignity and the general level of political discourse. If it could be further coarsened, it was..." Toronto Star, A16

* Minister's comments were outrageous

A letter to the editor states, "I'm appalled by **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** comments in the House of Commons earlier this month. He accused all Canadians who oppose the government's invasive and warrantless online spying scheme, Bill C-30, of siding with child pornographers. This is rhetoric of the most outrageous kind... Even members of **Toews'** own party are against this costly invasion of privacy! I demand that **Minister Toews** publicly apologize to all Canadians for his comments. Furthermore, I am calling for the government to publicly commit to amend its online spying legislation...." Whitehorse Star, 11

* Le projet de loi C-30

Un article d'opinion déclare, « ...Eh bien, avec le tout récent projet de loi C-30 déposé la semaine dernière à la Chambre des communes, le gouvernement Harper révèle une autre fois ses vraies couleurs. Soyons précis et clair. Si je comprends bien le sens de l'article 17 du projet de loi-30, les policiers canadiens pourraient dorénavant obtenir des informations personnelles sur les internautes et les usagers de téléphones portables sans être dans l'obligation d'obtenir le moindre mandat. En d'autres mots, l'espionnage leur deviendrait plus accessible... **Le ministre de la Sécurité publique, Vic Toews**, prétend que les personnes s'opposant à son projet de loi sont contre la protection des enfants. Un tel faux argument ressemble à celui de George Bush qui voulait justifier l'invasion militaire en Irak... » L'Acadie Nouvelle, 12

* Have your say

A letter to the editor states, "Why is **Vic Toews** having difficulty getting Canadians to buy into his proposed legislation that would allow police access to computer information without a warrant? Given the fact that our present federal government has been involved in hanky-panky during the last federal election, what thinking Canadian would believe that this same government would not use or abuse this access to my files?" Winnipeg Free Press, A11

Dirty tricks, they get around

An opinion piece states, "Sometimes, in politics, you just get lucky. At 2 p.m. on Monday, it would have been hard to imagine a circumstance in which you'd be using that word to describe Stephen Harper's Conservatives, who have had a rough February, first over **Vic Toews'** "lawful access" legislation, Bill C-30, and now over alleged robocalling dirty tricks. And then, at about 3 p.m., a Liberal staffer came along and March arrived early for the Tories. Liberal interim leader Bob Rae released a statement announcing that one of his party's researchers had been discovered to have been the mysterious entity behind "@Vikileaks30" - a Twitter account that broadcast embarrassing details of **Public Safety Minister Toews'** personal life. "On behalf of the Liberal Caucus, I wish to apologize to **Minister Toews** and Speaker Scheer for the improper use of a parliamentary account and for sharing personal information intended to embarrass **Minister Toews**." **Mr. Toews** has been the public face of Bill C-30, which sought to expand police access to the online activity of Canadians, to monitor criminals and child pornographers and aid police investigations, in the government's description. "**Vic [Toews]** wants to know about you. Let's get to know about **Vic**," said the caption for Vikileaks, which tweeted details obtained from **Mr. Toews'** publicly available divorce records and previous statements the Minister had made about socially conservative issues. Though this information was available to the public in court records, it was quickly discovered by the Ottawa Citizen that the person tweeting the information was inside the House of Commons. That led to much heated speculation about the source of the personal attacks on **Mr. Toews**, and an investigation by the Speaker of the House... So now Mr. Rae said the former staffer "regrets the embarrassment he has caused." Caused to whom? The entire point was to embarrass **Mr. Toews**. If he regrets it, he clearly didn't think his actions through very far

before going after **Mr. Toews'** failed marriage. One rather suspects he regrets embarrassing the Liberal Party of Canada, nothing more... **BOB RAE, INTERIM LIBERAL LEADER:** "On behalf of the Liberal caucus, I wish to apologize to **Minister Toews** and Speaker Scheer for the improper use of a parliamentary account and for sharing personal information intended to embarrass **Minister Toews,**" Mr. Rae told the House of Commons during Question Period... On Monday evening, after **Vic Toews** accused Mr. Trudeau on Twitter of discovering Wikileaks "quickly for an innocent bystander" Mr. Trudeau shot back on Twitter, "I'm sorry for my part in this, **Vic.** Now let's move on to real issues. Like electoral fraud." National Post, A1

Getting to the bottom of a robo-scandal

An editorial states, "The allegations in the so-called robocall scandal - that Tory campaign workers, or someone pretending to be from the federal Conservatives, hired a call centre to make deliberately misleading calls in advance of the 2011 election in an attempt to suppress Liberal-voter turnout - are serious enough to warrant an open, public investigation. It doesn't matter whether enough calls were made to alter the outcome of even a single tightly contested ridings. The issue is public faith in our electoral system, which is already shaky. An inquiry may be the only way to maintain Canadians' trust... And with the competing "Wikileaks" scandal heating up on Monday - with the disclosure that it was a Liberal staffer who Tweeted embarrassing personal details about **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** - the Tories may sense that the robocalls scandal already has crested. But we urge Stephen Harper to do the right thing, nonetheless..." National Post, A12

Turn down the 'Robo' noise

An editorial states, "There was a lot of noise in Monday's House of Commons, the loudest coming during the tossing of allegations over the "Robocall" controversy. But noise is not fact. That's often the problem with Question Period, particularly when the opposition is so obviously weakened... Oh, by the way, the Wikileaks cybergeek who tweeted details of **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** private life was a member of the Liberal Party's research staff..." Toronto Sun, 20 (Winnipeg Sun, Calgary Sun, Ottawa Sun)

Democracy is the loser

An opinion piece states, "The nastiness on Parliament Hill reached such a height in mid-February that even a forced, partial climb down looks like grace and class by contrast. But it'll take a lot more than sheepish apologies in the House of Commons to clean the dirt out of Canadian politics. There are few members of Parliament more dignified and eloquent than Liberal Leader Bob Rae. Forced to deal with his knowledge that a Liberal staffer was behind the Wikileaks Twitter account that smeared **Conservative Public Safety Minister Vic Toews,** Rae stood up and honourably apologized. The staffer, he said, has resigned... Still, Rae seemed sincere in the respect he showed to **Toews** and his condemnation of personal attacks in politics. In owning up to the problem, he did the right thing. When there's a fire within a party, it's the leader's job to get out the hose. Harper should take note... When parties try to win at all costs, the ultimate loser is Canadian democracy. If we get to the point in this country when allegations of electoral fraud are no big deal, that will be a sad day for every party, for every citizen." Ottawa Citizen, A10

Tories can't hang up on phone call scandal

An opinion piece states, "It doesn't have a catchy moniker yet, like most good scandals, but it likely will soon. Whether it ends up being called Robo-gate, Roboscam, the Robo-call scandal, or some other name, one thing is certain, it won't be called the great phone fizzle any time soon, much to the chagrin of the federal Conservatives... A completely deflated looking and sounding Rae stood in the House of Commons on Monday afternoon to announce that it was a Liberal party research staffer, Adam Carroll, using a parliamentary computer who started up the Wikileaks30 Twitter account two weeks ago that published salacious, personal information about **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** ugly divorce. The normally spirited and eloquent Rae, was very subdued and at a loss for words before apologizing unreservedly to **Toews,** who accepted the apology... What's more, apology or not, the damage to **Toews's** reputation may never be restored. If online comments are any indication, many people who supported **Toews** in the past say they would never vote for the man again, now that they know he had an affair and impregnated another woman while married to his politically supportive wife, who was prepared to keep up appearances for his benefit. That he is alleged to have then cut his ex-wife off from financial support, as revealed in his divorce documents, seems to be the last straw for many. So, while this is a temporary loss for the Liberals when it comes to momentum, Wikileaks may very well end up being a giant slayer. After all, these kinds of salacious details aren't easily forgotten. Voters won't easily forget that polling and call centres hired by the Conservatives were involved in what appears to be vote suppression tactics either..." Calgary Herald, A3

Scrapping gun registry has taught Tories nothing

An editorial states, "Having prevailed over those who fervently support the retention of the national long-gun registry, the federal Tories now run the risk of morphing into their nemeses. Not that the government is about to reverse itself on the registry, but its approach to selling Bill C-30 - the new lawful access legislation - is quite reminiscent of how the gun registry has been defended... When **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** declared that the opposition "could either stand with us or with the child pornographers," there was justifiable outrage, but also a failure to notice that **Toews** was echoing

the sort of rhetoric employed by defenders of the gun registry. **Toews** was certainly more explicit - no one on the pro-registry side has gone so far as to declare, "***you can stand with us or stand with those who murder women.***" That sentiment, however, has been implied many times... The Tories deserve credit for putting an end to the gun registry, but unfortunately, it seems they've learned nothing in the process." Calgary Herald, A12

*** Facebook accused of privacy breach**

Facebook is in damage control mode after a Sunday Times of London report accused the social media giant of spying on text messages and other personal data sent from users' smartphones. Meanwhile, in Canada, Conservative **public safety minister Vic Toews** provoked a storm of online protest with proposed legislation that would let Internet Service Providers install monitoring equipment on behalf of police and require customer identifying data and browsing histories without a warrant. Toronto Star, B1

LAWFUL ACCESS / ACCÈS LÉGAL

*** Invading our privacy**

A letter to the editor states, "Despite being very outspoken on the question of crime, Prime Minister Stephen Harper seems far from eager to discuss the "Lawful Access" legislation, Bill C-30, that will allow invasive online spying without a warrant. The proposed legislation will force every phone and Internet provider to allow "authorities" to collect the private information of any Canadian, at any time, without a warrant. This will create legislation that is:..." Leader-Post, A10; Edmonton Sun

*** It's big business watching you, brother**

An opinion piece by Michael Geist states, "Privacy International, one of the world's leading privacy organizations, last year released the results of a multi-year investigation into the shadowy world of the commercial surveillance industry. Dubbed "Big Brother Inc.," the investigation placed the spotlight on dozens of companies that specialize in covert surveillance technologies that are typically sold directly to governments and law enforcement agencies... If that is what the government has in mind, Bill C-30 will soon look like a giant Canadian "open for business" sign to Big Brother Inc." Ottawa Citizen, D1

*** Capital porn case used to bolster Internet surveillance argument**

A New Brunswick child pornography case is being used by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police as an example of why law enforcement needs more Internet surveillance powers. A document on the association website, entitled Simplifying Lawful Access, highlights a New Brunswick RCMP investigation started in December of 2010 into a case of peer-to-peer sharing of child pornography. New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, A1 (Daily Gleaner)

*** Serious breach of privacy rights**

An opinion piece states, "It's strange how so many commentators have whipped themselves into a lather over the attack on privacy rights in Bill C-30, otherwise known as Protecting Children From Internet Predators Act, yet don't appear troubled by another equally troubling infringement of privacy rights. Anyone worried by the potential erosion of privacy rights in the Conservatives' Bill C-30 should be even more concerned about the actual erosion of privacy rights in existing federal law known as the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA)... For these reasons even seemingly innocuous subscriber information shouldn't be accessible to authorities without a warrant, unless of course, there's an emergency situation." Winnipeg Sun, 9

*** The potential for abuse is unlimited here**

An opinion piece states, "Have you heard about the Harper government's plans to allow police to get some of your personal data without a search warrant? It's part of a new bill aimed at updating surveillance practices for the Internet era, and most of it is long overdue. But the bits about allowing searches without a warrant are a little worrisome... Otherwise, we might as well just give police and government officials carte blanche to enter our homes and our lives." Whitehorse Star, 10

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

*** Help Iran's MEK: Chair of rights group**

Members of the board of a federally funded human rights organization who accused its former president of consorting with banned terrorist groups are now advocating for another outlawed terror organization. Aurel Braun, a University of Toronto professor and chairman of the board of Rights & Democracy (R&D), this month encouraged the Senate committee on foreign affairs and international trade to look to the Mujahedeen-e Khalq (MEK) to replace Iran's current regime. The MEK - also known as the People's Mujahedeen of Iran or PMOI - is listed as a terrorist group in Canada and the United States,

but has been removed from the British and European Union terrorist lists and has not been linked to any attacks since 2001. The organization has also claimed to have provided intelligence about Iran's nuclear program. National Post, A1

CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

* **WikiLeaks releases mass e-mails of security-analysis firm**

WikiLeaks latest adventure in whistle-blowing is in some ways a replay of its previous efforts to shed light on apparent international conspiracies. This time however, there's a twist. Its target isn't a government, but a company. Stratfor is a Texas-based risk analysis group whose interests dabble in the murky world of shadowy informants, military secrets and multinational plots. Globe and Mail, A3

* **Coca-Cola feared 2010 Games protest**

In the lead-up to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, Coca-Cola asked a private U.S. intelligence firm to dig up information on the activities of the animal-activist group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and disruptions they could be planning, according to internal emails released Monday from the WikiLeaks whistleblower website. Ottawa Citizen, A7

* **Ads that reach out to the passing pedestrian**

That smartphone in your pocket may soon become a tiny, portable billboard. Canadians who carry mobile phones are becoming accustomed to seeing advertising messages on them. But until now, to receive an ad you usually had to be accessing a website or software application, or you had to be on a telemarketer's list. That's about to change. Globe and Mail, B3

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND POLICING / LA POLICE ET DE L'APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Cops invented 'code'

A letter states, "In reaction to charges being stayed against a young man accused of sexual assault, RCMP Sgt. Peter Thiessen passionately urged individuals who were part of, or witnessed, the assault to go to police. I understand the spirit of this statement and wholeheartedly agree that if anyone has evidence of a crime they should go to authorities. But where is this passionate cry for witnesses by Thies-sen when it's RCMP members facing allegations of wrongdoing?..." The Province, A11

Robocalls fit pattern of Conservative dirty tricks

For the Harper government, the most comforting thing that can be said of the "robocall affair" is that no envelopes stuffed with cash are involved. Rather, the allegations relate to recorded phone calls allegedly ordered by the Conservatives in May's election in dozens of ridings. So far, RCMP and Elections Canada are investigating calls in one riding: Guelph. And Conservative political aide Michael Sona, who was lately working for a Toronto-area MP, has resigned. Vancouver Sun, B1; Leader-Post (The StarPhoenix)

The more we look for phone scams, the more we find

An opinion piece states, "... The only way to avoid that is painstaking investigation. One by one, allegations must be carefully examined. Corroboration and context are essential. Subsequent analysis must be done solely on the basis of verified. It would be slow, difficult work. It requires major resources and legal power. It also requires independence, both in reality and in perception. Elections Canada isn't up to that job. Neither is the RCMP. The Conservatives ensured that with their controversial centralization of political control over the Mounties. And remember that in 2005 Stephen Harper personally accused the RCMP of not investigating the Liberals because the Mounties were under the government's political control. Whatever the reality, the RCMP simply wouldn't have the appearance of impartiality that is essential to do the job. That leaves only one option. The Conservatives insist they want the truth to be exposed. If that's true, they must appoint a fully independent, fully empowered judicial inquiry. And why shouldn't they? To paraphrase what many Conservatives said about warrantless Internet surveillance, they have nothing to fear if they have nothing to hide." Ottawa Citizen, A11

