

MOTION TO REDIRECT FUNDS FROM GUN REGISTRY VOTED DOWN

On November 29th, the Liberals, NDP and Bloc joined together to defeat a motion from a Conservative MP, Gary Breitkreuz, that would have cut \$20 million in wasteful spending cut from the Gun Registry budget.

When will the government admit its mistake and scrap the gun registry?

Unfortunately, this registry continues to be a stumbling point for the Liberals and there is apparently no end to the spending.

When the legislation was introduced in

1995, the government originally promised the firearms program would cost no more than \$85 million.

That was nearly ten years ago. A recent announcement made by the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness reveals that all parts of the firearms program will be fully implemented by December 31, 2007. The program is projected to cost \$1.4 billion or more. A report by Radio Canada suggests in fact that the

cost of the gun registry program could approach \$2 billion.

Your tax dollars spent to date haven't produced any concrete results. Let's put into perspective what \$2 billion dollars amounts to:

- Given the average annual income in Saskatchewan of \$23,989 (*Government of Saskatchewan, 2002*), 83,371 citizens of Saskatchewan could have been paid for a year.
- 25 years salary of approximately 1647 Saskatchewan nurses
- A full four years tuition for every university student in the province with over \$1.5 billion to spare

Is it not time that the Gun Registry be scrapped and our hard earned tax dollars be directed towards more profitable programs? When will the government admit its mistake and scrap the gun registry?



Are you in favour of Gary Breitkreuz's motion? Yes _____ No _____

Should the Liberals, Bloc and NDP have supported the motion? Yes _____ No _____

Response and comments attached to questions raised with respect to agriculture. Yes _____ No _____

Please note any brief comments or suggestions below:
