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Message from Senator Martin:

Happy New Year from the Senate of Canada!

On behalf of my family and my dedicated staff, please accept our sincere greetings for a healthy prosperous 2011. On February 3, 2011 many Canadians rang in the Lunar New Year of the Rabbit. According to sources, the Year of the Rabbit will be a year which favours peaceful solutions and diplomacy, a year of hope and inspiration.



This issue, which has been produced by Jeff Brennan (one of our talented interns), highlights the work of our office in the metro-Vancouver region, in Ottawa and other locales since the July 2010 edition. As always, I am deeply honoured to have the opportunity to represent British Columbians and various constituencies, including the Veterans of the Korean War and their supporters. Since I began my work in the Senate more than two years ago, I have naturally become an advocate of our Canadian veterans of the Korean War for reasons I have publicly stated before. Simply put, I am here because of their service and sacrifices. Additionally, as an educator and lifelong learner, I am passionate about meeting and encouraging youth and young adults. Inspired by their leadership potential and dynamic energy, our office recently launched a pilot internship-mentorship program called *I-M Canadian Program*, which aims to mentor and empower young Canadians in their pursuits, particularly in Politics or related fields. Interested applicants to the program can contact our office (seme@sen.parl.gc.ca) for an application package. Deadline for submissions is March 11, 2011.

2010 was a year of important milestones, productivity and success. There are many people to thank...my wonderful family, staff and friends; my talented mentees; our supporters and active participants, the tireless community leaders and partnering organizations; and above all, our valiant selfless veterans, who fought for and defended our freedom and democracy. Thank you. Merci mille fois. Gum-sa-hum-nee-da.

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Inaugural National Korean War Veterans Day



On July 27, 2010 Senator Martin attended a memorial service in Brampton, Ontario to commemorate the 57th anniversary of the end of hostilities of the Korean War. Along with hundreds of Honoured Veterans and their families were The Honourable David C. Onley, The Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn, MP Barry Devolin, Consul General Hong and distinguished guests.

This day was also the first National Korean War Veterans Day, that was made possible by the efforts of Senator Martin and her private members motion passed in the Senate of Canada to establish this national day of recognition for the Korean War Veterans.

Committee Work

Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations— *Committee Co-Chair*

The Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations is comprised of members of both the Senate of Canada and the House of Commons. Established under the Rules of the Senate and the Standing Orders of the House of Commons, this Committee reviews and scrutinizes government regulations and other statutory instruments. To ensure that the government remains accountable, it is the duty of the Committee to review hundreds of instruments.

Standing Committee on Social Affairs Science and Technology— *Member of Steering Committee*

The Standing Committee on Social Affairs Science and Technology traces its origins back to 1908 when a Committee on Public Health and Inspection of Food was first established. It received its present name in 1983 and has a mandate to examine legislation and matters relating to social affairs, science and technology generally.

During the fall sitting, the committee spent a significant amount of

Bill C-36 - An Act Respecting the Safety of Consumer Products (Canada Consumer Product Safety Act).

The act creates prohibitions with respect to the manufacturing, importing, selling, advertising, packaging and labelling of consumer products including those that are a danger to human health or safety. In addition it establishes certain measures that will make it easier to identify whether a consumer product is a danger to human health or safety and, if so, to more effectively prevent or address the danger.

Standing Committee on Transport and Communications— *Committee Member*

The Standing Committee on Transport and Communications is responsible for the examination of subject matter related to: transport and communications by land, air, water, and space, be this by radio, telephone, telegraph, wire, cable, microwave, wireless, television, satellite, broadcasting, post, or any other means, method or form; tourist traffic; common carriers; and navigation, shipping and navigable waters.

In the fall sitting, the committee began a study on the emerging issues related to the Canadian Airline Industry and examined and passed Bill C-28, An Act to promote the efficiency and adaptability of the Canadian economy by regulating certain activities that discourage reliance on electronic means of carrying out commercial activities, and to amend the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Act, the Competition Act, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act and the Telecommunications Act.