* **MPs back robocall probe**

House of Commons unanimously passed a motion Monday calling on all MPs to do everything they can to aid an investigation into alleged vote suppression during last spring's election. The NDP motion asks all MPs to turn over to the RCMP and Elections Canada all information they have on the "despicable" phone campaign aimed at discouraging opposition supporters from voting. Chronicle-Herald, A1 (Red Deer Advocate, The Guardian, Hamilton Spectator); * Leader-Post (The StarPhoenix, Calgary Herald, Ottawa Citizen, The Gazette, Vancouver Sun); * The Gazette (Times &

Transcript, Daily Gleaner, Vancouver Sun, Calgary Herald); * Windsor Star; * Toronto Star (The Record); * Winnipeg Free Press; * Le Droit (La Tribune, Le Quotidien); * Le Droit; * Journal Montreal

*** Invest in more police officers, not more prisons**

An opinion piece by Colin Kenny states, "Given the proper re-sources, police do two things: They deter crimes, and when prevention fails, they solve them. Prisons also do two things: They incarcerate those who have committed a crime, taking them off our streets. They also bring criminals together to toughen up, nurse their bitterness, and plot more crimes... The quality of policing has been a recurring is-sue in Alberta. Albertans need good cops. They also need prisons. But if you're investing scarce dollars in trying to create a safer society, good cops beat big prisons, hands down. So why - at a time when several tough-on-crime U.S. state governments are rethinking their doctrinaire stand on incarceration - is the Harper government investing Canadian taxpayers' money into prisons? Why isn't it funnelling that money into the rehabilitation of an institution that is struggling to do its job: the RCMP?... The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms has made policing a much more time-consuming process than it was two or three decades ago. Parliament also expanded the workload of the RCMP exponentially in areas such as terrorism, Internet crime and border security, with-out investing enough new funding to match these responsibilities... We're busy dumbing down our system of crime prevention. That's going to cost us in more ways than one." Calgary Herald, A13

*** Armed and ready**

A letter states, "I have never owned a gun but with all the concern over terrorism and lawlessness in our society, I have been doing a lot of thinking about Canada's gun laws. Criminals will never ask permission to carry a gun so why should law-abiding citizens have to?..." The StarPhoenix, A10

*** Ex-Mountie pleads not guilty to murder**

Wearing an open-necked shirt, a relaxed looking Kevin Gregson pleaded not guilty Monday to a charge of firstdegree murder in the death of Ottawa police officer Ireneusz "Eric" Czapnik. Ottawa Citizen, C1 (Windsor Star); National Post; Ottawa Sun; Le Droit

*** Raids scoop up guns, drugs, cash**

Police arrested six men and are hunting for one man and two women after weapons, drugs and cash were seized during weekend raids as part of a crackdown targeting gang activity in the Ottawa area. Ottawa Sun, 9

*** First election scandal casualty: Democracy**

An opinion piece states, "Truly shocking -- and unnecessary. If senior people within the Conservative Party of Canada conspired to rig the May 2011 election, what are the consequences? For Stephen Harper's party, the penalties could be very, very significant. They range from fines and jail time to deregistration of Harper's party and liquidation of its assets..." Calgary Sun, 15 (Ottawa Sun, Toronto Sun)

*** Cops expand probe into sex suspect**

Police are appealing for more information on a suspected sex offender alleged to have confined and assaulted at least four women in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside from as early as 1994. Edmonton Sun, 19; L'Acadie Nouvelle

*** Treatment of civil rights uncivilized**

An opinion piece states, "Your civil rights are not safe. Freedom is tenuous, even here in Canada. Jessie Sansone of Kitchener was arrested, handcuffed, strip searched; his wife hauled to the police station, their children removed from their custody and their house searched without a warrant (Sansone consented even though he didn't have to), because their four-year-old daughter drew a picture of a gun in class... Unless authorities have additional evidence here is what we know: No gun. No monsters. No warrant. No good reason. No one is admitting making a mistake. Rather, they are defending their actions as reasonable, which is why this story cannot be allowed to disappear. Otherwise your rights and protections under the law could become a memory as well." Toronto Sun, 21

*** Dirty tricks**

An editorial states, "In some parts of the world, it is achieved by goons carrying base-ball bats. In countries like Canada - which are often called on to ensure fair elections in developing countries - vote suppression is both unusual and more sophisticated. But no less repugnant. Which is what makes the growing "robocall" scandal so serious. And why it is crucial that Elections Canada and the RCMP fully investigate all relevant allegations and that Canadian voters get a full accounting of what went on - that shouldn't have - during the last federal election campaign, who was responsible, directly and indirectly, and whether that affected the outcome..." Vancouver Sun, A8

*** This is not Zimbabwe**

An editorial states, "Some of the Conservative reaction to the growing robocall scandal reminds us of Leslie Nielsen standing in front of an exploding fire-works factory in Naked Gun while telling a gathering crowd, "Move on. Nothing to see

here." On Monday, Tory Senator Mike Duffy blamed it on third parties. Conservative strategist Tim Powers called it opposition hysteria. On the weekend, Defence Minister Peter MacKay called it an isolated incident. In question period Monday, the unflappable Stephen Harper gave them all a lesson in crisis communications, saying that anyone with evidence of illegal acts should notify Elections Canada, as Harper says his party has done, so the agency can investigate and report back to the House of Commons. It's the only credible response..." Calgary Herald, A12

*** A fake handgun, a real headache**

An editorial states, "A plastic toy handgun can seriously wound a reputation - just ask the Waterloo Regional Police. In the worthwhile cause of protecting children and this community from a possible illegal weapon, police committed significant errors last week - and now they must deal with the consequences. They were absolutely right to treat seriously a report that children in a Kitchener home had access to a handgun. They were right, too, to investigate the situation with vigour and diligence - and that meant putting straightforward questions to the father of that household, Jessie Sansone. No one can criticize them for any of this... By global standards, Canada is a safe society with low levels of violence. And yet, gun crimes have increasingly rocked this country in recent years..." The Record, A6

*** Dur coup aux gangs de rue**

Quatre Gatinois et deux Ottavians ont été arrêtés par les autorités policières, le week-end dernier, dans le cadre de l'opération ACE, qui ciblait les activités des gangs de rue dans la région. A la suite de plusieurs mandats de perquisition, la police d'Ottawa a saisi de nombreuses armes à feu, plus de 63000 \$ de drogue et plus de 40000 \$ en argent comptant. Le Droit, 4

*** Le projet de loi 46**

Lorsqu'un policier tue ou blesse gravement une personne dans l'exercice de ses fonctions, l'enquête est, dans l'état actuel des choses, confiée à un autre corps policier. Avec le projet de loi 46, ce sera encore le cas, mais c'est un Bureau civil de surveillance à créer qui les supervisera. Il sera les "yeux du public", selon le ministre Dutil. La Presse, A12; Journal Montreal

*** Un avocat des Hells Angels téméraire**

Narguer des policiers en sortant de sa voiture, l'haleine chargée d'alcool, n'est pas à proprement parler une bonne idée. Pourtant, c'est ce que semble avoir fait un avocat des Hells Angels, Me Pierre Brunelle, selon les témoignages rendus à son procès, la semaine dernière. L'événement pour le moins insolite s'est déroulé le 4 décembre 2008 près de la résidence du criminaliste, dans le Plateau-Mont-Royal. Des agents de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC) et du Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) ont raconté l'épisode en détail à la cour municipale. La Presse, A13

*** 420 000 casiers judiciaires ne sont toujours pas à jour**

Un pédophile peut attendre près de cinq ans avant que sa condamnation ne soit inscrite à son dossier. Actuellement, plus de 420 000 casiers judiciaires ne sont pas à jour au pays et dans certains cas, les délais de traitement des dossiers peuvent atteindre 55 mois. Ces statistiques, obtenues en vertu de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information, scandalisent la porte-parole du Bloc québécois en matière de justice et de sécurité publique, Maria Mourani. Journal Montreal, 12

*** Male brandishing hand gun robs Cash solutions**

Red Deer RCMP are investigating a brazen armed robbery to the downtown Cash Solutions business on the 5000 block of 48th Street on Monday. Red Deer Advocate, A1

*** RCMP officer appeals conviction**

An RCMP officer who was found guilty of assault and forcible confinement has appealed his conviction. Const. Darren Doucette's lawyer, Jonathan Coady, filed the appeal Monday with the P.E.I. Supreme Court. The Guardian, A3

*** Saisie de méthamphétamine près de Kedgwick**

La GRC a mis la main au collet de deux individus qui tentaient d'introduire de la cocaïne et des capsules de méthamphétamine dans la province. L'Acadie Nouvelle, 9

*** RCMP seize drugs and firearms**

Police say they seized drugs and firearms during a pair of raids conducted Friday on the Oromocto First Nation. At one residence, a quantity of pills and a small amount of marijuana was seized. At the other residence, police seized marijuana and firearms. Two men were arrested in the raids. No court dates have been set in the arrests. Telegraph-Journal, A2

BC MISSING WOMEN INQUIRY / ENQUÊTE SUR LES FEMMES DISPARUES DE LA C.-B.

*** Inquiry told sex workers lost their trust in police**

Activist Jamie Lee Hamilton told the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry that sex trade workers displaced into the "killing fields" of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside in the mid-1980s lost their trust in police who became enforcers rather than protectors. The commission, at the first of a series of panels, heard emotional evidence Monday from Hamilton, sex worker client and then-Missing Women website master Wayne Leng and also from Maggie de Vries. Leader-Post, B7 (StarPhoenix, Daily Gleaner, National Post); Times Colonist; The Province; L'Acadie Nouvelle

*** Police callous to beaten sex worker, inquiry told**

Police missed a "precious moment" to gain the trust of a half-naked and badly beaten sex-trade worker who walked into their Vancouver-area office, choosing instead to ridicule the woman whose remains were later found on serial killer Robert Pickton's farm, the woman's sister told an inquiry Monday. Sarah de Vries was turned back out on to the street to hitchhike to her Downtown Eastside home after the attack that prompted her to seek help from the police, her sister, author Maggie de Vries, told the inquiry into police handling of the Pickton case. Globe and Mail, S3; Vancouver Sun

*** Pickton lessons crucial in sex-assault arrest, RCMP say**

Chastened by questions over their handling of the case of convicted serial killer Robert Pickton, the RCMP say they learned lessons about co-operating with other forces that they applied to track down a newly disclosed suspect in sex assaults against residents of the Downtown Eastside, where Mr. Pickton found victims. Police are linking Shalendra Sharma, a 43-year-old labourer from Surrey, to the abduction of women from the Downtown Eastside and subsequent sexual assaults in Burnaby over nearly two decades. That includes attacks in 1994, 1997, and a pair of assaults in December, 2011, that prompted an RCMP-led investigation, along with the Vancouver Police Department, that resulted in Mr. Sharma's arrest on Feb. 17. Globe and Mail, S3; Times Colonist; The Province; The Guardian

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Quebec called major exporter of party drugs**

The head of the Montreal police anti-drug unit says police raids have netted alarmingly large quantities of ecstasy and speed in the province, indicating that Quebec is likely a major exporter of the party drugs to other North American markets. The Gazette, A6

*** Cocaine smuggled to Haiti on aid flight**

Montreal resident Carmélite Massenat took advantage of the confusion and outpouring of goodwill following Haiti's devastating earthquake to smuggle 1.5 kilos of cocaine into Canada aboard a humanitarian flight. The Gazette, A6; Journal Montreal

*** U.S. border power**

A letter states, "The story of the Benaouda family's treatment when trying to enter the U.S. is not surprising to anyone who has visited the U.S. on a regular basis in recent years. U.S. border guards have more than their share of self-important martinets, who now wield extraordinary power that belies the supposed love of the United States for truth, justice and fair treatment..." The Gazette, A16

*** Security hole at airport customs**

A hole in airport security allows dozens -- sometimes hundreds -- of travellers to enter Canada each year without going through customs, federal government documents reveal. Each year, a handful of commercial flights land in Canadian airports, and passengers and crew are able to bypass customs. Airport security expert Peter St. John said this is just another hole in an already porous system. A list of times commercial airlines were fined since 2007 for allowing passengers and crew to bypass customs was obtained by QMI Agency through an access to information request. Fines range from \$2,500 to \$25,000. The documents don't reveal the name of the carrier or the specific circumstances in which passengers and crew entered. But according to the Canada Border Services Agency, there are at least three circumstances when it could happen: A plane could land at an airport not designated for customs clearance, staff could fail to send passengers to a CBSA office or a plane could land after business hours without approval. Calgary Sun, 12 (Toronto Sun, Ottawa Sun, Edmonton Sun, London Free Press)

*** N.B. man arrested at border**

Troy Spittle, 38, of Perth was arrested Friday at the Fort Fairfield Port of Entry after oxycodone pills were found, according to court documents. Daily Gleaner, A2

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Omnibus crime bill back in Commons

The federal government's omnibus crime bill will be heading back to the House of Commons after senators approved changes to Bill C-10 early Monday. Ottawa Citizen, A7 (Windsor Star, Edmonton Journal, Vancouver Sun), La Presse, Chronicle-Herald

*** Ruling that challenged gun crimes penalty as unconstitutional is appealed**

The Ontario Attorney General is appealing a court ruling that deemed mandatory minimum sentencing for gun crimes unconstitutional. The Crown launched the appeal on Friday, setting up an appearance before the Ontario Court of Appeal. National Post, A6, The Record

*** Off kilter**

A letter states, "Let me see if I have every-thing correct. Brian Anthony Cutteridge faces 10 years in prison if he is convicted of having sex with his dogs, which were taken away so they would live in a safe home. But, Mark Archibald molests boys and gets one year of house arrest... If only victims of sexual assault had the SPCA standing up for them instead of the churches." Calgary Herald, A13

*** Fire destroys heritage house in Dorchester**

A fire destroyed a historic home and virtually all of a family's possessions in the heart of Dorchester yesterday morning. Fire crews were still at the home located at 4940 Main St., about half a kilometre southeast of the Dorchester Penitentiary, last night. Firefighters from Sackville and Memramcook assisted the Dorchester volunteer department in battling the blaze, while Correctional Service of Canada staff ferried oxygen tanks to and from the prison, where they were refilled using the prison's emergency equipment. Times & Transcript, A1

*** 113 974 \$ pour un an de taule**

À 312 \$ par jour, un prisonnier incarcéré dans un pénitencier fédéral coûte 30% plus cher au contribuable canadien qu'il y a quatre ans. C'est ce que révèle le rapport annuel 2011 du Service correctionnel du Canada, que vient de rendre public le ministère fédéral de la Sécurité publique. Le Journal de Montréal, 5

*** Sondage Forum Research - Le PQ loin devant?**

Celui-ci permet aussi d'apprendre que le projet de loi C-10 en matière de justice serait soutenu par 56 % des Québécois... Le Devoir, A3

