



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-01327**

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PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **THE HONOURABLE RALPH GOODALE, P.C., M.P.**

Response by the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

Bill C-7 empowers Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) members and reservists by providing a Charter-compliant national framework enabling them to pursue their interests through collective bargaining.

On May 12, 2017, the Government introduced a motion in the House of Commons that meaningfully addressed the Senate's concerns with Bill C-7. In its motion, the Government proposed to accept the Senate's amendment removing all restrictions specific to the RCMP regarding the content of collective agreements, while maintaining restrictions already in place for the broader public service; preserve a slightly modified version of the management rights clause added by the Senate; not consent to the Senate's amendment mandating secret ballots; and not consent to expanding the mandate of the Public Service Labour Relations and Employment Board to hear grievances on a wider range of matters relating to terms and conditions of employment, in order to avoid potential conflicts between this proposed process and the existing process under the RCMP Act.

The House of Commons adopted the motion on May 16, 2017. On June 6, 2017, the Senate accepted the House of Commons' response to its amendments and Bill C-7 received Royal Assent on June 19, 2017.