



What is the history of this issue and how does it impact First Nations?

Through its work on parliamentary relations, the Assembly of First Nations provides timely monitoring of legislative priorities to advance the interests of First Nations. Led, by the Strategic Policy Integration Team (SPI), work to ensure the AFN Secretariat is informed of First Nations priorities in both the House of Commons and the Senate is critical to the success of AFN advocacy.

How has the AFN's recent advocacy affected this area?

At the end of each parliamentary session, the AFN produces a report that identifies First Nations priorities and summarizes the AFN's participation in Canada's parliamentary process. In 2020 year, the AFN appeared as witness to nine meetings during the 1st session of the 43rd Parliament. Meetings attended by AFN included House of Commons Standing Committees on International Trade (CIIT), Finance (FINA), Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN), and Public Safety and National Security (SECU).

Meetings attended by AFN for the second session of the 43rd Parliament included the House of Commons Standing Committees on Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAN) and Canadian Heritage (CHPC) and the Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples (APPA). Participation in these Standing Committees provides opportunities for the AFN to advocate for First Nations issues as identified in AFN Resolutions.

The AFN has been active in advocating for First Nations priorities in many legislative areas, including implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, legislative implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and transparency and accountability in Canada's efforts to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The SPI team continues to report on work to address systemic racism in policing and health care and securing COVID-19 pandemic support for First Nations.

Where do we hope to go in the future?

The SPI team will continue to monitor bills as they go through the different stages in the parliamentary process and support the AFN Secretariat, National Chiefs Office and Executive Committee in participating in the parliamentary process, advocating for First Nations' priorities.

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Legislation on First Nations Priorities

Number	Title	Sponsor	Last Stage Completed
C-1	An Act respecting the administration of oaths of office	Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau	First Reading
C-2	An Act relating to economic recovery in response to COVID-19	Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough	First Reading
C-3	An Act to amend the Judges Act and the Criminal Code	Minister of Justice and Attorney General, David Lametti	Royal Assent
C-4	An Act relating to certain measures in response to COVID-19	Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough	Royal Assent
C-5	An Act to amend the Bills of Exchange Act, the Interpretation Act and the Canada Labour Code (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)	Minister of Canadian Heritage, Steven Guilbeault	Royal Assent
C-8	An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's call to action number 94)	Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, Marco Mendicino	Royal Assent
C-9	An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy)	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland.	Royal Assent
C-10	An Act to amend the Broadcasting Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts	Minister of Canadian Heritage, Steven Guilbeault	Second Reading
C-12	An Act respecting transparency and accountability in Canada's efforts to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2050	Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Jonathan Wilkinson	Second Reading and Referral to Committee in the House of Commons

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C-14	An Act to implement certain provisions of the economic statement tabled in Parliament on November 30, 2020 and other measures	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland.	Royal Assent
C-15	An Act respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples	Minister of Justice, David Lametti.	Third Reading in the Senate
C-28	An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999, to make related amendments to the Food and Drugs Act and to repeal the Perfluorooctane Sulfonate Virtual Elimination Act	Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Jonathan Wilkinson	First Reading
C-204	An Act to amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (final disposal of plastic waste)	Scot Davidson (York—Simcoe)	First Reading in the Senate
C-230	An Act respecting the development of a national strategy to redress environmental racism	Lenore Zann (Cumberland-Colchester)	Second Reading
C-245	An Act respecting the development of a national strategy in relation to fresh water	Lindsay Mathyssen (London—Fanshawe)	First Reading
C-273	An Act to establish a national strategy for a guaranteed basic income	Julie Dzerowicz (Davenport)	First Reading
S-210	An Act to establish the Office of the Commissioner for Children and Youth in Canada	Sen. Rosemary Moodie	First Reading in the Senate
S-211	An Act to establish International Mother Language Day	Sen. Mobina S.B. Jaffer	Second Reading in the Senate
S-212	An Act to amend the Criminal Code (disclosure of information by jurors)	Sen. Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu	Second Reading in the Senate

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