*** Lifetime scars for victims of Alfred Cooper**

A letter states, "One can only conclude James Alfred Cooper is the epitome of "pure evil."... It appears he still does not regret his depravity; he wants early parole. Hopefully the parole board, within all its legal power, will deny this evil pedophile the chance to freely re-enter society to continue his "evil" past." Hamilton Spectator, A16

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

*** City MPs eye fed axe**

As the federal budget inches closer, Ottawa MPs are like kids with their faces pressed up against the window of a candy store, waiting to see what their parents come back with. The budget will be particularly important to public servants in the National Capital Region, where planned cuts will be most keenly felt. Ottawa Sun, 9

*** Sparing subs may not be fiscally prudent**

There are signs the worst fears of federal public servants and Canada's military will not be realized in a budget the Finance Minister, Jim Flaherty, has promised will be "moderate" and "not Draconian." Word circulating within government is that the budget will cut around \$5-billion from federal operating costs. The size of the federal bureaucracy will be reduced by around 25,000 to 30,000 jobs (out of more than 350,000), but that will be done over a period of three years - and around half of those positions will be eliminated by attrition. National Post, A7

OTHER / AUTRE

*** Man and machine**

An opinion piece by Colin Kenny, "A front-page article in the National Post this month reported that our government is considering purchasing drones - perhaps half a dozen - as it begins to reappraise its commitment to 65 expensive F-35 fighter jets. Drones, or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), are aerial robots used for surveillance or attack. Canadian troops have used them for surveillance on the battlefield in Afghanistan; the Americans are turning to them as a cost-

effective component of maintaining military supremacy in South Asia and elsewhere. If the government is serious about purchasing UAVs, I tip my cap. When I served as chair of the Senate Committee on National Security and Defence, we recommended their use to defend our coastlines. Drones are also extremely useful in saving lives on the battlefield..."
National Post, A12

*** Don't forget to pack a fake husband, federal guide tells female travellers**

Single Canadian women travelling alone who don't want to be hit on by strange men should wear a fake wedding ring and have a photo handy of their imaginary husband, says a travel guide issued by Foreign Affairs Canada. Toronto Star, A10

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MINISTER / MINISTRE

Government wants Wikileaks30 source to testify

The Liberal staffer behind a now infamous Twitter attack against **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews** could be called to testify before a Commons committee. Conservative Dean Del Maestro told the House of Commons Tuesday that he has notified the access to information, privacy and ethics committee of plans to move a motion to call Adam Carroll before the committee next week. Ottawa Citizen, A6 (Calgary Herald); Daily Gleaner; Le Droit; * Toronto Sun (Calgary Sun, Winnipeg Sun); * Le Devoir

Putting victims first

A commentary piece by the Honourable Vic Toews, Minister of Public Safety, states, "*I've spent the better part of my career advocating for the safety and security of Canadians. As a prosecutor, child protection lawyer, federal and provincial attorney general, and in my current job as Canada's minister of Public Safety, I've always made it my goal to put victims first... Let me be clear: Bill C-30 creates no new powers to access the content of emails, web-browsing history or phone calls beyond that which already exists in Canadian law. The government intends to send this legislation directly to committee for a full examination of potential amendments to update our laws while ensuring the privacy of Canadians is respected. I hope that all Canadians, and especially Members of Parliament and the media, will read, discuss, and reflect on this bill.*" New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal, A5

Online surveillance backed - to a point

A majority of Canadians say they support the federal government's proposed online surveillance bill, but that support fizzles when it comes to the most contentious parts of the legislation, a new poll suggests. The national survey by Ipsos Reid, conducted exclusively for Postmedia News and Global TV amid a political uproar over the reach of the bill, found 56 per cent of respondents said they support it as it stands, with 15 per cent saying they "strongly support" it compared to 41 per cent who "somewhat support" the bill. The bill also triggered an anonymous online campaign that aired details of **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** messy divorce. The bill will now be studied under these heightened tensions by a parliamentary committee before the House of Commons votes to support the bill in principle. Times & Transcript, C3

I demand an apology

A letter to the editor states, "I'm appalled by **Public Safety Minister Vic Toews'** comments in the House of Commons last week, when he accused all Canadians who oppose the government's invasive and warrantless online spying scheme, Bill C-30, of siding with child pornographers... Even members of **Toews'** own party are against this costly invasion of privacy! I demand that **Minister Toews** publicly apologize to all Canadians for his comments. Furthermore, I am calling for the government to publicly commit to amend its online spying legislation so that any new surveillance powers are based on a clear need for new powers, demonstrated by verifiable evidence..." Daily Gleaner, C6; Toronto Star; The Guardian; * Kingston Whig-Standard

LAWFUL ACCESS / ACCÈS LÉGAL

Bill C-30 less invasive than Google

An editorial states, "... No, I'm talking about the new Bill C-30, called Investigating and Preventing Criminal Electronic Communications Act. The conspiracy theorists, media and just about everyone has jumped on the theory that the

government is going to be invading every-one's privacy and Big Brother has taken the next step to controlling our entire lives... Let's stop and think about all the crime that happens online before we conclude that police should have a tough time getting an arrest warrant. This is not big brother, this is about a phone book for computer addresses." Winnipeg Sun, 11

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT / GESTION DES MESURES D'URGENCE

* Mild quake hits Outaouais

A 3.2-magnitude earthquake was recorded in the Gatineau area on Tuesday evening. The epicentre of the earthquake, which struck at 7: 09 p.m., was 21 kilometres northeast of Gatineau, according to Earthquakes Canada, part of Natural Resources Canada. Earthquakes of 3.5 magnitude or less are recorded by seismographs, but generally not felt by area residents. Ottawa Gatineau ranks third among Canadian urban centres for earthquake risk, behind Vancouver and Montreal, according to the Geological Survey of Canada. Ottawa Citizen, C2; Le Droit; Journal de Montréal

* Christchurch

Aftershocks have continued to shake the city. New Zealand and Canada share best practice in emergency preparedness programs, but the fact remains that earthquake risks abound, especially on and near our shared Pacific coasts. That Christchurch, New Zealand's second largest city, was damaged in the way it was by severe and continuing seismic activity, tells us a great deal about the complexities that face urban centres after major earthquakes. These provide lessons for emergency situations that Vancouver could face. Vancouver Sun, A13

* Le Québec ne serait pas à l'abri d'un Fukushima

La catastrophe nucléaire de Fukushima a été causée par les échecs des institutions japonaises et de l'industrie nucléaire, selon un rapport publié, hier, par Greenpeace, qui soutient que les mêmes erreurs humaines pourraient se reproduire à la centrale de Gentilly-2, à Trois-Rivières. Le rapport, intitulé Les leçons de Fukushima, porte sur la manière dont les Japonais ont géré la catastrophe nucléaire de la centrale de Fukushima, à la suite du séisme et du tsunami survenus le 11 mars 2011. Journal de Montréal, 43

* Catastrophes et économie

Un article d'opinion déclare, « Je me rappelle bien du tremblement de terre du 25 novembre 1988. De magnitude 5,9, il avait causé des dommages minimes. Rien de bien énervant. Mais le 28 février 1925, un séisme de 6,2 sur l'échelle de Richter a frappé Charlevoix et Kamouraska. Cette fois-ci, les dommages ont été plus sérieux. Plusieurs cheminées écroulées, des murs et des fondations fissurées, et l'église de Saint-Urbain détruite. La secousse a même causé des dommages à Trois-Rivières et à Shawinigan. En octobre 1870, c'est un séisme de magnitude 6,5 qui a frappé le Québec... Une catastrophe naturelle, un accident, un attentat ou une erreur humaine à Gentilly-2 pourrait forcer l'évacuation de plus de 200 000 personnes (dont celles de Trois-Rivières) vivant dans un rayon de 30 km autour de la centrale. On peut comprendre que les enjeux économiques et sociaux reliés à la réfection de la centrale de Gentilly soient majeurs. Ce sont les emplois et la qualité de vie de toute une population qui sont en jeu. Mais plutôt que d'investir 2,5 milliards \$ dans la réfection d'une centrale nucléaire potentiellement très dangereuse et dont on pourrait facilement se passer en terme d'énergie produite, pourquoi le gouvernement n'investirait-il pas les mêmes sommes dans le développement des énergies vertes chez nous?... » Le Nouvelliste, 18

NATIONAL SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ NATIONALE

Malik to repay Air India legal bill loans

After a 10-year dispute over finances, Ripudaman Singh Malik is finally repaying the B.C. government millions of dollars in loans that went to cover his legal bills during the Air India trial where he was acquitted of the murders of 331 people. The payment of \$6.3-million will come from proceeds of the sale of prime property in Vancouver's trendy Yaletown district that closed Tuesday. Globe and Mail, S1

Sailor to wait weeks for bail hearing

Jeffrey Paul Delisle, the naval intelligence officer at the centre of a spy scandal, has been charged with espionage but the federal government is not alleging that he put troops at risk, his lawyer says. "That's not the allegation. This is nothing to do with the safety of troops," Mike Taylor said Tuesday. "It's not even close to that." On Tuesday, the lawyer appeared in court briefly to set a date for Sub-Lieutenant Delisle's bail hearing. It will take place April 13. Globe and Mail, A5; Windsor Star; New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal; * Toronto Star; * Le Droit; * Waterloo Region Record (Whitehorse Star)

CYBER SECURITY / CYBERSÉCURITÉ

* Online fraud surpasses phone in dollar losses

Who do you call if you get a suspicious pitch for a loan, job, prize or transfer of a large sum of money from overseas? The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre is the go-to place for consumers trying to decide if a phone call or email solicitation is real or fake. Formerly known as Phonebusters, it has operated since 1993 as a joint venture with the Ontario Provincial Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the federal Competition Bureau. Toronto Star, B1

* Police sweep nets 25 alleged Anonymous hackers

Interpol said Tuesday that 25 suspected members of the loose-knit Anonymous hacker movement have been arrested in Europe and South America. The international police agency said in a statement that the arrests in Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Spain were carried out by national law enforcement officers working under the support of Interpol's Latin American Working Group of Experts on Information Technology Crime. Globe and Mail, A14; La Presse; Vancouver Sun

* Commission Charbonneau des courriels auraient été piratés

La commission Charbonneau aurait été la cible de pirates informatiques bien intentionnés la semaine dernière. Sept courriels auraient ainsi été interceptés afin de démontrer les failles du système mis en place et surtout, la nécessité de les corriger, a appris Le Devoir. Le Devoir, A1

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND POLICING / LA POLICE ET DE L'APPLICATION DE LA LOI

Czapnik's killing was deliberate, prosecutor tells jury

Former RCMP officer Kevin Gregson was "dressed for battle" when he went hunting for a police officer hours before he stabbed Eric Czapnik to death, a Crown prosecutor told an Ottawa court Tuesday. Ottawa Citizen, A1 (Leader-Post, The StarPhoenix, National Post); * Ottawa Sun; * Le Droit

Quebec police nab 4 for child porn

Quebec provincial police arrested four men Tuesday with alleged links to an international child pornography network. Windsor Star, C1 (Calgary Sun); * The Gazette; * Ottawa Sun; * Journal Montreal

* Cops thwart suicide pact

A Winnipeg man arrested at the airport with potentially lethal chemicals in his car was there to hold up his end of an online suicide pact with a woman coming to the city to meet him in person for the first time, police say. Winnipeg Sun, 7; Whig-Standard; L'Acadie Nouvelle

* Police hope for head start in investigation

For more than five years the identity of a victim of foul play whose body washed up on a beach in the UBC Endowment Lands has baffled police. On Tuesday, a bust of the man, as interpreted by a facial-reconstructive sculptor, was revealed at an afternoon press conference, with his actual teeth in place behind the clay lying over his skull. The Province, A21

* Robocall imbroglio has ring of familiarity

An opinion piece states, "For the Harper government, the most comforting thing that can be said of the "robocall affair" is that no envelopes stuffed with cash are involved... So far, RCMP and Elections Canada are investigating calls in one riding: Guelph. And Conservative political aide Michael Sona, who was lately working for a Toronto-area MP, has resigned..." The Guardian, A7

* 100000 clients au Québec

Le Québec compterait jusqu'à 8 000 trafiquants d'ecstasy ou de méthamphétamine et environ 100 000 consommateurs de ces drogues de "party" bon marché, décriées par les policiers et le milieu de la santé. C'est le portrait alarmant tiré par les auteurs d'une étude produite ce mois-ci, à la demande du ministère canadien de la Sécurité publique. Journal Montreal, 4

* Avoir les moyens de tricher

Libéraux et néodémocrates ont toujours soupçonné les conservateurs d'être à l'origine de ces appels. Leurs soupçons ont décuplé après la révélation, la semaine dernière, de l'enquête entreprise par Élections Canada, avec l'aide de la GRC, sur des appels ayant induit en erreur des électeurs de la circonscription de Guelph, enquête qui a mené pour l'instant jusqu'à une firme albertaine offrant des services d'appels automatisés et réputée proche des conservateurs. Depuis, d'autres cas sont soulevés dans les médias, d'autres entreprises, identifiées. Le Devoir, A3; Journal Montreal

* **Contrer le trafic de tabac passe par des mesures musclées**

Pour contrer le trafic du tabac, il faut frapper plus vite et plus fort les contrebandiers et leur compliquer la vie, en allant peut-être jusqu'à identifier chaque cigarette mise en marché. Ces suggestions apparaissent dans le rapport déposé, hier, à l'Assemblée nationale, par les membres de la Commission des finances publiques. Présidé par le député libéral Claude Bachand, le groupe constate que la lutte contre la vente au noir des cigarettes connaît des succès. Le Soleil, 10

BC MISSING WOMEN INQUIRY / ENQUÊTE SUR LES FEMMES DISPARUES DE LA C.-B.

