

THE HONOURABLE
YONAH MARTIN



Senator's Message

Greetings from Ottawa! Salutations d'Ottawa! 오타와에서 인사드립니다!

Across Canada we celebrated Asian Heritage month throughout the month of May as we celebrated contributions of Canadians of Asian descent throughout our history, including the strength and resilience of community pioneers and champions. As we begin the month of June, we recognize Deafblind awareness month in Canada, which is the result of a motion that I had the honour of introducing in 2013. We honour all those living and caring for someone with deafblindness and the challenges they face and their strength which inspires those around them. June also marks the 72nd anniversary of the breakout of the Korean War. As Honorary Grand Patron of the Korea War Veterans of Canada, I will be laying a wreath on behalf of the Senate of Canada at the National War Memorial in Ottawa on June 19th. It is fitting that June 19th is also Father's Day, a day to celebrate the amazing, fathers, (great) grandfathers, soon to be fathers and father figures in our lives. Many of our Korean War veterans, left behind their families and many did not return home; their sacrifices and service will never be forgotten. We will remember them. Nous nous souviendrons d'eux. 우리는 그들을 기억할 것입니다.

~Senator Yonah Martin

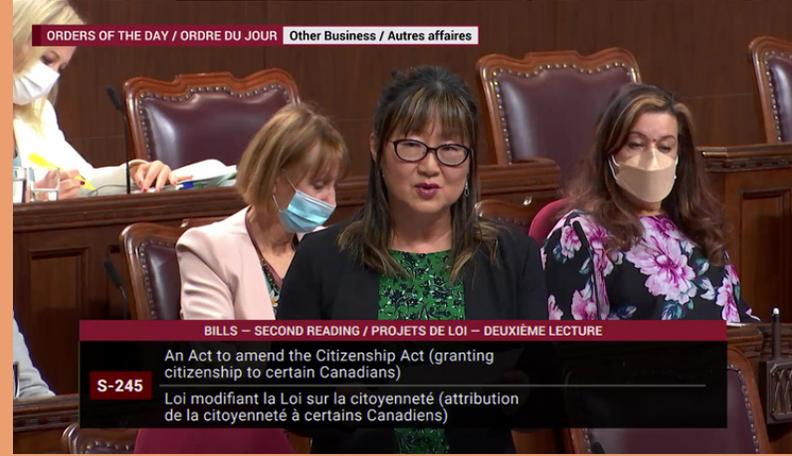
In the community...



Senator Martin met with various constituents and groups over the month of May to discuss important matters and attend special events. From Asian Heritage month events to the 152nd May Day festival in New Westminster to the Diversity and Inclusion Support Group of BC inauguration ceremony to meeting ambassadors and diplomats of various nations, Senator Martin had a busy agenda working with partners, stakeholders and members of the community. One of the highlights of the month was welcoming members of the Toronto-based Hanca Senior Society to the Senate of Canada, the first in-person group since the start of the pandemic. They were a welcomed sight indeed.

On the Hill...

Parliament Hill was filled with important legislative debate in both Houses of Parliament, insightful testimonies, meetings at parliamentary committees and receptions with various organizations and stakeholders. As Co-Chair of the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying, Senator Martin worked closely with her House Co-Chair MP Marc Garneau and colleagues from both Houses to review the provisions of the Criminal Code relating to medical assistance in dying and their application. In the Senate Chamber, Senator Martin re-introduced her private member's bill S-245 (formerly S-230) An Act to amend the Citizenship Act, to permit certain persons who lost their Canadian citizenship to regain citizenship. The bill received unanimous support once again and was fast tracked to the House of Commons in hopes that the bill will receive royal assent and become law in the near future. As Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition, Senator Martin will continue to work to serve all Canadians and ensure that the government held to account. Senator Martin also welcomed a new Parliamentary intern to her team in Ottawa. Welcome Briand Leda!



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