Committee Roles

Committee Co-Chair

Presides over the Committee proceedings on an alternating basis with a representative of the House of Commons.

Member of Steering Committee

Member of the three person committee to arrange the order of business for a committee. Members include the Chair, Vice-Chair and a third member of the larger committee.

Committee Member

Appointed to investigate and report on a particular subject matter as outlined in a Committee's mandate.

time completing a special study of Canada's Pandemic Preparedness and completed the draft report based on an in-depth study of the accessibility of post-secondary education in Canada.

The committee also examined and passed a number of bills during this sitting: Bill C-31, Bill C-36, and Bill C-40. Senator Martin sponsored Bill C-36.

Statements in the Red Chamber

Second Reading of Bill C-36:

“Bill C-36 will modernize consumer product safety in Canada. As part of a comprehensive Food and Consumer Safety Action Plan, the proposed legislation would change the approach to consumer product safety from reactive to proactive. It would provide a suite of important tools to establish a system based on active prevention, targeted oversight and rapid response.”

“However, the product marketplace today is profoundly different from that of 1969 when the Hazardous Products Act was brought into force. Today we have hundreds of thousands of consumer products, with innovation driving rapid product development and change. Globalization, with all its benefits, gives us complex supply chains and ready international access to markets. Manufacturing frequently takes place well beyond our borders, with materials and in conditions that we cannot always be certain about.”

G20 Remembrance Day, Seoul-- Nov 18, 2010

"Today we honour and remember those members of the Canadian Forces who fought in one of the toughest wars in our history, to defend South Korea against an oppressive communist invader...Our forces fought bravely alongside our Allies to defend South Korea and played a pivotal part in ending the hostilities."

Commemorative Ceremonies, Seoul--Oct 6, 2010

“Under the blue sky and towering skyscrapers, adorned in garlands, the veterans were showered with love of the people for whom they had left their own homes and families, to protect.”

Senators' Statements

When "Senators' Statements" has been called, Senators may, without notice, raise matters they consider need to be brought to the urgent attention of the Senate. In particular, Senators' statements should relate to matters which are of public consequence and for which the rules and practices of the Senate provide no immediate means of bringing the matters to the attention of the Senate. In making such statements, a Senator shall not anticipate consideration of any Order of the Day and shall be bound by the usual rules governing the propriety of debate. Matters raised during this period shall not be subject to debate.

Statements in the Community

Hillel Vancouver Gala Dinner-- Nov 21, 2010

“I commend the efforts of Hillel Vancouver students to fight anti-Semitism and anti-Israel sentiment, and also their efforts to enhance civil society by creating opportunities for inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue on their campuses...”

Asia Pacific Expo-- Summer 2010

“Globally we are facing challenging times. But with challenge, comes innovation and opportunities. Canada recognizes that these challenging, uncertain economic times call for more global partnerships, more trade and more investment...”

Federation of Korean Canadian Associations Seminar--Oct 2010

“2010 has been an unprecedented year of important milestones and events for both Canada and Korea. Vancouver and Canada hosted one of the most successful Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games at which Korean speed-skaters and figure-skater Yu-Na Kim skated to Gold medal finishes...Canada hosted the G-8 and G-20 summits which allowed President Myung Bak Lee to pay respects to the Canadian Veterans of the Korean War to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War at the Korean War Memorial in Brampton, Ontario on June 26th, 2011 - an event that I was honoured to attend... Canadians have a very special legacy of sacrifice and service in Korea for more than 100 years...”



Senator Martin speaks at an annual "Feast of Fortune" fundraising dinner for Mount St. Joseph Hospital in Vancouver

Canada Korea Inter-Parliamentary Association Update



As Co-Chairs of Canada Korea Inter-Parliamentary Association, Member of Parliament and Assistant Deputy Speaker of the House Barry Devolin and Senator Martin worked together to engage and encourage their colleagues to become more actively involved in the association as well as take interest in issues related to Canada-Korea relations.