'Am I next?' Victim shared her dread before her death

Three years before she disappeared, one of the victims of serial killer Robert Pickton left a chilling entry in her diary: "Am I next?" The passage from de Vries' journal was read out at the Missing Women inquiry from the book, *Missing Sarah*, written by her older sister, Maggie de Vries. She also read another passage, written from the year before her sister vanished while working as a street prostitute in Vancouver. Maggie de Vries told the inquiry her sister's writing shows that even though Sarah presented a hard exterior to the world, "inside that shell there is a person in pain." Maggie de Vries is part of a panel at the inquiry, along with Wayne Leng and sex trade activist Jamie Lee Hamilton. Leader-Post, C11 (StarPhoenix, Times Colonist)

'Violent men' patrol Eastside looking for prostitutes

"Hundreds of violent men" prowl Vancouver streets looking for sex-trade workers, the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry was told Tuesday. Meanwhile, prostitutes are still being told by police to move to dark and dangerous "containment zones" north of East Hastings Street, the inquiry heard. It all leaves sex-trade workers feeling no safer now than when serial killer Robert Pickton preyed on Down-town Eastside residents in the 1990s. The Province, A19

Police appear "perfect" in Missing Women testimony

A letter to the editor states, "Every police officer involved in the Pickton investigation has parroted the identical company line: "I made no mistakes. I would not have done any-thing different." Well, I stand corrected, chastised and embarrassed; I had no idea such an organization even existed. A huge conglomerate composed of thousands of employees and yet, to a man, they simply do not make mistakes, they are perfect human beings, and even in hindsight (with 50-plus women butchered on their watch) would still do nothing different. We are truly blessed to be protected by such a saintly organization. We should double their salaries." Vancouver Sun, A12

BORDER SECURITY / SÉCURITÉ FRONTALIÈRE

*** Lavalin in Libya: 'Who paid' and 'how much'**

The Ontario private security contractor who helped dictator Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's family flee Libya during last year's revolution was grilled by Canadian immigration officials Tuesday about his ties to SNC-Lavalin. Gary Peters spent almost five hours at the Canada Border Services Agency offices in Mississauga, Ont., where he was questioned about the Montreal-based engineering giant's role in financing some of his international travels. National Post, A1

*** Nos choix**

On discute beaucoup dans l'actualité du sort des réfugiés au Canada, un destin peu enviable. A la lumière de ce que l'on voit dans *La forteresse*, un film sans frontière, un documentaire fort percutant et émouvant tourné dans un centre qu'on pourrait qualifier «de détention» qui accueille des demandeurs d'asile en Suisse, il semble que cette situation n'est agréable nulle part... Le Devoir, B9

*** Haiti cocaine smuggler charged**

A Montreal resident who took advantage of the confusion and outpouring of goodwill following Haiti's devastating earthquake to smuggle 1.5 kilograms of cocaine into Canada aboard a humanitarian flight has been sentenced to seven years in prison. Carmelite Massenet, 54, was sentenced Monday for her third drug-related conviction, and once time served - which counts as double - is deducted, will have 35 months remaining in her sentence. Windsor Star, A6

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PARTNERSHIPS / SÉCURITÉ DE LA POPULATION ET PARTENARIATS

Canada is repeating U.S. mistakes on drug sentencing

An opinion piece states, "As Canadian senators meet this week to vote on comprehensive anti-crime Bill C-10, they need to reflect upon the U.S. experience and reject the bill's entrenchment of mandatory minimum sentences for drug offences

in Canada... Exploding court and correctional costs for resource-strapped national and provincial governments is one likely calamity that Canadians can expect from mandatory minimum sentencing laws... After a generation of frustrated judges, and detailed analyses of these problems, marijuana policies in the United States have become much more progressive than those in Canada... At this time of fiscal limits, taxpayers can't afford the luxury of expensive and symbolic anti-crime measures. Parliament must embrace only policies that are effective, respect the taxpayers' pocketbook and are evidence-based. Mandatory minimums fit none of these important criteria." Ottawa Citizen, A13

House arrest plan to cost \$145m

A plan to drastically limit the use of house arrest means Canada will be punishing fewer offenders for shorter periods of time at a significantly greater per convict cost, the federal budget watchdog warned Tuesday in a report that puts a \$145-million-a-year price tag on the controversial provision contained in Bill C-10. Times & Transcript, C1 (National Post, Times Colonist), A6, * Toronto Sun, * Toronto Star (The Record, Hamilton Spectator, The Telegram, Chronicle-Herald, The Guardian, Red Deer Advocate), * La Presse, * Le Droit, * Le Devoir

*** De l'argent et des prisons**

Un article d'opinion déclare, «Finalement, on le sait de source "sûre" : la future loi omnibus réformant entre autres le régime de sentences, la loi C-10 "sur la sécurité des rues et des communautés", coûtera cher, passablement cher . . . Je ne tenterai pas de résoudre un débat financier dans un dossier où personne ne peut saisir l'ensemble des faits. Selon la pratique habituelle, le **ministère fédéral de la Sécurité publique** a refusé de collaborer avec M. Page et caché soigneusement ses chiffres... » Le Soleil, 4

*** Paying for Tory crime bill**

Restricting house arrest is going to cost the provinces and territories almost \$140 million a year, produce fewer convictions and reduce the time offenders are under government supervision, according to a report from the independent parliamentary budget officer . . . Page said the findings raise troubling questions about both the policy itself and government transparency. "Why can't **Public Safety**, why can't Justice Canada produce similar kinds of reports for our parliamentarians?" he asked. Waterloo Region Record, D10

*** Jailhouse shock: \$113,974 a year per inmate**

Canadians taxpayers dished out an average of \$113,974 to lodge an inmate in a federal prison last year, up 30% from four years ago. Conservative Senator Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu said three factors have led to the rise in costs: pressure from the prison ombudsman to improve quality of life behind bars, an aging inmate population that requires geriatric care and increased costs related to prisoners with psychiatric problems. London Free Press, A1 (Edmonton Sun)

*** Brig bucks**

An opinion piece states, "Retire at 65, a life of honest work behind you, and the Canada Pension Plan will fork out a maximum of \$11,840.04 annually to supposedly keep you fed, clothed and sheltered. Land a bed in jail via rape, murder or any other heinous criminal act and you're suddenly worth \$113,974 a year to the federal government -- nearly 10 times as much. Fair? Hardly. But that's annual average cost for keeping an inmate incarcerated in Canada, according to the latest report from Corrections Canada... Some blame Canada's tough-on-crime policy for much of the added cost, but Thomas says that's what the majority of Canadians asked for -- and instead of being soft on criminals, it's time to crackdown on spending." Calgary Sun, 7

*** Canada a 'significant' source of ecstasy**

Canada is a top producer and exporter of ecstasy, a synthetic drug linked to more than a dozen recent deaths in Canada, according to a UN report released yesterday. However, the report ended on a positive note, pointing to recent data suggesting Canada's five-year National Anti-Drug Strategy targeting the illicit drug trade is working. Times & Transcript, A2

*** Prison spending trumps seniors for Harper government**

An opinion piece states, "If real benefits were to be achieved as a result of the additional billions being put toward incarceration, the choice would make more sense... It doesn't make sense to lock up folks who are more in need of mental health services, or aboriginals who'd be better served by rehab programs, or pot dealers... No one is arguing pedophiles and murderers shouldn't be locked up, only that the government's broad-brush approach is too generalized. And too costly at a time when seniors' benefits are being cut. But then, the Harper team's view of it doubtless would be: Taxpayers are either with the Conservatives or with the crooks." Vancouver Sun, B2

*** Quatre prisons en attente**

"La prison de Bordeaux est devenue la décharge des autres prisons de la province et le gouvernement sera tenu criminellement responsable s'il arrive quelque chose", entre autres à cause de la surpopulation, avertit le syndicat des gardiens de prison. Stéphane Lemaire, président du Syndicat des agents de la paix en service correctionnel du Québec

(SAPSCQ), somme le ministère de la Sécurité publique d'accélérer la construction des quatre prisons promises de longue date: Sorel (en PPP), Amos, Sept-Iles et Roberval. La Presse, A15

*** De l'argent et des prisons**

Un article d'opinion déclare, « Finalement, on le sait de source "sûre" : la future loi omnibus réformant entre autres le régime de sentences, la loi C-10 "sur la sécurité des rues et des communautés", coûtera cher, passablement cher... Mais malgré le rapport déposé hier par le directeur parlementaire du budget, Kevin Page, nous ne savons pas tout, loin de là, car il a étudié une seule des neuf réformes avancées dans ce texte par le gouvernement Harper... Il faudra donc à première vue augmenter la capacité des établissements de 25 % à moins d'imiter le tiers-monde et d'entasser les détenus dans des cellules communes. Faudra-t-il aussi leur demander une pension, comme le suggérait Marc Bellemare la semaine dernière, ou encore demander à leurs familles de leur fournir des boîtes à lunch? » Le Soleil, 4

PUBLIC SERVICE / FONCTION PUBLIQUE

*** Budget could kill 116,000 jobs**

The union representing economists working in the federal government is predicting the loss of 61,000 jobs in the private sector if the Conservative government reduces federal spending up to \$8 billion. The Canadian Association of the Professional Employees (CAPE) said the ripple effect of the Conservatives' spending cuts, which will wipe out 55,000 jobs in the public service, will be a "drag on the economy" that will be felt across the country. Windsor Star, C1

*** Tories planning big cuts**

The Harper government released spending estimates Tuesday for the upcoming 2012-13 budget year that already project sizable cuts to several departments - without factoring in potentially billions of dollars in looming expenditure reductions. Windsor Star, C1

*** Government's rights trump employees', HR boss says**

The need for public servants to know if they will lose their jobs in the upcoming budget takes a back seat to the Conservative government's right to secretly finalize its spending cuts and the "messaging" around them, says the Treasury Board chief human resources officer. Ottawa Citizen, A3

*** PS, don't fear worst**

Cuts to the public service will occur "overwhelmingly" by attrition -- and not by deep cuts -- Foreign Affairs Minister and Ottawa West-Nepean MP John Baird told the Sun on Tuesday. Trying to send a calming message to skittish public servants, Baird said federal budget cuts will be "like nothing." Ottawa Sun, 4

INTERNATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

*** 7,500 killed in Syria, UN claims**

Syrian forces have killed more than 7,500 civilians since a revolt against President Bashar al-Assad began, a UN official said on Tuesday, and Hillary Clinton, the top U.S. diplomat, suggested the Syrian leader may be a war criminal. The Gazette, A15 (Vancouver Sun)

OTHER / AUTRE

*** AK-47 reloaded**

It's known as the most popular firearm in the world, a mainstay of the Russian army and the weapon of choice for paramilitaries, rebels and gangsters. Now, Moscow has announced that the iconic Kalashnikov - the Soviet-era assault rifle commonly known as the AK-47 - is getting an upgrade. Toronto Star, A3

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C-30 to go directly to Committee (unsure exactly when)
Shiprider still part of BIA (no objections by Finance)

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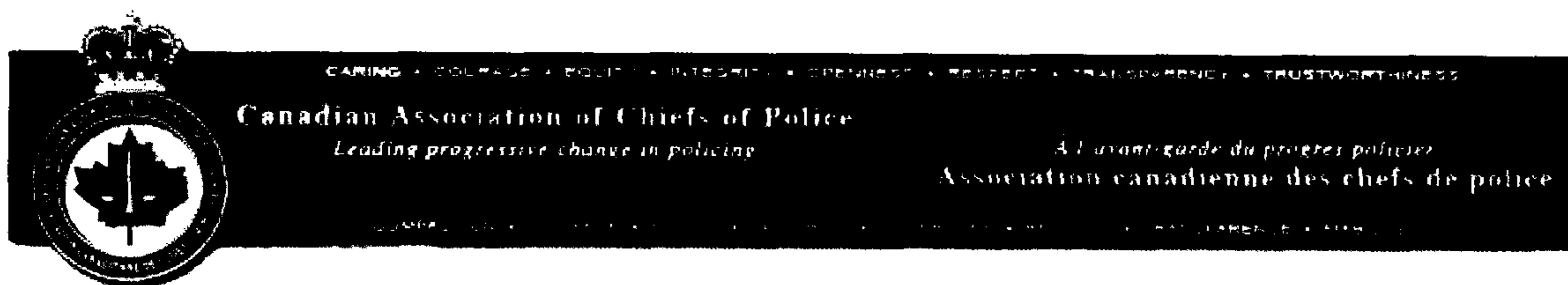
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Simplifying Lawful Access – Bill – C-30 – Through the Lens of Law Enforcement

Introduction:

When law enforcement uses words such as electronic interception, intercept capable, electronic surveillance and combines such words with the most widely used forms of communications by society – Internet, cellulars, social media.....it understandably raises concerns of many Canadians. So much so that when Canada's Privacy Commissioner surveys Canadians and states "More than eight in 10 respondents (82 percent) opposed giving police and intelligence agencies the power to access e-mail records and other Internet usage data without a warrant from the courts" most of us in law enforcement would back such a statement. But let's be fair, this is not what governments and Canada's law enforcement leaders are proposing.

These same technologies are providing a safe haven for serious criminal activity in Canada – organized crime, sexual predators, gangs, identity theft and terrorism are among the many examples. New technologies allow for old crimes to be committed in new ways, as well as new crimes to develop, including viruses, trojans, worms, hacking, spyware, spam, phishing, identity theft, Internet fraud and money laundering. The fact is that Canada's obsolete legislative scheme was implemented in 1975 during the days of the rotary dial telephone. Modernization of current legislative provisions is urgently required to reflect significant advancements in communications technologies. Without modernization, the current legislation severely challenges police investigations and compromises public safety. Urgent amendments are required to allow the police to lawfully and effectively investigate serious offences. This new law is up-dating laws to reflect new technologies.

We believe new legislation will:

- assist police with the necessary tools to investigate crimes while balancing, if not strengthening the privacy rights for Canadians through the addition of oversight not currently in place.
- help law enforcement investigate and apprehend those who are involved in criminal activity while using new technologies to avoid apprehension due to outdated laws and technology
- allow for timely and consistent access to basic information to assist in investigations of criminal activity and other police duties in serving the public (ie. suicide prevention, notifying next of kin, etc.)

One of the difficulties with regard to the lawful access legislation is presenting it in a fashion that the public can understand as it can be very technical. Our goal is to assist the public to allow them to base their opinion on fact, not rhetoric.

Today's Environment versus the Proposed legislation:

Currently, there are few set procedures for law enforcement to gain information required to investigate leads relating to criminal activity. Telecommunication service providers (TSP's) vary widely as to what information will be provided to law enforcement. The following table is used to describe the tightening of rules under Bill C-30 versus the current environment by various applications:

Application	Currently	Through Bill C-30
- Obtaining any content of email, cellular call, etc.	Obtainable only by way of warrant *	Obtainable only by way of warrant *
- Obtaining Basic Subscriber Information in the course of carrying out public safety activities	Ad hoc basis – some TSP's will provide, many others request warrant – Issue is timeliness and consistency in obtaining information – No controls exist on obtaining information	- strict limits on the number of law enforcement officials permitted to request information - those officials to be fully trained - strict procedures for recording, reporting and auditing of such requests - auditing/reporting process includes providing documentation to Minister of Public Safety, Privacy Commissioner, provincial authorities, etc.
- IP address or cellular tracking (monitoring)	- Could only be done through a warrant	- Could only be done through a warrant
- Monitoring Internet Surfing	- Could only be done through a warrant.	- Could only be done through a warrant
- Mechanism to obtain content of email, cellular call, etc.	Obtainable only by way of warrant * Ad hoc basis – TSP's are not required to preserve data. By time law enforcement obtains warrant, content may not be available. Severely handicaps law enforcement and may endanger lives	Obtainable only by way of warrant * - implements production and preservation orders.** - allows law enforcement to request TSP to preserve data while a warrant is being requested (helps ensure data is not lost)

* A warrant is a judicially authorized mechanism to allow law enforcement to gain private information (content or data). There are certain exigent circumstances (ie. life at immediate risk) where law enforcement can obtain this material. This does not change with Bill C-30.

