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## CONSERVATIVES PROPOSE FIXED ELECTION DATES

OTTAWA- Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose, says the establishment of fixed election dates fulfills one of this government's key campaign commitments and is an important step in improving and modernizing Canada's democratic institutions and practices.

The bill establishes Monday, October 19, 2009 as the date of the next general election. Once the general election is held, the following election would be set for the third Monday in October, four calendar years in the future.

"Fixed election dates will improve the fairness of Canada's electoral system by eliminating the ability of governing parties to manipulate the timing of elections for partisan advantage," stated Thompson.

Currently, the Prime Minister is able to select a date for a general election and to advise the Governor General to dissolve Parliament. This allows the governing party to set the timing of a general election to its own advantage.

Beyond providing for greater fairness, fixed election dates will improve transparency and predictability. This bill, however, will not change the practice of dissolving Parliament for elections if the government loses the confidence of the House of Commons.

"For far too long it was unfair that the governing party was permitted to time an election to exploit conditions favourable to its re-election. With fixed election dates it will level the playing field and provide greater fairness for all parties," concluded Thompson.

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