The Korean Embassy, under the leadership of His Excellency, Ambassador Chan-Ho Ha, continued to partner with our offices to strengthen Canada Korea relations in various ways. Our shared goals include creating more opportunities for Parliamentarians to deepen relationships and engage in dialogue, as well as establish annual visits for legislators of Canada and Korea for Inter-Parliamentary exchanges, partnerships and collaborations.

2010 ended on a positive note with a memorable year-end event at the Korean Embassy. More than 70 Parliamentarians and staff were in attendance, including Minister Jason Kenney, Minister Jean-Pierre Blackburn and my Senate colleagues Vim Kochhar, Michael MacDonald, Nancy Ruth, John Wallace, Vivienne Poy and Mac Harb. After a delicious Korean dinner, there was singing, dancing and whole lot of prizes! Minister Kenney's rendition of 'Roxanne' is still ringing in our ears...

Hosting the World

In the first half of 2010, Canada proudly welcomed the world with international events like the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, G-8 and G-20 Summits. In addition to these events, Senator Martin had the privilege of being a part of two international events in our nation's capital. The first is the 7th Annual Inter-Parliamentarians Coalition for North Korean Refugees and Human Rights (IPCNKR), in which nearly 100 legislators, staff and stakeholders from 16 countries of 5 continents participated, including representatives from USA, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Poland, Paraguay and Morocco. The sessions were informative, engaging and compelling; and resulted in a joint declaration containing recommendations and statements for various purposes.

The second international event was the inaugural G-20 Speakers Summit, to parallel the G-20 Summits, in order to create a forum for legislators of Upper Houses to discuss global issues, like global food security. Senator Martin had the honour of being a Canadian delegate along with her colleagues Senator Vim Kochhar, James Cowan and Robert Peterson. We can all take pride in Canada, who continues to be an example of democracy, peace, justice and the rule of law and lead the way on the world stage.

Right: Member of Parliament Barry Devolin, Congressman Ed Royce, Senator Martin and Young Kim



Above: Speaker Kinsella, the Honorable Yonah Martin and the Honorable Vim Kochhar join presiding officers of the Upper and Unicameral Houses of the G20 during a cruise of the Ottawa River aboard the Empress of Ottawa.



Honouring Our Veterans

“Heroes Never Die” Photo Exhibition in Toronto, Ontario



“To be willing to die, so another might live -- there is no greater love than this.” In 1950, Korea was the second poorest country in the world. Most Canadians had never heard of Korea, a small peninsula the size of Vancouver Island, across the vast Pacific Ocean. Yet...in spite of its obscure status, tens of thousands of Canadians were willing to risk their lives, so that millions of others, including my parents, may live. 516 Canadians made the ultimate sacrifice for democracy and for hope of a just society. Today, the Republic of Korea stands as the 11th strongest economy in the world, an unparalleled rise from the ashes of war, like no other country in the world. My parents lived to build a family of their own and dream of a better life for their children; eventually immigrating to Canada in 1972. We must never take our freedoms for granted. We must never forget our unsung heroes, our sorrowful history. I owe my life to the fallen and to our veterans of the Korean War, and dedicate my work in the Senate of Canada in their honour.



2010 was the 60th Anniversary of the break-out of the Korean War. It was a year of important commemorative events - like the inaugural National Korean War Veterans Day (July 27th) ceremony at the Brampton Wall of Remembrance, special photo exhibitions in both Vancouver and Toronto to commemorate the war, the 60th Anniversary events which took place in Korea, including a special Remembrance Day ceremony with many Allied veterans in attendance at the National War Museum in Seoul, Korea (during the G-20 Summit week). I loved meeting many of our honoured veterans in Canada and in Korea. It was a year I will cherish for a lifetime, but I know that there is much more to do in support of our veterans.

Below: Senator Martin and MP Barry Devolin lay a wreath on the Brampton Wall of Remembrance. **Far Below:** Senator Martin and Minister Jean-Pierre Blackburn with Warren Byrnell.

