

Chong's Reform Act 2014 passes its first vote

The Reform Act, 2014 — written by local MP Michael Chong— passed its first vote in the House of Commons recently. Months after the bill was first introduced, the Reform Act was adopted 253-17 with the support of MPs from all parties. The Reform Act proposes to strengthen the role of MPs by giving them the tools they need to better represent their constituents.

“Since introducing the Reform Act last December, I’ve received a great deal of input from colleagues, Canadians and, in particular, my constituents in Wellington County and Halton Hills,” Chong said. “I strongly believe the Reform Act is a product of that input and reflects the best of what the House of

Commons can be: A place where the diverse views of Canadians are heard, and to the best extent possible, accommodated in legislation. I’m thrilled to see the bill pass its first vote.”

Earlier this month, Chong proposed further amendments to address concerns raised during the summer by all three parties in the House of Commons. These proposed amendments provide parties flexibility in implementing the new rules, while maintaining the principles of the original bill. Chong has called on the committee studying the bill to adopt these amendments.

The Reform Act will now proceed to the Procedure and House Affairs Committee for review and amendment.

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