** This legislation introduces production and preservation orders which police can present to a Telecommunication Service Provider. A production order would allow police to gain a limited amount of transmission data for the purpose of ultimately identifying the originating service

provider involved in the transmission of e-mails or other communications and would be granted through a warrant on the basis of "reasonable grounds to suspect." A preservation order request is one that requires the TSP to preserve (i.e. not delete) specific computer or communication data that would assist in an investigation for up to 21 days (90 days for foreign investigations) while police obtain a warrant to be able to view that data.

The Important Facts Around the Legislation:

Access to Actual Data or Content:

Fact: To gain content of electronic communications, a warrant is required. Data or content of transmissions can only be released to law enforcement through a court ordered warrant process. The legislation does not change this. (There are very limited exceptions to this in emergency situations where serious harm must be prevented).

The preservation of data (a 'demand' by a police agency) is a request to a service provider to preserve data for a time period not exceeding 21 days (in order that the police have the opportunity to apply for the requisite warrant to obtain the information). This will necessitate the securing of existing data by the provider and the housing of that data in anticipation of the warrant.

Fact: There is nothing in the bill that asks the provider to specifically monitor the traffic of the individual and report back to the law enforcement agency on the activity of an individual (i.e., this is not a "collection order").

Access to Basic Subscriber Information:

The information which companies would be compelled to release would be: name, address, phone number, email address, Internet protocol address, and the name of the service provider. All of these would involve police providing one identifying set (e.g., IP address and time/date) and the communication service provider providing the matching subscriber information (e.g., customer name). While this information is important to police in all types of investigations, it can be of critical in cases where it is urgent that police locate a caller or originator of information that reasonably causes the police to suspect that someone's safety is at risk. Without this information, the police may not be able to quickly locate and help the person who is in trouble or being victimized.

Fact: Gaining basic subscriber information (names, addresses, phone numbers etc.) would be obtainable pursuant to requests from designated officials in policing agencies through an audited process. This reflects the reality that phone directories do not necessarily exist in the digital world.

The Auditing Process:

Currently, there is no audited process for law enforcement to gain access to basic subscriber information. It may be obtained through a current relationship between a policing service and a TSP or, far too often, is only provided following significant delays. Some TSPs outright deny providing the information without a warrant. *Currently law enforcement agencies are not directly accountable for these requests and for the information that they obtain.*

Fact: Under the proposed legislation, new safeguards will be implemented which actually enhance the privacy of Canadians. These include:

- *strict limits on the number of law enforcement officials permitted to request information*
- *the training of such individuals*
- *strict procedures for recording, reporting and auditing of such requests*
- *the implementation of an auditing/reporting process which includes providing documentation to Public Safety Ministers, Privacy Commissioners, Federal and provincial authorities, etc.*

Compliance by telecoms and ISPs:

Intercepting communications has been cited as an issue because of the cost-prohibitive nature of these upgrades to existing service providers and new entrants into the market.

Fact: Within this legislation the government recognizes the cost of development for the providers and is prepared to assist in specific circumstances. There is wording that speaks to grandfathering existing providers and the permission of a catch-up period with the possibility of government financial assistance.

Other:

Tracking of Phones (which have GPS) in the absence of a warrant. Such a possibility currently exists within the Criminal Code (s.487.11), but only for an exigent circumstance (i.e. a kidnapping or extortion). This same section will remain (slightly revised to include a Number Recorder) in the new legislation.



Lawful Access Frequently Asked Questions

Q1

Why do police need warrantless access to basic subscriber information (i.e. subscriber name, address, the existence of services, account information)?

A1

- *Basic subscriber information is often the most basic piece of information needed to progress an investigation, which may later require obtaining a warrant. It is similar to connecting a person's name to their telephone number in an address book. Lack of timely access to such information can, and often does, block investigations. In the case of situation, such as reports of potential suicides, lives can be endangered.*
- *Currently, there are few set procedures for law enforcement to gain information required to investigate leads relating to criminal activity. Telecommunication service providers (TSP's) vary widely as to what information will be provided to law enforcement. This new legislation will:*
 - *assist police with the necessary tools to investigate crimes while balancing privacy rights for Canadians*
 - *help law enforcement investigate and apprehend those who are involved in criminal activity while using new technologies and avoid apprehension due to outdated laws and technology*
 - *allow for timely and consistent access to basic information to assist in investigations of criminal activity*
- *Towards the end of this document, we have provided a section entitled: "Case Studies: The Utility of Basic Subscriber Information to Law Enforcement" as examples of why police need access to basic subscriber information. As an example of the issue, according to the RCMP's National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre, in 2010, the average response time for a basic subscriber information request was 12 days, and only 72.5% of requests were fulfilled*
- *Other applications:*
 - *Ascertain the address of a witness who has provided their phone number(s).*
 - *To follow up leads in an investigation where they have been provided a phone number and need to:*

- *know if it belongs to the person it is purported to belong.*
- *establish an address at which the person resides (presuming the number is a landline because address information on cellular phones is unreliable at best)*
- *To have the information required to obtain a warrant (customer name and address, IP address, phone number, etc.)*
- *As identified above, in emergent cases such as 9-1-1 calls from a cell phone or similar distress communication over the internet. This information may be essential to ensure help is provided to a person as soon as possible.*
- *To expedite investigations involving serious critical matters which require swift police response to apprehend criminals or prevent crime.*
- *To notify next of kin when there has been an accident or homicide*
- *To notify owner when stolen property is recovered.*

Q1 (A)

Why can't police just get a warrant for Basic Subscriber Information?

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- *It may not allow for timely response and potentially jeopardize lives and safety while warrant is being obtained. In many cases, time is of the essence.*
- *It may allow victimization to continue while police attempt to get the warrant*
- *In many cases, law enforcement cannot obtain a warrant without BSI.*
- *How does law enforcement get a warrant for possible suicide threats, next of kin notification on a timely basis?*
- *In the case of missing persons, police often do not have obvious grounds that a crime is involved, nor that it is urgent. A warrant is likely not obtainable, based on the information provided, and the Telecommunication Service Providers (TSP's) are not required to provide BSI. In these cases, the first 24 hours of an investigation is critical.*
- *BSI allows us to investigate expeditiously with minimal intrusion (contact information) into peoples lives*
- *If a warrant was required for each request, police (and Justices) could not keep up with the demand. Further, the complexity of cross-jurisdictional (provincial / national / international) would place a significant workload on policing to obtain warrant for BSI in each location.*
- *Please note: The notion of urgency can be somewhat subjective. With this legislation, it addresses the issue of a uniform policy to gaining such information.*
- *Again, in today's environment, TSP's may be willingly provide BSI information and they may not depending on the practices of individual TSP's. With this legislation, oversight is incorporated which is currently not in place. Law Enforcement is seeking consistency and ensuring that the TSP's are not the ones who randomly decide what we can, or cannot, investigate.*

Q2

Who can ask for basic subscriber information from service providers?

A2

Currently any sworn or civilian police personnel can request this information from a telecommunications company. The new legislation will require the head of a law enforcement agency (i.e. the Chief or Commissioner) to designate a limited number of people within the organization to obtain this information. Mandatory training will be required of all designated officials. Law enforcement will be required to document all requests and disclose them through an audit procedure contained within the bill. The audit procedure includes:

- *strict limits on the number of law enforcement officials permitted to request information*
- *the training of such individuals*
- *strict procedures for recording, reporting and auditing of such requests*
- *the implementation of an auditing/reporting process which includes providing documentation to Public Safety Ministers, Privacy Commissioners, Federal and provincial authorities, etc.*

Q3

What is done with the basic subscriber information obtained by law enforcement personnel from the service providers?

A3

This information is provided to police personnel to aid in investigations and for public safety purposes.

- *There is currently an accepted rule that the information obtained may only be used for the purpose for which it was obtained. There is no body which monitors this at the moment, and no requirement for law enforcement agencies to be accountable for why the information was obtained and how it was used.*
- *The new legislation ensures that:*
 - *law enforcement agencies can account for the reason the information is obtained and also what the information was used for.*
 - *the agency may only use the information for the purpose for which it was obtained.*
 - *the agency organize the information in a fashion that would permit an audit of that information to determine why it was requested and what the information was used for.*

Q4

Do law enforcement agencies actually engage in the interception of private communications without a warrant/judicially approval?

A4

Since 1993, Section 184.4 of the Code has provided that peace officers can intercept private communications without prior judicial authorization, where the peace officer believes on reasonable grounds that: (i) an authorization cannot be obtained with reasonable diligence, given the urgency of the situation; (ii) an interception is immediately necessary to prevent an unlawful act that would cause serious harm to any person or to property; and (iii) either the originator or the intended recipient of the private communication is the person who would perform the harmful act or is the intended victim.

In 2008 the constitutionality of this Section was questioned in a Court case R v. 6 Accused (There is a pending SCC decision). The legislation, as currently written lacks the requirement of reporting to the Attorney General (Provincial) or to Public Safety Canada (Federal) of the use of this measure. Additionally, unlike traditional judicially approved interception, it lacks the requirement of notification to the person(s) intercepted. The former Bill C-50 intended to amend the current legislation to ensure that both these deficits were rectified.

Q5

Will the new legislation actually empower Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to collect information and provide it to law enforcement agencies in the absence of a warrant?

A5

Absolutely not. The law enforcement agency will be permitted the ability to make a "demand" to preserve data for 21 days, which means that the data will be preserved for that time period by the service provider, but the law enforcement agency MUST have a warrant to obtain the data that was preserved by that demand (or to extend the preservation by judicial order for an additional 90 days).

Q6

Won't the new legislation cripple the telecommunications and internet service provider companies financially with all the new requirements to have intercept capability?

A6

This was considered in the drafting of the legislation. Within this legislation the government recognizes the cost of development for the providers and is prepared to assist in specific

circumstances. There is wording that speaks to grandfathering existing providers and the permission of a catch-up period with the possibility of government financial assistance. Note that much more far-reaching laws exist in the United States and Europe where TSP's, (based on competition) have not passed on costs to consumers.

Q7

For those of us who live our lives online and presume that there is some anonymity in that realm, doesn't this legislation provide "the state" the ability to watch our actions and collect information about us on a whim?

A7

This is absolutely not true. This legislation is not designed to do away with the need for a warrant for information currently obtained by way of warrant. This legislation is designed to bring the Criminal Code into this century and this decade and provide for the ability to preserve data that might not otherwise be retained, to allow for law enforcement agencies to apply for the warrants to obtain the information. Crimes involving the use of services and sites available on the internet are on the increase – from child exploitation to identity theft – and law enforcement agencies require the ability to obtain the data required to determine whether the person suspected has committed a crime. This information could only be obtained with the issuance of a warrant by a judge.

The basic subscriber information provision does not give law enforcement the lawful authority to monitor websites for the purpose of creating profiles of individuals, or to track individuals. Under this legislation, police may request the name and address associated with an IP address using a basic subscriber information request.

Requests for information from a telecommunications service provider about the website surfing activity or the real-time whereabouts of an individual would need to be made under production orders, warrants or wiretap authorizations contained in the Criminal Code.

Q8

I heard that telecommunications companies and ISPs will track my location through my phone or internet use and will provide this information to law enforcement. Is this true?

A8

Currently, and as well with the new legislation, such action can only take place with a warrant or in an exigent circumstance telecommunications companies and ISPs will provide this information to law enforcement agencies. A warrant will be required to obtain this information unless a law enforcement agency invokes either s. 487.11, s. 184.4, or s.492.1 of the Criminal Code. Where there have been changes, the new legislation puts new privacy and Charter protections in place and ensures that the service providers must have the capability to provide the information.

Q9

Isn't this legislation simply an attempt by the government and police to position "the state" to have eyes and ears everywhere and have the ability to invade personal privacy at a whim?

A9

The intent of the legislation is to compel service providers to have the capability to intercept private communications under judicial order or in an exigent circumstance. It also stipulates that tombstone information must be provided to law enforcement personal in the absence of a warrant (whereas there is no legislation dictating this or otherwise at the moment) but clarifies the rules that both the police and the service provider must follow. For example, because a service provider would be compelled to disclose, it now places an additional burden on the law enforcement community to provide a clear audit of what the information was requested for and how it was utilized once received (for which there is no current requirement).

Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime on the need for Lawful Access

The Office of the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime is an arms-length resource for victims in Canada. The Office was created in 2007 to ensure the federal government meets its responsibilities to victims of crime. Ms. Sue O'Sullivan is Canada's Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime. Both her, and her predecessor's have documented the need for Lawful Access.

The Ombudsman has underlined the importance of the issue of child sexual exploitation and the need for lawful access to Parliament. In the report "Every Image, Every Child – Internet-Facilitated Child Sexual Abuse in Canada" the Ombudsman outlines the very serious issues faced by law enforcement. In her testimony before a Senate Standing Committee on Bill C-22 (An Act respecting the mandatory reporting of internet child pornography by persons who provide an internet service) she states:

While I am fully supportive of this bill, I must also point out that there is still much more to be done in order to effectively address the issue of Internet-facilitated child sexual abuse. Bill C-22 will not, in and of itself, eradicate child sexual abuse material from being created or shared; nor will it address the challenges that law enforcement will face in pursuing these cases without the necessary authority to compel ISPs to provide basic customer name and address information in order to identify and locate the individuals associated with a particular IP address.

Currently in Canada, ISPs are allowed but not obliged to provide customer name and address information without a warrant. Though many companies do cooperate, some can and do refuse to cooperate with law enforcement. In fact, according to the National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre in 2007, 30 per cent to 40 per cent of requests are denied. Without this information, law enforcement may be forced to close a case before a detailed investigation ever begins.

When it comes to privacy, the victim's privacy issues also need to take precedence. I do not think there is anything that violates your privacy more as a victim than having your sexual abuse be out there circulating in cyberspace. It is about balance and about respecting the privacy rights of the victims of sexual abuse

For further information:

- Ms. O'Sullivan testimony February 10, 2011 before the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs on Bill C-22:
http://www.parl.gc.ca/Content/SEN/Committee/403/lega/20evb-e.htm?Language=E&Parl=40&Ses=3&comm_id=11
- Every Image, Every Child report: http://www.victimfirst.gc.ca/res/pub/childp-pjuvenile/cont_01.html
- Every Image, Every Child backgrounder: <http://www.victimfirst.gc.ca/media/news-nouv/bg-di/20090507-1.html>
- Every Image, Every Child fast facts/statistics document:
<http://www.victimfirst.gc.ca/media/news-nouv/bg-di/20090507-2.html>

Case Studies: The Utility of Basic Subscriber Information to Law Enforcement

One of the problems with the current system is that there is no uniformity or reliability as to how/if TSPs respond to requests for basic subscriber information. For instance:

- There is one TSP that only responds to BSI requests on Fridays, regardless of when the requests are submitted
- There is one TSP that only accepts BSI requests via email

The National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre in Ottawa looked at a sample of 1,244 of the basic subscriber information requests they made in 2010. TSPs provided the information in 902 cases (72.5%). However, in 62 cases (5%), the TSPs refused to provide the information without a court order and in 53 cases (4.3%) did not respond to the request. In 227 cases (18.2%) the TSPs did not have the information that authorities requested. These numbers do not include requests made by other units that investigate Internet child exploitation offences across the country.

