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THOMPSON WELCOMES CHANGES TO THE SUPREME COURT

OTTAWA- Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose was pleased that the Prime Minister announced a new innovative process that will be used to fill the current vacancy on the Supreme Court of Canada.

“This process is designed to increase openness and accountability. At the center of the process is a publicly televised appearance by the nominee, next Monday, before the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Nominee for the Supreme Court,” said Thompson.

“The public deserves to know as much about the individuals appointed to serve in our nation’s highest court. This public hearing will be an unprecedented step in this direction,” stated Thompson.

The hearing by the Ad Hoc Committee to Review a Nominee for the Supreme Court of Canada is an interim process designed to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Justice John Major. It does not preclude changes to the Supreme Court appointment’s process being made in the future.

“As the Prime Minister stated, he’s looking for an individual who has judicial temperament, meaning a judge who is prepared to apply the law, rather than make it and who uses common sense and discretion without being inventive. This will be a welcome change and one that has been a long time in the coming,” concluded Thompson.

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