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### Canadian Senators reaffirm their full support for seal harvest

Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 – On Wednesday, Senator Mac Harb tried once again to push his Senate Public Bill (S-210) that would end the commercial hunting of seals in Canada, however, this unreasonable Bill was unanimously defeated.

Bill S-210 had its first reading on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. The Sealing Committee of the Fur Institute of Canada is pleased to note that on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Senator Mac Harb was the only one among the 105 members of the Senate to vote against the seal harvest.

“This shows a 99% support for the commercial use of seals that are harvested in regulated and sustainable hunts, which includes the pelt the meat, oils,” comments Dion Dakins, chairman of the Sealing Committee. “The only people against it are really misinformed. Seals are harvested all over the world to prevent overpopulation, the value of the seals support Inuit and coastal peoples and harvesting practices are in line with hunting of any wild animal from a welfare standpoint,” Dakins says.

Well informed, all Senators (but one) know very well the harp and grey seal populations in Canada are overabundant and a great source of meat, oil and fur.

“The best way to manage this abundant natural resource is to support a commercial activity that creates jobs and wealth for Inuit and small coastal communities,” concludes Dakins.

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The Fur Institute of Canada is the country’s lead expert on furbearer conservation and humane trap research. The mission of the Institute is to promote the wise and sustainable use of Canada’s fur resources.

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