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PRIME MINISTER HARPER APPOINTS THOMPSON TO JUSTICE COMMITTEE

OTTAWA - Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose, was notified by the Prime Minister last week that he will be serving on the Standing Committee on Justice.

"I'm thrilled to serve on the Justice Committee once again. I know that after 13 years in Parliament we will finally be able to crack down on crime, put the rights of victims and their families before criminals and restore safety and security to our communities across this country," said Thompson.

"The Prime Minister announced this week that he will be introducing three pieces of legislation in our comprehensive criminal justice plan. These include, mandatory minimum prison sentences for serious, repeat and violent crimes; putting an end to the practice of conditional sentences and house arrest; and finally raising the age of consent for sexual relations between children and adults from 14 to 16 years of age," stated Thompson.

"This means that the Standing Committee will be working full out this spring to get this legislation passed. I'm particularly proud that raising the age of consent will finally protect our children. I have fought tirelessly over the past 13 years to have this law changed and now it is one step closer to becoming reality," concluded Thompson.

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