

Bill S-209 [Protection of Children] – is in second reading

Fellow Canadians,

Thank you for supporting *The Canadian Children's Rights Initiative* to gain what Canadian Senator Hervieux-Payette, sponsor of this bill decribed as “*Equal Rights, Protection and Opportunity for Canadian children at last.*” Bill S-209 makes a first important step towards justice for children.

The Canadian Senate Human Rights Committee has proposed Bill S-209 as a first step to remedy Canada's insufficiencies in the implementation of the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child*. That committee also discovered that Canadian children are stripped of their Equal Rights by the wording of Section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada. [see below] They did a study which resulted in the report *Children - The Silenced Citizens*. [see below]

Please look at the Bill and Report at the links below. Also see my essay *Our Most Precious Treasures: The Rights Of Children*, which is the second in a brief set of three essays entitled *Building The Canadian Dream*. These essays were the spark that moved the Senate to act in behalf of Canadian children. Their recommendations agree entirely with those made in this essay.

Their actions in Bill S-209 are supported by all parties. This material has already been downloaded and read by thousands of Canadians of all backgrounds and political stripes. They have found hope and inspiration and a unifying sense of puurpose and I hope they do the same for you. There is more relevent information on my blog www.thecanadiandream.blogspot.com.

I will be discussing this bill and related issues briefly on national television **September 17 @ 2:00 pm on CTS-TV's *On the Line with Christine Williams***. [no relation] I'm also available to make presentations in worship or mid-week about children's Rights in Canada and why this issue is so important.

Peace

John

***Reverend John Williams – Director – The Canadian Children's Rights Initiative
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Bill S-209 [Protection of Children] Emailing should only take ten minutes of your time.

*Send the note below [or one like it] to your MP and send a copy [cc] to the other people on this list. I am certain that the passage of this Bill is important for the success and survival of Canada and Canadians. Feel free to send your note to any or all other MPs and Senators. For more information about this please see the essay **Our Most Precious Treasures: The Rights Of Children** and other information on my blog www.thecanadiandream.blogspot.com. Feel free to send the note to any MPs or Senators. I also welcome it if you send your emails to me so I have an idea of what's happening. :)*

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CHILDREN'S RIGHTS LINKS

Bill s-209

http://www2.parl.gc.ca/content/Senate/Bills/392/public/S-209/S-209_3/S-209_text-e.htm

Children – The Silenced Citizens

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/39/1/parlbus/commbus/senate/Com-e/huma-e/rep-e/rep10apr07-e.htm>

www.thecanadiandream.blogspot.com

www.blindmansees.com

SAMPLE LETTER

Honourable Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you as my Member of Parliament or Senator in order to express my personal support for **Bill S-209 [Protection of Children]**. I ask that you support this Bill and help it become Law as soon as possible. The Rights, safety and well-being of children is tied to the success and survival of Canada. I believe that this Bill will serve to protect our children and prosper the nation and citizens.

Please support and vote for **Bill S-209** and move it swiftly to implementation. Do it for our children and nation.

I am respectfully yours.

[name, address, phone number]

Sen. Hervieux-Payette lamented to me last year that the idea for this bill has languished in parliament for thirteen years [now fourteen] and she could not understand why anyone would oppose it. In response to her bewilderment I wrote three post on my blog about kids Rights and who benefits from them not having Equal Rights. You can read them here...

<http://thecanadiandream.blogspot.com/2008/12/childrens-holocaust-part-one.html>

and [here](#) and [here](#).

“Don't keep the peace...pass it on.”