


# PRAIRIE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

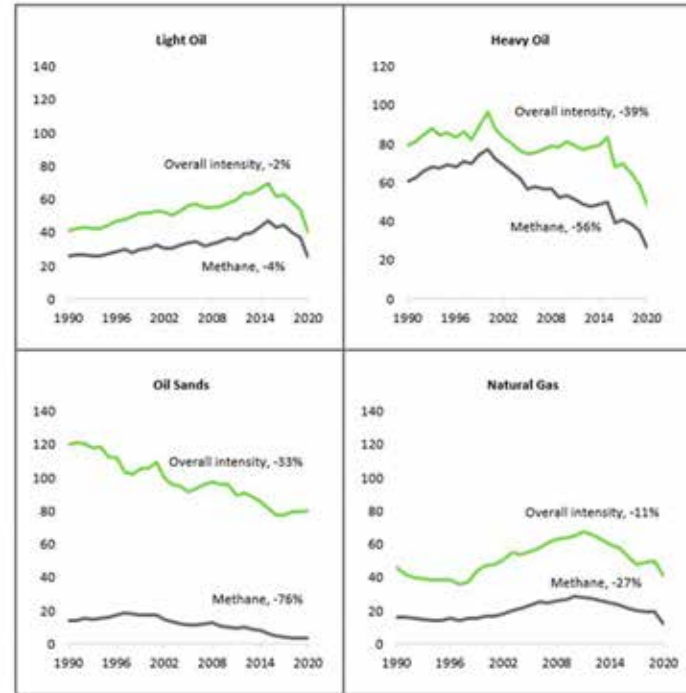
## Excerpts from my December 6 speech in the House of Commons on Bill C-235:

"The [government] now wants to force a federal framework on three unwilling prairie provinces and ask members of this House to support it. I will not do it. I do not agree that [the West] needs a framework for policies of a federal government that is bent on destroying the livelihoods of thousands of my constituents who get up and go to work every day providing the necessities of life for Canadians and people all over the world.

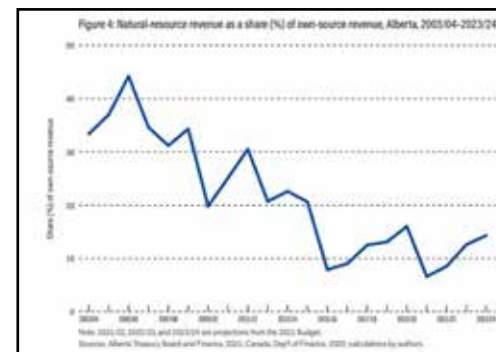
"Without affordable, reliable and abundant energy, there is no quality of life for anyone. A warm home, affordable food, basic transportation, light, electronic communication, literally every single manufactured product that anyone wears or uses is only possible with access to such affordable, reliable and abundant energy.

"Western Canada abounds with such energy resources, and industry continually finds ways to reduce the emissions created by the extraction process. The three provinces, their municipalities and industries are already doing the hard work of being part of an overall goal of reducing emissions, but the world is desperate for Canadian energy."

Read the whole speech on my website at [PatKellyMP.ca](http://PatKellyMP.ca).



The Oil and Gas Industry is making strides in lowering its carbon footprint. The chart above shows the emissions intensity of Oil and Gas Products, 1990 to 2020 (kg CO2e/barrel of oil equivalent). Source: House of Commons Natural Resource Committee. Chart below shows how oil and gas is diminishing as a percentage of Alberta's revenue as other industries grow.



## My November 30 Remarks on Affordable Energy

"Mr. Speaker, cold kills, not often by direct exposure, but quietly. People who are stuck in cold homes are more likely to die from high blood pressure and cardiac events resulting from their bodies' struggles to maintain circulation.

"Reports say that 150,000 people will likely die from the cold in Europe this winter due to soaring energy costs amid Putin's murderous war on Ukraine. While Germany restarts its coal-powered plants, the Liberal government continues to block LNG projects and pipelines that could supply the world with affordable, cleaner energy.

"Thousands of Canadians also cannot afford to heat their homes due to inflation, taxes and supply constraints. It is time for the government to cut the carbon tax and get out of the way so that Canada can supply the world with affordable energy. Its failure to do so will likely cause some vulnerable people to lose their lives this winter."



# House to House

## Spring Parliamentary Preview

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## C-235 IMPOSES OTTAWA'S VIEW ON THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

### Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre appointed me as the Conservative Shadow Minister of Prairie Economic Development.

It was therefore my responsibility to respond to this legislated federal government "framework" on Prairie Economic Development. In addition to the Liberal government's widely reported commitment to tabling so-called "just transition" legislation, Parliament has already passed Private Member's Bill C-235 which directs the federal government to establish a federal framework on "Building a Green Prairie Economy".


This Liberal government has very few MPs from the Prairies who could acknowledge the many ways the prairie provinces have already diversified their economies, and the innovations already made by the energy industry toward reducing their carbon footprint.

Bill C-235 imposes an Ottawa-knows-best approach to prairie economic development, despite 52 out of 62 prairie Members of Parliament voting against the bill and opposition from the provinces themselves.

Several witnesses at committee hearings, including the President of Alberta Municipalities and Saskatchewan's Minister of Justice, testified that the prairies are already

building a green economy with numerous green innovations. We do not need Ottawa telling us how to build a green economy; we could instead benefit from federal cooperation in supporting or strengthening current strategies.

This bill is unnecessary and unwanted. It will invariably lead to Ottawa imposing more job-killing red tape, corporate subsidies to favoured applicants, and likely stray even further into areas of provincial jurisdiction.