Furthermore, in 2010, the average response time for these requests was 12 days.

The National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre in Ottawa reported that, in 2007, of the 482 requests they made for basic subscriber information, in 19 cases (3.9%) service providers refused to provide the information without a court order and in 92 cases (19.1%) they did not respond to the request. In 40 cases (8.3%) the service providers did not have the information that was requested. In 2008, the NCECC in Ottawa made 335 requests for basic subscriber information. In 6 cases (1.8%) service providers refused to provide the information without a court order. In 46 cases (13.7%) they did not respond to the request and in 30 cases (9%) the service providers did not have the information that was requested.

Examples of regional disparity regarding telecommunications service providers (TSPs) providing BSI

Sometimes TSPs in specific regions don't respond to requests. Some TSPs in Atlantic Canada will not provide BSI unless they have a warrant.

- 1) In December 2010, New Brunswick RCMP began to investigate a case of peer-to-peer sharing of child pornography. Police suspected that up to 170 IP addresses were associated with a single individual. These IP addresses belonged to a TSP known for refusing to voluntarily provide subscriber information without a court order so the police applied for one.

As a result, the basic subscriber information was provided 15 days later and by that time the suspect's Internet activity had stopped. In September 2011, the suspect resumed his online activity and, that time, the TSP provided the basic subscriber information voluntarily. This cooperation allowed the police to act quickly and arrest the suspect at his residence in October 2011. The suspect was charged with possession and distribution of child pornography. Furthermore, police discovered that he was also producing child pornography and he was charged with that crime as well. The suspect also pled guilty to charges, which included the abuse of two young males from New Brunswick. If the police had been able to obtain the

information shortly after the investigation began, the investigation could have proceeded to the arrest stage more rapidly and the suspect's sexual abuse could have been stopped sooner.

Examples where TSPs did not provide police with BSI

- 2) In 2007, there was an international case involving 88 Canadian Internet Protocol addresses linked to the purchase of child pornography. The police requested the basic subscriber information associated with these addresses. Fifty one requests were answered and police were able to investigate these individuals and in some cases charges were laid. However, 37 requests were unanswered by the service providers. As a result, the identities and location of these suspected pedophiles is still unknown today.
- 3) In Operation Koala, a major international child pornography case in 2008, Europol provided the RCMP with information relating to 98 Canadian e-mail accounts or Internet Protocol addresses. TSPs were asked to provide the related basic subscriber information about their customers. Many service providers did provide the basic information and it led to the arrest and prosecution of nine Canadians. Regrettably, the identity of 25 Internet Protocol addresses or e-mail accounts could not be established due to the lack of cooperation of some service providers.
- 4) In Project Penalty, an international child pornography investigation, 47 out of 200 requests for basic subscriber information were refused by the TSPs.
- 5) In 2007, the RCMP assisted with an international investigation in which suspects located in Canada were attempting to defraud American corporations of approximately \$100 million. The investigation required police to find the individuals who were accessing unsecured wireless computer networks in the Toronto area (war driving) to commit these fraudulent activities. The suspects were constantly on the move and police needed the immediate support of the TSPs to determine the location of these networks. However, the service providers would not provide police with the basic subscriber information they needed. Because of the lack of cooperation from the TSPs, it took eight full-time technical investigators five days to finally locate and arrest the suspects. The suspects successfully defrauded victims of \$15 million. Had police been provided the information when it was requested, the value of the fraud would have been reduced considerably and police resources would have been used more effectively.
- 6) A 2006 international criminal investigation involved 78 Canadian Internet Protocol addresses linked to the purchase of child pornography. Requests for basic subscriber information related to those Internet Protocol addresses were submitted to the relevant TSPs and the information was provided for 44 addresses. However, 18 suspects have not been identified since the service providers refused to provide the basic subscriber information without authorities first obtaining a warrant.
- 7) In 2009, the RCMP in Alberta were notified of a threat made online to carry out a school shooting. Police had the Internet Protocol address and the date and time the threat was made and police requested that the TSP provide the corresponding basic subscriber information. The provider refused to cooperate, saying there was no urgency because the threat to carry out the shooting was six days old. The following day (Friday before a long weekend) police applied for a production order to compel the TSP to provide the information. By the time the production order was issued, the contact at the TSP had left for the weekend and the police had to wait three days before obtaining the information. When the TSP did provide the information, the

police used the information to obtain an additional warrant authorizing the search of a residence. A young person was arrested and remanded pending a mental health evaluation.

Examples of how BSI is useful to locate or identify an individual

- 8) In 2008, Calgary police were investigating threatening emails that were being sent to a woman from a sender whose identity was concealed. Authorities provided the TSP with the IP address and asked the TSP for the street address from where the emails were sent. The information was provided and, as a result, within one day police were able to identify the individual sending the threatening emails and the investigation was complete. The individual was charged with criminal harassment and the victim got a restraining order against this individual.
- 9) A child was abducted in British Columbia in 2011. An amber alert was broadcast and, fortunately, the suspect returned the child. However, the suspect was not apprehended and his location remained unknown. Through further investigation, police obtained an IP address associated with the suspect. Police contacted the TSP directly and were advised that it was against policy to provide subscriber information related to an IP address without a Production Order. Police advised the TSP that the suspect had already abducted one child and that other children could possibly be at risk. The TSP decided to provide the information and the suspect was located and apprehended less than 24 hours after police received the information.
- 10) In 2008, the head of a municipal government in Québec was receiving death threats and harassing calls. In this case, the TSP cooperated and provided basic subscriber information to the police when it was requested and the police were able to locate and arrest the suspect. When the suspect was arrested, the police seized weapons from his house.
- 11) The Toronto Police Services had at least two cases involving citizens calling the police to advise that they were communicating over the Internet with persons threatening suicide. In both cases, the location of the potential victims was unknown. The police contacted the hosts of the websites and were provided with the IP addresses associated with the suicide threats. The police then contacted the TSPs and were provided with the basic subscriber information without a court order. This allowed the police to locate the distressed persons before they could harm themselves.

Example of how BSI is useful in the early stages of an investigation

- 12) In 2009, police were called to a homicide in which the victim suffered multiple stab wounds and was left on the street. The police determined that the victim had been involved in an altercation after attending a local pub. One of the victim's friends told police that one of the men suspected of being involved in the murder had called the victim's cell phone prior to the murder. The police looked through the victim's phone and found the cell number of this suspect. The police then provided the suspect's cell phone number to a TSP and obtained the basic subscriber information associated with that number. As a result, the police were able to identify the suspect, and from there more suspects were identified. As information beyond basic subscriber information was required, the police applied for a production order and obtained incriminating text messages.

13) In 2009, a Calgary-based company with 15,000 employees had its server hacked. A large amount of corporate data was stolen including personal records and payroll information. During their investigation, police obtained an IP address from the company, identified the TSP and asked the TSP for the name and address of the customer associated with the address. The TSP refused to voluntarily provide basic subscriber information to the police, so the police obtained a search warrant and the information was provided five days later. The information allowed the police to obtain a search warrant in relation to a residence in Manitoba. Pursuant to the search warrant, police seized the computers of one of the company's previous employees, but the delay that occurred was harmful to the company as the information that was stolen was of great potential use to the company's competitors.

Examples of the need for interception capability

14) In 2008, members of an organized crime group in British Columbia were directing an Agent to commit criminal acts, such as extortion and drug trafficking, through messages on cellular telephones. The service provider did not have the capability to intercept these messages and it took the RCMP six weeks to devise and implement a technical solution. The inability of police to intercept the text messages at a critical point in the investigation meant vital evidence was not collected.

15) The RCMP had installed equipment at a service provider to support an international money laundering and drug investigation. When a separate international terrorism investigation got underway, the police had to redeploy the interception equipment from the money laundering investigation in order to intercept the communications of the primary terrorism target. As a result of having to redeploy the equipment, evidence was lost in the money laundering investigation. If interception capability obligations had been in place, both interceptions could have been performed and evidence would not have been lost.

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police has obtained many further examples of the utility of Basic Subscriber Information to Law Enforcement which will be provided in our release to Committee.

Strasbourg, Christina

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Subject: Fw: Bill C-30 - the way ahead

From: Koops, Randall
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To: Easson, Grant; Champoux, Elizabeth
Subject: Re: Bill C-30 - the way ahead

Thanks. Let's discuss tmrw. This is a very good start. I'd like to see a bit more advice on a few things based on my discussions with mike macd today.

From: Easson, Grant
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To: Koops, Randall
Subject: Bill C-30 - the way ahead

Randall,

Here is what we propose to send to the Branch....

As you are aware, the Minister has indicated that Bill C-30 will be sent "directly to Committee."

The process of having a bill sent directly to a Committee as opposed to following the traditional process (i.e., second reading, referral to committee, committee stage...) is somewhat different.

Bill called for Second Reading

We anticipate that once the Bill is called for second reading, the Minister (or a Minister) will move a motion that the bill be referred directly to Committee. The wording might read along the lines of:

"That Bill C-30, An Act to enact the Investigating and Preventing Criminal Electronic Communications Act and to amend the Criminal Code and other Acts (Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act), be referred forthwith to the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security (SECU)".

A motion to refer a bill directly to committee is not subject to amendment and debate is limited to five hours. At the end of five hours, or if no Member rises to speak, the Speaker will put the question (or motion) to the House. Once the motion has been adopted, the Bill will be officially referred to the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security (SECU).

Committee Stage

The Committee stage will proceed in the normal fashion, but the scope of amendments that can be made to the bill is much wider, given the committee is not limited by the principal of the bill (as the bill has not passed second reading, the bill has not been "approved in principle" by the House). At the conclusion of the study, the Committee will report the bill, with or without amendment, back to the House.

The Minister indicated in the House that the Government will consider amendments once the Bill is before Committee. These amendments will be moved and considered during the clause-by-clause consideration of the bill. The clause-by-clause committee meeting (or meetings) is the final meeting before the bill is reported to the House.

An amendment to a bill that was referred to committee after second reading is out of order if it is beyond the scope and principle of the bill. There will be, however, no such constraints on amendments moved at committee for Bill C-30. Amendments, for example, that contain a concept not currently in Bill C-30 bill will be ruled in order and officials can anticipate being required to explain/describe the amendment to Members. We encourage the Branch to work closely with their MO, PCO and Justice counterparts in the drafting of amendments that *may* be moved by the Government. Parliamentary Affairs will attempt to obtain copies of any Opposition amendments as soon as possible for officials to review, but Opposition members often "table drop" their amendments the day of the Committee hearing. As such, government officials may have to review and describe/explain amendments at Committee literally in real time.

Steps for the program area to follow for Opposition Amendments:

(in the event the text of the amendment is provided in advance of the Committee meeting)

- Complete the attached template for the Minister's Office that includes: i) the actual text of the amendment; ii) the impact of the amendment; and iii) at least two talking points

Steps for the program area to follow for Government Amendments:

- Contact PA as soon as Department/Agency officials identify a need to further amend the Bill.
- Engage the MO and draft a memo to the Minister providing a rationale for the amendment(s).
- Engage your PCO policy analyst to assess whether the amendment will require Cabinet approval. DOJ will ultimately draft the amendment.
- Should the Minister not have policy coverage, it is possible that a Memorandum to Cabinet or a letter to a Cabinet committee will have to be drafted by the program area.
- Complete the attached template for the Minister's Office (for use by the Parliamentary Secretary) that includes: i) the actual text of the amendment; ii) a rationale for the amendment; and iii) at least two talking points
- Parliamentary Affairs will also require a pdf. version of the actual amendment, in both official languages (see attached pdf. example)

Please do not hesitate to call Parliamentary Affairs, at any time during this process, should you have any questions.

Grant Easson

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Subject: Speeches for when C-30 is called at Second Reading

Andrea/Andrew,

We have learned that Bill C-30 will be called for debate at Second Reading on Friday, March 2. The five-hour debate will carry over the following Monday, March 5. We anticipate a two-hour debate on Friday and the final three hours on Monday.

The Minister Office has requested a total of nine ten-minute speeches for this debate. Could you provide us with four speeches by close of business Wednesday, February 29, and the remaining five speeches no later than close of business, Friday, March 2.

Our records indicate you have produced a total of five twenty-minute speeches and five ten-minute speeches on Bill C-30. Please feel free to transform these into the nine-ten minute speeches that are being tasked today. (Although this is a "new" tasking, but we do not require nine "new" speeches to what has already been delivered to MO).

From a parliamentary perspective, there is a nuance we would like you to convey throughout these nine speeches. The Bill will be called at Second Reading but will ***not*** be read a second time. Instead, after the five hour debate, the bill be referred directly to Committee (SECU). As the Minister has stated in the House (and undoubtedly elsewhere), this means that amendments moved at Committee can go outside the scope and principle of the bill. Although the Minister cannot speak to pointed amendments the government is considering in the speeches, he can indicate that the government is open to considering virtually any amendment at Committee.

Let me know if these deadlines are problematic.

Grant Easson

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Hi Andrea – hopefully this responds to your question.

Second Reading/Report Stage

After the Committee has reported the Bill back to the House, the next stage essentially fuses report stage and second reading. Members may propose additional amendments at report stage, but must provide written notice two days prior to the bill being called. There will also be a requirement for speeches.

Once concurred in a report stage and read a second time, the bill will come up for debate at third reading at a time determined by the Government.

Third Reading

Speeches will be tasked to the Speech Writing Unit. The bill cannot be amended at third reading in the House. Once the bill passes third reading, it is sent to the Senate where it follows a similar process

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Once the Bill C 30I is referred to Committee (and avoids second reading) – does it eventually go to second reading with possible amendments?

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(speech 4).DOC; PS-SP-#570864-2-Legislation and Debates - C-30 Called at Second
Reading (speech 2).DOC; PS-SP-#570819-2-Legislation and Debates - C-30 Called at
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Good morning,

For your approval, please find attached 4-10 minute speeches for when Bill C-30 is called at second reading.

Many thanks,

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Speech:

***When Bill C-30 is called at Second Reading
Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act
(Speech 1)***

Length: 1,370 words

Time: 13-14 minutes

Speaking Notes

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Honourable Member

When Bill C-30 is Called at Second Reading

Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act

**House of Commons
Ottawa, ON**

(Bill Overview – speech 1)

March xx, 2012

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- Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure to stand before you today to speak to the motion that would move Bill C-30 to Committee before Second Reading.
- Bill C-30, the *Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act*, will bring into force a new statute, the *Investigating and Preventing Criminal Electronic Communications Act*.
- It will also make vital updates to the *Criminal Code*, the *Competition Act* and the *Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Act*, and as such, address the last barriers to allow Canada to ratify the Council of Europe's *Convention on Cybercrime* and its *Additional Protocol on Xenophobia and Racism*.

