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MP Kramp: Child Trafficking Bill Becomes Law

Ottawa, ON: Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings, Daryl Kramp welcomes the recent news that the Senate of Canada have adopted at Third Reading Bill C-268, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (minimum sentence for offences involving trafficking of persons under the age of eighteen years)* and the legislation will now be sent to the Governor General of Canada for Royal Assent.

Introduced on January 29, 2009, by Joy Smith, Member of Parliament for Kildonan – St. Paul, Bill C-268 has attracted broad national support. On September 30, 2009, Bill C-268 was adopted by the House of Commons with the bi-partisan support of Conservative and Liberal MPs and most NDP MPs. On October 1, 2009, Bill C-268 was first introduced into the Senate and was sponsored by Senator Yonah Martin.

“I was honoured to speak on this issue and to rise in the House of Commons to second Ms. Smith’s Private Member’s Bill”, said Mr. Kramp. “Human trafficking is an issue of which I have always been deeply concerned. I attended the Asia Pacific Forum as a government spokesperson to communicate Canada’s position on this terrible crime.”

Bill C-268 will amend Canada’s Criminal Code to introduce a new human trafficking offence specifically addressing child traffickers. The new law will provide a minimum sentence of five years imprisonment for anyone convicted of trafficking a minor in Canada and a minimum of six years imprisonment for cases with aggravating factors.