My colleagues and I will watch carefully as it is implemented, and will oppose measures that are not in the best interests of prairie residents.

*Pat Kelly*

*"Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba do not need Ottawa telling them how to diversify their economies, foster environmentally sound industries, or reduce greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture and energy. They did not ask for a federal framework on 'building a green economy', nor do they want the federal government to impose one."*

*MPs Pat Kelly (Alberta), Len Webber (Alberta), Kevin Waugh (Saskatchewan) and Larry Maguire (Manitoba).*

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# IS CANADA'S GOVERNMENT BROKEN?

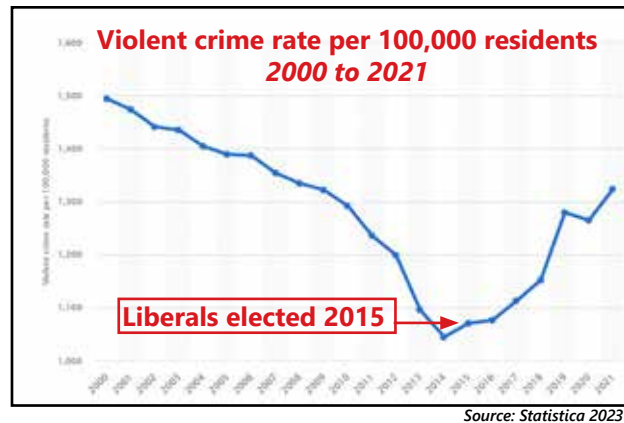
## Key issues for the Spring Session

**The House of Commons resumed on January 30 with many critical issues on the table. In addition to the cost of living, inflation and interest rates, others include:**

### Liberals' Failing Crime Strategy

On December 27, Const. Grzegorz Pierzchala was shot and killed in the line of duty near Hagersville.

The accused, Randall McKenzie, was prohibited for life since 2018 from possessing any firearm. He was charged in 2021 with several firearm-related offences and assaulting a peace officer. McKenzie was later released on bail with conditions but failed to appear in court in response to those charges on September 6. An arrest warrant was then issued and additional criminal charges were laid; yet he remained at large until he killed Const. Pierzchala.



The Liberals are increasingly preoccupied with prohibiting gun ownership for farmers, ranchers, hunters and sport shooters, while failing to control illegal guns in the hands of criminals. Bill C-5 removed minimum sentence requirements for offences committed with a firearm, and a series of other violent crimes.

Bill C-75, passed in 2019, included the following provision for bail reform which makes it easier for violent, repeat offenders, to avoid jail:

**"A peace officer, justice or judge shall give primary consideration to the release of the accused at the earliest reasonable opportunity and on the least onerous conditions."**

**A Conservative government will ensure violent, repeat offenders receive jail time for violent crimes, and will crack down on Bill C-75's easy access to bail that makes these tragedies more likely. Bail rules must ensure dangerous, violent, repeat offenders remain behind bars as they await trial.**

### Travel Chaos

While the government doesn't control the weather, it does have jurisdiction over how air and rail providers handle disruptions to customers. Thousands of Canadians were stranded on planes and trains without proper sustenance or clean conditions, and air travellers were stranded in foreign countries with inaccurate information about rebooked flights and luggage, were shuffled between hotels, or were left sleeping on airport floors.

**"The solution, of course, is to have a Canadian Transportation Agency that holds airlines accountable for breaking their word to the people. That's what the agency's there for; it is a federal agency, and it is the machinery of government that is the responsibility of the Prime Minister to make that agency work."**

*Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre*

Bad weather is no excuse for incompetence, especially in Canada where cold weather and winter storms are the norm and not the exception. Airlines were bailed out by taxpayers during COVID - the government must insist they deliver better customer service.

### Proposed Purchase of Shaw by Rogers

The Competition Tribunal has dismissed an application seeking to block Rogers Communications' proposed \$26-billion purchase of Shaw Communications, clearing a path for the deal to go ahead. It still requires approval from Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

Canadians pay among the highest cell phone and internet rates in the world. Conservatives have concerns about more consolidation in the market; we need more competition in our telecoms sector to lower prices and improve service.

Under the previous Conservative government, regulation required that there be four competitors in every market. This policy proved to reduce prices and increase service.

The Opposition will closely monitor the actions by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada to make sure that Canadians aren't faced with fewer choices and higher prices. The Opposition's goal is to promote competition and affordability in Canada's telecommunications sector.

### Is Canada Broken?

Departments and agencies of the federal government are failing to deliver basic government services like issuing passports and processing immigration applications, in addition to keeping Canadians safe, ensuring proper functioning of Canada's transportation systems, and enforcing competition for telecom services. These failures to deliver basic services come amid a cost-of-living crisis fueled by higher taxes and inflation.

Conservative Opposition Leader Pierre Poilievre said he has **"never seen so much hurt and so much pain and suffering in our population in my nearly two decades in politics."** He highlighted people at food banks asking about medically assisted dying as one particularly appalling example of pain.

The responsibility of politicians is to **"actually try to solve the problems that have upset and angered and hurt people so badly. It is our job to turn that hurt into hope, to transform it into something better"**, said Poilievre. 🍁



**Braden Mungo met with me in November to talk about Juvenile Diabetes.**



**Iranian-Canadian constituents shared highly personal accounts of appalling human rights abuses in Iran.**



**The Calgary Catholic Immigration Society hosted an open house in January.**



**Silver Springs Community Association's AGM.**  
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