- Let me begin by discussing the new statute, the *Investigating and Preventing Criminal Electronic Communications Act*, which would do two crucial things.
- First, it would require telecommunications service providers to implement and maintain intercept-capable systems to assist authorities when they have proper legal authorizations to intercept communications. This is vital.
- Currently, there are instances when law enforcement agencies and national security agencies have lawful authority, but can't intercept communications given the limits in the technical capability of the telecommunications service providers.
- We cannot continue to let that happen.

- We cannot let criminals and terrorists exploit this gap.
- Secondly, Mr. Speaker, the new statute would provide a clear and consistent approach to the provision of basic subscriber information by telecommunications service providers when such information is requested by designated police, CSIS and Competition Bureau officials.
- This basic information is often required at the early stages of investigations and is essential for pursuing investigative leads.

- Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, the inability to always obtain this information in a timely and consistent manner has meant delays and has blocked important investigations — and has undermined public safety and security.
- The Bill would only permit designated officials to access basic information that Canadians use in a public manner on a daily basis.
- This includes the subscriber's:
 - name;
 - address;
 - telephone number;
 - e-mail address;
 - Internet protocol address; and,
 - the name of the service provider.

- What it does not do, Mr. Speaker, is include the content of their communications or their web browsing history. This requires judicial authorization.
- Importantly as well, this Bill would impose strict limits on the police, CSIS and the Competition Bureau and put in place strict requirements for recording, reporting on, and auditing those requests by officials for basic subscriber information. Requirements which don't exist today.
- Mr. Speaker, let me now review other key amendments that will help ensure that our investigators have the tools they need to fight crime in the 21st century.

- The amendments to the *Criminal Code*, the *Competition Act* and the *Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Act* will ensure that our laws are suitable for the technologically advanced world in which we live. In a nutshell, they will:
 - modernize both offences and investigative powers;
 - streamline the application process for obtaining a number of related warrant and court orders related to a specific investigation when police apply to the court for a wiretap authorization;
 - create requirements for notification and reporting when warrantless interceptions are conducted in exceptional circumstances; and,

- enable Canada to ratify the *Council of Europe's Convention on Cybercrime* and its *Additional Protocol on xenophobia and racism*.
- Mr. Speaker, some investigative powers are simply outdated.
- Consider for example the “dialled number recorder” warrant, which authorizes the use of a number recorder to record a phone number.
- As an investigative tool, the “dialled number recorder” warrant is indispensable.

- But its usefulness has diminished over time because criminals are increasingly turning to a variety of contemporary modes of communication, such as sending a message over the Internet, many of which are not covered by the “dialled number recorder” warrant.
- To address this challenge, the Bill would replace the “dialled number recorder warrant” with a “transmission data recorder” warrant. A key change.
- This warrant, as well as the related production order, could be used by the police to obtain both dialled numbers as well as parallel information for other modes of communications.

- The Bill would introduce the concept of “transmission data” to capture all of the relevant information from these new modes of communication.
- The transmission data of an e-mail communication, for example, might include the target’s e-mail address and the time when the e-mail was sent and received.
- Transmission data would not, however, include the actual content of an e-mail.
- Just as the “dialled number recorder” warrant does not authorize the police to actually listen in on telephone conversations, the “transmission data recorder” warrant being proposed would not allow the police to obtain anything that would reveal the substance, meaning or purpose of a communication.

- The Bill would also update the tracking warrant, a provision which was created in the early 1990s.
- Tracking devices were fairly basic then as compared to now. For example, today it is possible to track continuously and with far greater accuracy.
- Since tracking technology has changed, so too should the threshold for obtaining a tracking warrant. This makes sense.
- We think that when the police want to track an individual — as opposed to a thing — they should have to meet a more stringent test, especially considering how accurate contemporary tracking devices are.

- That is why the Bill would increase the judicial threshold for tracking an individual from “reasonable grounds to suspect” to “reasonable grounds to believe”.
- In the case of tracking things, for example a suspect’s vehicle, the Bill would retain the current standard of reasonable suspicion.
- This reflects the lower privacy interests associated with “things” as opposed to “individuals”.
- Mr. Speaker, we’ve also updated the production order scheme in the *Criminal Code*. Production orders are judicial orders that require third parties to provide the police with documents containing computer data in connection with an investigation.

- Right now, in addition to the one I referred to in relation to the dialled number recorders, there are two production orders in the *Criminal Code*: one specific to financial or commercial information, and another, more general, production order.
- The general production order has proven an invaluable tool for the police.
- But it is also a bit of a ‘catch-all’; it can be used for a very broad range of activity.
- As with the tracking warrant, this Bill would move away from a ‘one-size-fits-all’ approach toward something more tailored, which we call “privacy with precision”.

- It would create new production orders for tracing specified communications, obtaining transmission data, and for obtaining tracking data.
- In addition to refining existing laws, this Bill would also create a data preservation scheme designed to assist the police in securing electronic evidence.
- Data preservation should not be confused with data retention, which exists in European Union member states.
- Data preservation takes stock of the fact that computer records are frequently deleted, often as a matter of sound business practice, before the police have time to obtain and execute a court order.

- Because of this, we've created the preservation demand and order, which together allow the police to require a person or corporation, who is not a target of the investigation, to preserve computer data subject to a request by law enforcement.
- These powers can only be used if the computer data in question will assist in an investigation, and if it is already in their possession.
- A preservation demand expires after 21 days in domestic investigations and, consistent with international standards, 90 days in the case of requests from foreign officials.

- The purpose of the extended timeframe for foreign offences is to take account of the need for additional time required to coordinate investigations in other jurisdictions.
- Once a preservation demand has expired, if the police still do not have a warrant or production order, but want to ensure that evidence is not destroyed, they would need to get a judicially authorized preservation order. This would extend the preservation of computer data for up to 90 days.
- Once a preservation order has expired, all preserved computer data that would not be retained as a part of ordinary business practices must be destroyed.

- I want to stress that neither the preservation demand nor the preservation order allows the police to actually access any computer data: they are essentially time-limited 'do-not-delete' orders.
- Mr. Speaker, we believe that this bill strikes more than a fair balance between privacy rights and the need to keep Canadians safe.
- We also, Mr. Speaker, believe in healthy debate.
- This is why I am happy to support this motion, and our government looks forward to considering amendments that further strengthen this important legislation.
- We have said many times that we would give the police the tools they need to do their jobs.

- This legislation will help us deliver on that pledge.
- Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speech:

When Bill C-30 is Called at Second Reading

Bill C-30 Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act

(Speech 2)

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When Bill C-30 is Called at Second Reading

Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act

House of Commons
Ottawa, ON

(Speech 2)

March XX, 2012

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- Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to rise today in support of the motion to move Bill C-30, the *Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act*, into Committee before Second Reading.
- Mr. Speaker, Bill C-30 will make amendments to three existing laws to bring them into the 21st century.
- And, it will introduce a new statute that will further ensure that law enforcement and national security agencies can keep pace with the high-tech tools that are being used by criminals and terrorists.

- Throughout these debates and in the media, we have heard from people who claim that we are creating a Big Brother state in which the police are tracking your day-to-day web surfing habits, and sifting through your personal emails.
- Others say that this legislation will erode our free and open society, and put in place a new system where police can access a wide swath of information without warrants.
- Mr. Speaker, when we look at this legislation in a rational light, it is clear that this is not true.
- Let's be honest, Mr. Speaker; our police have more important work on their plates than listening in on millions of random conversations or sifting through email content and text messages between friends.

- Frankly, they don't have the resources to do this and to think they do is ludicrous.
- They don't have the legal right to do that now, nor will they have the power to do that under this proposed legislation.
- Let's have a look at what Bill C-30 will do, and help lay to rest some of the fear-mongering.
- First off, this bill would bring about a new statute: the *Investigating and Preventing Criminal Electronic Communications Act*.
- This proposed Act will do two things.

- It will require telecommunications service providers to install and maintain intercept-capable networks so that communications can be intercepted when such interceptions are authorized by a court.
- In other words, the process for authorizing these intercepts will be unchanged: lawful authorization must still be obtained.
- It will also require these telecommunications service providers to provide basic subscriber information to designated law enforcement and national security officials when requested.
- There is nothing sinister about this Bill, Mr. Speaker.

- Under today's laws, law enforcement and national security officials can already request subscriber information from telecommunications service providers.
- The problem is that the current system is voluntary, resulting in inconsistent practices across the country.
- Far from being a threat to public safety, this measure will put in place clear rules and processes to ensure that authorities can access basic subscriber identifiers, such as name, address and phone number, when needed in their criminal investigations, as well as when needed to do their regular policing work, such as:
 - notifying next-of-kin after a traffic accident;
 - return lost or stolen property; and,
 - addressing suicide threats over crisis lines.

- What do we mean by basic subscriber information?
- It is limited to a subscriber's name, address, telephone number, email address, Internet Protocol address, and the name of the service provider. Nothing more.
- It does not, I repeat does not, include any information pertaining to the websites a person visited, the contents of their emails, or the phone calls they either made or received.
- Furthermore, the proposed bill will clearly establish limits on who can request such basic subscriber information, and put in place regular auditing and review processes.

- These are new safeguards which go a long way to making this process more transparent and holding our law enforcement and national security agencies to account.
- Now, let's move on to the proposed amendments to existing laws.
- Bill C-30 would amend certain *Criminal Code* wiretap provisions in order to accomplish two main objectives.
- First, it would streamline the process for obtaining a number of court orders and warrants sought related to an investigation. This will make the process more efficient and harmonized.

- As it stands today, police often have to go to different judges to obtain a set of court orders and warrants that relate to the same investigation in respect of which the application for a wiretap is made.
- The proposed changes will allow the police to obtain all related warrants and orders from the judge who issues the wiretap authorization, and reduce the time wasted.
- Second, the ability of law enforcement to intercept private communications in exceptional circumstances — such as in relation to kidnapping cases or bomb threats — which already exists in the *Criminal Code*, would be amended to add the safeguards of reporting and notification.

- It's a limited authority, designed for highly time-sensitive situations when not getting necessary information in time could result in serious tragedy.
- This existing power would not change with this bill.
- What Bill C-30 will do is to add new requirements for notification and reporting to increase transparency, and to ensure that this investigative method is used appropriately by the police.
- The Government's position is that the current authority to intercept private communications in exceptional circumstances, as presently drafted, is constitutional.

- That said, the Government agrees that adding reporting and notification requirements to this power would benefit the current provision by bringing transparency and enhancing accountability.
- Now let's look at some of the other *Criminal Code* provisions which are intended to ensure that the *Criminal Code* is up to speed with new technologies in order to dispel some facts not based on reality.
- One of those myths is that preservation demands or orders will allow police and CSIS to compel telecommunication service providers to maintain a database with all of their customer's communications, past or present.

- The real story, Mr. Speaker, is that a preservation demand will allow police to ask a telecommunications provider to preserve historical computer data for 21 days for domestic investigations, and for 90 days for investigations related to offences committed under the laws of a foreign state.
- Once a preservation demand has expired, if the police still do not have a court authorized warrant or production order, but want to ensure that evidence is not destroyed, they would need to get a judicially authorized preservation order. This would extend the preservation of computer data for up to 90 days.

- These mechanisms would only preserve specific computer data related to the subject of an investigation that otherwise might be erased in the time it takes for the police to seek and obtain that computer data under a warrant or production order.
- It does not give them access to these data -- neither the preservation demand nor preservation order allows the police to actually access any computer data: they are essentially time-limited 'do-not-delete' orders.
- If such a warrant or production order is not obtained and if the preservation demand or order expires, the Bill would require that all computer data retained for the purpose of the investigation and not otherwise kept pursuant to regular business practices, be destroyed.

- This privacy protection would ensure that the data preservation regime being proposed here would not inadvertently result in data retention, a scheme that already exists in European Union member States. But not in Canada.
- Mr. Speaker, another clarification I wish to make is concerning the transmission data recorder warrant and production order.
- Bill C-30 would update the current dialled number recorder warrant and production order in recognition of the fact that day-to-day communications are no longer restricted to the telephone.
- Phone calls can be made over the Internet and cell phones can be used to search the World Wide Web.

- Like the existing warrant, the transmission data recorder warrant would be obtained when there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the data being sought would assist in the investigation of a crime.
- And, like the existing warrant, the data that could be collected using the warrant would be limited to routing data and telephone numbers.
- The content of the communications themselves – which includes both the body and the subject lines of emails - would never be provided under this warrant.
- This approach to the transmission data recorder warrant aligns with one of the Bill's most consistent themes: privacy with precision.

- A primary consideration with respect to this Bill is to ensure that individual investigative tools are tailored to deal with specific investigative needs.
- If data needs to be *preserved* for the purposes of an investigation, this can be done.
- If police want to obtain that preserved data for the sake of the investigation, they will have to ask for it explicitly.
- Police won't get superfluous authorities – each technique they use will have to be specifically authorized by law.

This model ensures that when police need a specific tool, it is available to be used in a manner that is appropriate and accountable.

- Mr. Speaker, this bill touches on fundamental values and privacy rights of Canadians, and we want to make sure we have it right.
- We welcome the opportunity to further consider amendments brought forward in Committee to do just that.
- Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speech:

Bill C-30 Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act

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Speaking Notes

for an

Honourable Member

When Bill C-30 is Called at Second Reading

Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act

**House of Commons
Ottawa, ON**

**(speech 4 –
Theme: Ratifying Council of Europe's
Convention on Cybercrime)**

March XX, 2012

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- Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to have this opportunity to join in this debate on the motion before us today.
- Our government is committed to an open and honest debate on the important legislation before us today – which is why we have taken the unusual step of referring it to committee before second reading.
- That said, Mr. Speaker, I would like to briefly speak about the need for Bill C-30 in general.
- Today, I think it is safe to say that the advent of the Internet, email and wireless technology ensures that we can stay connected from almost anywhere and at anytime.

- These technologies have obviously brought about incredible opportunities for Canadians.
- It is increasingly possible for Canadians to conduct business easily and efficiently on a global scale.
- You can keep in touch with your loved ones while you pursue opportunities in distant lands, and can learn about the world around you using the incredible resources available on the Internet while sitting at home.
- So, it is not an understatement to say that these technologies have changed the very way we live and interact with each other.

- But, unfortunately, these technologies have also changed the way crimes are committed, and the kinds of evidence that are left behind.
- They have made it possible to commit crimes that transcend geographical borders and time zones.
- Because of this, existing methods of investigation just won't cut it in this environment. And no country can conduct the necessary kinds of complicated cross-border investigations without cooperation from the other countries involved.
- That's why Bill C-30 is so important — it would provide police with tools they need to investigate trans-national and global crimes.

- Crucially, Bill C-30 would allow Canada to ratify the Council of Europe's *Convention on Cybercrime* and the *Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime Concerning the Criminalisation of Acts of a Racist and Xenophobic Nature Committed through Computer Systems*.
- This *Convention* is the only existing instrument that is specifically designed to provide a standard set of legal tools to help in the investigation and prosecution of computer and Internet-based crime, as well as more general crimes involving electronic evidence.
- It would also assist parties to the *Convention* by providing them with a mechanism for international cooperation through which they will be able to access the *Criminal Code*'s new investigative tools, in appropriate cases.

