



The Honourable Leo Housakos, Senator



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TRUDEAU SENATORS SHOW TRUE COLOURS AND IT'S LIBERAL RED

April 13, 2017 (**OTTAWA**) - "There's nothing independent or non-partisan about the Justin Trudeau appointed Senators and that was made clearer than ever today," exclaimed Conservative Senator Leo Housakos after his effort to find out more information about a federal loan to Bombardier Inc. was once again blocked in the Senate Chamber.

In a speech on the issue today, Senator Housakos expressed his support for an amendment to his original motion to broaden the scope of the study to include other loans and financial agreements by previous governments and to extend the reporting deadline.

"I do realize the value in looking at other financial arrangements of this nature between the government and private companiescertainly there is much that can be learned and weighed against the Bombardier loan," remarked Senator Housakos on the Senate floor.

In his speech, the Montreal area Senator stated that he would support Senator Pratte's amendment but, following consultation with the Chair of the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Trade, asked that it be sent there given the broader scope of the requested study.

Senator Housakos went on to say, in response to a question from the Deputy Government Leader Senator Bellemare, that he would also support further amendment to include study of similar deals in other jurisdictions including those overseas.

Unfortunately for taxpayers though, the Trudeau Senators "twisted themselves into a pretzel" trying to find arguments against supporting this study and debate on the matter was once again quickly adjourned.

"It is clear the Trudeau appointed Senators have their marching orders. They are more interested in doing the bidding of the Trudeau Liberals than they are in the best interests of Canadians."

"I am not at all surprised," said Housakos. "However, I am disappointed. I was more than happy to compromise and support my colleague's amendment. My objective is to get taxpayers the answers they deserve and if broadening the scope of this review does that, then so be it," he continued.

"The last thing I want to do is to let some partisan jockeying stand in the way of that. It's unfortunate the Trudeau Senators don't feel the same."