

Bill C-205 is supported by large organizations, such as the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Chicken Farmers of Canada, the Egg Farmers of Canada and the Turkey Farmers of Canada. This comes as no surprise as large corporations are always interested in protecting their profits. Under the pretense of protecting farms and animals from trespassers or biosecurity (Laws already exist for these occurrences), Bill C-205 will only contribute to Canada's poor attention to animal welfare, especially to factory farmed animals from birth to transport to slaughter. These sentient beings live miserable, tortuous lives, as can be seen from existing footage previously obtained by undercover animal advocates. Of course large animal industry does not wish to have more such exposure! Animal welfare is often rated as a high concern of the public. Factory farmed animals have virtually no protection. "Codes of Practise" or "Regulations" are meaningless if not enforced with frequent, unannounced inspections. Animal activists have uncovered examples of horrendous abuse and Bill C-205 will allow the cover ups to continue.

I have the following suggestions for the committee to implement so that Canada may start to display some animal welfare standards in regards to farm animals:

1. Hire many more inspectors for many more unannounced inspections.
2. Make it mandatory to have cameras throughout farming facilities so that the public may be reassured that "humane" practises are being followed.
3. Do not allow live animal transport in temperatures below -10 degrees Celsius or above 24 degrees Celsius, until climate controlled transport can be obtained.
4. When there is an outbreak of disease due to the introduction of a toxic substance, the person or persons responsible should pay a fine equivalent to those fines suggested for animal activists. This should be the case, even if those responsible are farmers or workers, as has been the case in numerous instances investigated by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Thank you sincerely for your attention.