- I would like to focus my remarks on the *Convention*.
- The *Convention* facilitates trans-national investigations in a number of ways.
- First, it requires signatory States to adopt a minimum set of standards for computer-related crimes.
- For instance, the *Convention* requires that countries criminalize certain illegal uses of computers, like hacking.
- It also requires that all participating countries criminalize illegal interception, data interference, system interference and misuse of devices.
- This will reduce the overall incidence of international computer crime, by deterring the use of the participating countries as safe havens for computer criminals.

- It's important to note that Canada already has a set of legal tools to combat cybercrime, and Bill C-30 is designed to fill in the few gaps that remain.
- But it's not enough for Canada to act alone in this area.
- As I said before, computer crimes do not respect national boundaries.
- If we want to make sure that Canadian computers are safe, then other countries need to have the tools to prosecute the criminals who make our systems vulnerable.
- The *Convention on Cybercrime* imposes obligations on countries to ensure that those tools are at their disposal.

- We also need to make sure that all participating countries have laws that are similar enough to allow us to cooperate in the investigation and prosecution of crimes that have connections to multiple jurisdictions.
- To this end, the *Convention on Cybercrime* will assist to ensure the compatibility of cybercrime-related offences.
- We need to recognize that new technologies can create new ways to commit old crimes.
- For example, the Internet has made it that much easier to distribute child pornography, and we have been tackling this issue domestically.
- But we can't fight this terrible crime alone.

- The *Convention on Cybercrime* would take us that extra step by requiring countries that are a party to it to take a step-by-step approach to the criminalization of child pornography.
- Not only would State Parties have to criminalize the distribution of these materials through a computer system, but they would also have to criminalize the possession and production of child pornography in the same environment.
- By doing this, the *Convention* would give us the tools needed to fight the international distribution of child pornography over the Internet.
- In other words, these criminals would have nowhere to hide.

- Canada's *Criminal Code* already contains a robust regime criminalizing child pornography, but the *Convention* ensures that our partners also have laws that will prevent the distribution of materials before it can make it out of their countries.
- The *Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime Concerning the Criminalisation of Acts of a Racist and Xenophobic Nature Committed through Computer Systems* is another welcome addition to the fight against cybercrime.
- Ratifying this protocol will allow us to combat a specific type of crime that is becoming increasingly problematic in the online environment: the dissemination of hate, racism and xenophobia over computer systems.

- Ratification of this protocol will ensure that we, and our partners, have the laws in place to fight these crimes together.
- But the *Convention* doesn't just deal with crimes themselves; the *Convention* also deals with the investigation of crime.
- As computer-related crimes begin to transcend national boundaries, digital evidence is left behind in multiple locations. This is a real challenge.
- The nature of investigations is changing, both in technique and in scope.

- The *Convention* would ensure that participating countries have the tools they need to combat cybercrime, and equally important, that they are able to assist each other in the investigation and prosecution of crime of a multi-jurisdictional character.
- For instance, participating nations are required to adopt tools that will facilitate the tracing of communications, and to be able to order the production of data related to the routing of telecommunications.
- The bill contains amendments providing for preservation orders and preservation demands.
- These powers would require data vital to an investigation to be preserved so that police are able to obtain court authorized warrants or orders to obtain that data.

- These are vital investigative tools in a world where data can be erased instantly.
- The *Convention* requires that all of its State Parties be capable of preserving data in order to facilitate investigations.
- Like all of the investigative powers I've been telling you about, data preservation will be a significant help to our international investigations.
- As you can imagine, cross-border investigations are more complicated than domestic ones, which means that they can be quite time-consuming.

- In order to make sure that crucial data in a foreign country is not lost while police get the legal authorizations necessary to move the investigation forward, we need to work with our international partners so that we can all cooperate in conducting effective criminal investigations.
- To this end, the *Convention* requires participating nations to have readily identifiable contacts to increase communication and cooperation on investigations.
- Specifically, it requires that each country designate a point of contact that would be available 24/7 to give immediate assistance in these kinds of investigations.
- Since not all countries distribute responsibility for investigations in the same way, this network would allow Canadian investigators to figure out quickly who to contact

for assistance, and ensure that such assistance is available when it is needed.

- And, in this fast-paced investigative environment, time can really be of the essence.
- And that's really what the *Convention on Cybercrime* is all about.
- It's about making sure that Canadian investigators have all of the tools that they need at their disposal to conduct efficient and effective investigations that reach beyond our borders.
- It's about making sure that we are not in this fight – the fight against cybercrime – alone.

- It's about taking responsibility for our role in transnational investigations, and benefiting from the assistance of our international partners in return. And it's about helping our partners with their investigations.
- I hope that all Members will support this Bill, so that Canada can join its partners in making the world a safer place.
- We need to do our part, and encourage other countries to join us in rising to these important challenges.
- Ratification of the *Convention on Cybercrime* and its Additional Protocol is a necessary step in that direction, and Bill C-30 will enable that ratification.
- Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speech:

Bill C-30 Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act

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Speaking Notes

for an

Honourable Member

When Bill C-30 is called at Second Reading

Protecting Children from Internet Predators Act

**House of Commons
Ottawa, ON**

(Speech 3 – Ten Minute Speech)

March 2, 2012

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- Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
- I'm pleased with the chance to contribute to this debate on the motion to refer Bill C-30 to committee before second reading so that all of us can ensure that the legislation is as strong as possible.
- Bill C-30 contains a number of key provisions which will substantially improve the ability of law enforcement and national security officials to combat criminal and terrorist activities given the advent of new technologies.

- In addition, Bill C-30 brings forward a suite of safeguards and privacy protections. For example, it will impose strict limits on the police, CSIS and the Competition Bureau regarding their access to basic subscriber information and introduces new mechanisms and safeguards when exceptional wiretap powers are used.
- Our government is committed to ensuring that Bill C-30 strikes the appropriate balance between strengthening security while ensuring that our rights and liberties are respected.

- Mr. Speaker, clearly we're committed to engaging in an open, honest and forthright debate with Canadians, which is why our government is taking the unusual step of referring Bill C-30 to committee hearings before second reading debates.
- Mr. Speaker, Bill C-30 will remove the competitive advantage technology has given to criminals and terrorists for far too long.
- As it now stands, when Canadian police officers and national security officials try to intercept messages being sent by criminals or terrorists using the latest technologies, they are hamstrung by legislation dating back decades.

- Canada's intercept laws are 38 years old, written in the days of the typewriter and rotary telephones – long before the world of e-mail and smart phones.
- Today's antiquated laws gives lawbreakers an unfair, and sometimes frightening, advantage. Child pornographers, organized crime members and terrorists are using sophisticated new technologies to conduct their activities out of reach of the law.
- The fast-growing gap between our outdated legislation and today's tech-savvy criminals poses a significant threat to Canadians.

- It's creating virtual safe havens where sexual predators, perpetrators of hate crime and Internet fraud artists can operate free from fear of detection and apprehension.
- That's something Bill C-30 will stop. The Bill is aimed at shutting these safe havens down.
- Mr. Speaker, the previous Liberal government introduced lawful access legislation, recognizing the need to give public safety officials the tools they require to do their jobs.
- While it was a good start, Bill C-30 builds on that effort and strengthens it further in so many ways.

- Specifically, the Bill before us today will ensure that when law enforcement and national security officials have a warrant to intercept messages sent by criminals or terrorists, they are not prevented from doing so due to a lack of technical capability on the telecommunications service provider's side.
- Today, we have situations where judicial authorization is granted, but the interception cannot take place because the network is not intercept-capable.
- This is simply unacceptable. Canada's law enforcement and security agencies must be able to keep pace with the technologies being used by criminals and terrorists.

- I want to be clear, however, Mr. Speaker. The proposals we are putting forward are not new or even revolutionary.
- In modernizing Canada's lawful access regime, we are not providing new powers or expanding on existing interception authorities that have been in place since 1974.
- Nor are we compromising individuals' personal information or putting an undue burden on business. We are simply bringing our country's legislation out of the Cold War era and into the 21st Century.
- This legislation will also make crucial amendments to the *Criminal Code*.

- For example, since online data can quickly disappear, we would create an authority for preservation so that law enforcement officials can direct telecommunications service providers to maintain, or preserve, data relevant to a criminal investigation for a short period of time while they are seeking a court order.
- There are provisions in Bill C-30 that pertain to lawfully authorized wiretaps, and I would like to direct my remarks to this aspect of the legislation before us today.
- I believe there has been a lot of misinformation and confusion surrounding what these provisions will and will not do.

- First, the *Criminal Code* will be amended to include new safeguards of reporting and notification for wiretaps in exceptional circumstances.
- Second, Mr. Speaker, Bill C-30 will amend the *Criminal Code's* wiretap provisions in order to provide an efficient process for applying for a number of court orders and warrants related to wiretap authorizations.
- Honourable Members will know that investigations of serious crimes can be quite complicated and time-consuming.

- Multiple court orders, authorizations and warrants are often needed in a single investigation, in order to gather all the various types of evidence needed to put a solid case together.
- Right now, it's not unusual for a police officer to have to run to different judges, and courts, in order to gather all of the authorities he or she needs to embark on an investigation.
- This can result in unnecessary delays, which we hope to reduce with this Bill.
- The provisions in Bill C-30 do two main things to streamline this process.

- First, they ensure that any judge authorizing a wiretap is also empowered to authorize the other related warrants and orders.
- Second, they would ensure that the warrants and orders issued in association with the wiretap authorization are kept confidential, along with the wiretap authorization itself.

- The harmonization I've just described to you would be available in connection with three types of wiretap authorizations: the conventional wiretap authorization, under section 186 of the *Criminal Code*, the wiretap authorization under section 184.2, what's known as a "consent" interception; and the emergency wiretap authorization under section 188, which provides a process for obtaining wiretap authorizations quickly when urgent circumstances require it.
- The court orders and warrants that could be obtained in association with each of these wiretap authorizations would vary according to their suitability.

- But in general, they include the following: search warrants, general warrants, production orders, tracking warrants, and transmission data recorder warrants.
- It's important to understand, though, that in no way are we reducing the requirements for obtaining any of these court orders or warrants.
- In every case, the police officer applying for them will have to show that he or she has the proper grounds — as currently laid out in Part Fifteen of the *Criminal Code* — for obtaining them, and meet whatever requirements would generally need to be met in connection with each one.

- Simply put, even if a police officer has proven the need for a wiretap authorization to investigate a serious crime, he or she must still prove the need for a search warrant.
- The proposed change would just mean that the police officer could go to the same judge to get both of them, in a single streamlined application process.
- And because the issuing judge is being made aware of the full set of warrants and orders being requested, this may also assist the judge in making a determination that is in the best interest of the administration of justice.

- Not only this, but the judge issuing the fullset of warrants and orders now has the complete picture of the investigation at that time.
- Now, there are certain types of warrants and court orders that are, by nature, sort of a one-shot deal.
- When a search warrant is obtained, it is generally so that police can go into the house, look for the evidence they need, and get out. That's it.
- If they need to go back, they need to apply again.

- The same is true of production orders: the judge issues them, they are served on the party that has possession and control of the documents that are being sought, and the documents are turned over to the police in accordance with the terms and conditions of the court order.
- That's it. This Bill is not going to change that.
- It's not going to create an ongoing obligation where the *Criminal Code* doesn't provide one in the first place.
- But certain warrants are, by nature, more fluid.

- For instance, if police want to track the movements of a package or a vehicle, it is obvious that this will be done over a period of time — you can't just look at a car once, and know where it's going.
- This Bill ensures that the time period set out for the execution of a warrant or court order will match the time limits on a wiretap authorization.
- This will provide police with useful and consistent access to investigative tools.
- Mr. Speaker, Bill-30 represents a valuable step forward for the investigation of serious crimes.

- And in fact, Mr. Speaker, the Ministers of public safety and justice from across this country recently voiced their support for this legislation.
- They understand the urgency of giving our law enforcement the tools that can help them fight online crimes.
- Mr. Speaker, I therefore urge all Members to give this Bill their full support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Andrea,

I might be inclined touch upon the significance of the Bill being sent directly to Committee in the speeches, given the fact the Minister has made numerous public declarations on this matter. We have quickly found a few references that may be of use....

Minister Toews interventions in the House

"Contrary to the implications of the interim Liberal leader's motion, our Conservative government strongly believes in the principles of due process, respect for privacy and the presumption of innocence. Bill C-30 adheres to those principles. Through Bill C-30 we seek to update Canada's laws as they do not adequately protect Canadians from online exploitation. We want to update our laws while striking the right balance between combatting crime and protecting privacy. That is why we will send this legislation directly to a parliamentary committee for a full examination."

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Minister Toews quoted in a CBC article

Toews confirmed the bill will be sent to committee before second reading, which he said will allow for the opportunity to amend the bill beyond its original scope.

Normally, bills would go to committee after a vote at second reading, but that vote sets the scope of amendments that can be made.

This way, sending the bill to committee before the second reading vote will allow MPs to make broader changes to the legislation.

According to Toews, the opposition will be able to "bring in as many amendments as they wish to bring forward."

"If the opposition is actually really concerned about substantive issues about the bill, and if they bring those forward, I think there will be a very healthy debate," the minister said.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/story/2012/02/18/pol-thehouse-vic-toews.html>

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Just spoke to MO. They are grateful for the explanation and the fact we are working towards a mid-week delivery. I advised we would revisit the CxC deadline early next week should we gain clarity as to when the Bill will be called for second reading.

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Good evening,

The Clause by Clause binder for Bill C-30 is extremely large and complex. It involves significant amounts of information that only DOJ can create, complete and approve as appropriate. As such, the production of the binder is, too large extent, reliant upon another Department's productivity and approval schedule.

We have just finished completing over 15 speeches this week for Late Shows, Opposition Day and the expected 5 hour Motion. This has taken a substantial amount of resources. At the same time, we have been instructed to develop tangible options for s.16 of the Bill. This has taken a significant interdepartmental effort of the same resources that are doing the above activities.

We note that the Motion to move the Bill directly to Committee is not yet on the Order Paper, and may not be for some time (but who knows). Until we have a good sense of when the Motion will be debated, and then the Committee moves to actually study the Bill, we would appreciate more time to perfect the various deliverables we are managing – including the Clause by Clause binder.

We are working as fast as possible, but will not compromise accuracy and quality. Our intention is to have the Clause by Clause binder ready sometime middle next week. Should Bill C-30 move slower through the Parliamentary process, we would appreciate more time to perfect our products.

Thanks Mike

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Stacey,

The Minister's Office reiterated to me earlier this afternoon their desire to obtain the clause-by-clause document on Bill C-30 by noon tomorrow. I understand this document has now become their "C-30 priority".

I indicated I did not believe the Branch would be in a position to provide this document tomorrow, but would ask as to the earliest time it could realistically be completed. Perhaps a brief explanation as to why this document has yet to be finalized would be helpful to MO.

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