PARLIAMENTARY UPDATE

Bill C-8: An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Coastal Fisheries Protection Act.

This Act clarifies the rules governing the use of force by police officers or anyone lawfully assisting them in the case of a fleeing suspect. The Act would permit the use of as much force as necessary to prevent the escape of dangerous suspects when no other less violent means are available. The Act also provides for the use of force by protection officers who attempt to disable fleeing foreign fishing vessels.

House of Commons 1st reading: February 4/94

2nd reading: February 14/94

3rd reading: April 21/94

Senate 1st reading: April 21/94

2nd reading: April 26/94

(Referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs.)

Bill C-18: An Act to suspend the operation of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

This Act suspends the operation of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act (which requires federal ridings to be redrawn after each census) for 24 months and dismantles the existing 11 electoral boundaries commissions.

House of Commons 1st reading: March 18/94

2nd reading: March 24/94

3rd reading: April 13/94

Senate 1st reading: April 19/94

2nd reading: April 20/94

(Referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs.)

Bill C-22: An Act respecting certain agreements concerning the redevelopment and operation of Terminals 1 and 2 at Lester B. Pearson International Airport.

This Act declares the agreement between developers and the former Conservative government to redevelop Pearson airport not to have come into force and to have no legal effect. The Act prohibits the recovery of forgone profits or lobbying fees and sets a deadline of 30 days after the legislation is passed for proving any claims for "out-of-pocket" expenses.

House of Commons 1st reading: April 13/94