60th Anniversary Photo Exhibition Vancouver, BC

The Korean War 60th Anniversary Commemorative Photo Exhibition took place between July 27th and August 6th, 2010 at the Chinese Cultural Centre, located in the historic Chinatown in Vancouver. The displayed images were selected from the vast collection of photographs and related documents assembled over the past two decades by a local Korean Canadian retiree, Mr. Chang-Uy Hong, who was a child of 5 at the time of the break-out of the war. Shortly after arriving in Canada, he met a Canadian veteran which profoundly impacted his life, did he feel compelled to begin such a collection in honour of the veterans that save his life and the Republic of Korea. A reception was held on July 27, National Korean War Veterans Day (and the 57th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice) and attended by many dignitaries and community members alike. Over the course of the exhibition, veterans and tourists from all over the world visited and reflected on the significance of the Korean War. Special recognition goes to the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society for their partnership, all the donors and volunteers who made the Korean War 60th Anniversary Commemorative Photo Exhibition possible. ~ Dan Kim



Snapshots with Veterans and Commemorative Events



(Top Left to Right) Veterans receive their heroes welcome in Seoul. Group photo of Commonwealth veterans, Senator Martin, Ministers at the banquet in their honour. Senator Martin with veterans in North Vancouver with a touring Korean naval fleet in the background, (Middle) At the Korean War 60th anniversary photo exhibition with Lt-Col Howe Lee and Alfred Wu of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society. With veterans at a special luncheon hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Antony Pae in North Vancouver.

(Bottom) At the UN Cemetery in Busan, Korea with Canadian veterans, Col. Jacques Morneau (2nd from right) and Léo Demay. At George Derby Centre with one of its residents, Ron Smith, Consul General of Korea and members of Korean War Commemorative Alliance.

Snapshots of Korean Canadian Community Events



(Top Left to Right) The Korean Society of BC Year-end gala dinner was attended by many dignitaries. KOWIN Toronto's inaugural event attended by Katherine Uhm Song (National President) and presidents of Ottawa, Edmonton and Vancouver. (Middle) Budget consultation with Minister John Baird. National Unification Advisory Council seminar with Minister Stockwell Day. (Bottom) Interview and tour of the Korea Times Toronto headquarters with Editor-in-chief and Thomas Kim. Press conference for C3 Society's Leadership Conference: Annes Song, Steve Kim, Holly Kim and Taehee Kim.

Snapshots



(Top Left to Right) At the CCIBA Christmas reception with President Jian Liang, Consul General of China Liang Shugen and Minister John Yap. SAGE Foundation award winners for excellence, the Francois family. (Middle) At "A Night of Miracles" gala fundraiser for the BC Children's Hospital, Newgen Group donates a 1-bedroom condo for the cause. With colleague MP Ed Fast and Ronald Leung, representing Minister Jason Kenney at Consul General Liang Shugen's lunar new year reception. (Bottom) Returning to W.J. Mouat, home of the Hawks, with former teaching colleagues Jim Mitchell and coach Denis Kelly, joined by three former students who are now teachers at Mouat: Jon, Cam and Mike. Back row: Amy Sundberg, organizer of the World Youth Day Concert Series, Linder Spasuik, head of Youth Ministry, Patricia Olesiak, Joshua Tng, Kathleen Uy, Father Pat Tepoorten (Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima), Ryan Uy, Front row: Coquitlam Mayor Richard Stewart, Senator Martin after a benefit concert for Youth World Day.

Snapshots



(Top Left to Right) Swearing-in the Directors of the Chiu Chow Benevolent Association in Richmond, BC. With UBC Sauder School's mentee Kailin Che (centre) and other mentees at the EMP Sharing Circle. (Middle) University Canada West's new Chancellor John Winter and his wife at the UCW Fall Convocation. With Trang Nguyen and Irene Yatco at the Filipino street parade in Vancouver. (Bottom) With MP Mark Warawa, MP Dona Cadman and members and students of Trinity Western University at their annual "Blue Christmas" event. Burnaby Firefighters, including Jeff Clark (right) work up an appetite for a luncheon home-cooked by Sen. Martin.