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PASSAGE OF BILL C-4:
THE SENATE RESTORES LABOUR RELATIONS BALANCE
CALLED FOR BY CANADIANS

Ottawa, June 14th, 2017 – Today the Senate of Canada passed Bill C-4, restoring the labour relations balance. By passing this bill, the Senate has confirmed the importance of the federal tripartite labour relations system.

“I am delighted that my Senate colleagues have listened to the will of Canadians. This legislation restores the balance between labour and management. This is a great day for workers across Canada since C-4 is real action by Parliament for the middle class and shared prosperity,” said Senator Diane Bellemare, the bill’s sponsor.

Bill C-4 repeals bills C-377 and C-525, legislation passed by the Conservative government that drastically changed the reporting requirements of unions and the system of union certification and decertification without first consulting labour, management or government parties.

Diane Bellemare has a PhD in Economics from McGill University and a Master of Economics from the University of Western Ontario. She has worked as a full professor at the University of Quebec at Montreal’s school of management sciences (ÉSG), a consultant with government organizations and unions, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Société québécoise de développement de la main-d’œuvre (SQDM), Vice-President of the Quebec Employers Council and Special Economic Advisor to Quebec’s Official Opposition Leader in the National Assembly. Bellemare was appointed to the Senate in September 2012. She has been a non-affiliated Senator since 2016 and serves as the Legislative Deputy in the Office of the Government Representative in the Senate.

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