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**Subject:** Hansard Records Showing the Liberal Party Support for Retroactive Legislative Change to Ensure Full Payment of the Nortel Disabled Benefits

Navdeep Bains  
Minister of Innovation Science and Economic Development

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Below are the Hansard records showing the support of the Liberal Party for the Bills S-216, C-610 and C-624 during 2010-2011, all of which provided for the full payment of the Nortel disabled on a retroactive basis. Amongst the public supporters were current Liberal Ministers John McCallum and Ralph Goodale, and former Leader of the Liberal Opposition Michael Ignatieff. 44 of the then Liberal Senators supported Bill S-216 in its final vote on Dec. 8, 2010, including the sponsor of Bill S-216 Senator Art Eggleton. In addition, these Bills were supported by current Liberal MP's Judy Sgro and Mark Eyking and former MP Michael Savage, currently the Mayor of Halifax.

We understood that Navdeep Bains, when he was the Liberal MP for Mississauga-Brampton South, also supported the above Bills, as we had met with him in his constituency office in 2009. At that time, he expressed his sincere concerns for the plight of the Nortel disabled and advised the group on how to navigate the issue through the Legislature and Senate.

The NDP Party supported all of these Bills and had introduced their own Bill C-487 in 2009, which was supported by former NDP Opposition Leader Jack Layton and former NDP MP Wayne Marston.

It would be dishonorable for the Liberal Party who supported retroactive legislative change for the Nortel disabled in 2010-11, not to act today when they have the majority and the authority to adopt the requested retroactive regulatory change for the Nortel disabled. We wish to remind you that all of the Liberal Party support for the Bills occurred after the Nortel Interim Settlement Agreement approved on March 31, 2010. The latest Settlement Agreement on Oct. 12, 2016, incorporates the injustice of the earlier Interim Settlement Agreement. Both settlements leave this group in poverty and the worst off group of all Nortel creditors in the world.

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Early Communications with Navdeep Bains (Mississauga-Brampton South, ON)

[Email from Navdeep Bains Constituency March 26, 2009](#)

[Email from Navdeep Bains Constituency Aug. 27, 2010](#)

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April 13th, 2010 / 2:45 p.m.



**John McCallum** (Markham—Unionville, ON)

Mr. Speaker, on January 1, a number of disabled Nortel employees will begin a new life of misery.

Because their benefits were not insured, they are at the bottom of the list of Nortel's creditors as that company goes through bankruptcy. The employees will lose 85% of their income as well as the medical benefits they cannot do without.

When will the government help these people by agreeing to amend the legislation?

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**Liberal Senator Art Eggleton's Bill S-216 - LTD Benefits in Bankruptcy**

**Nov. 30, 2010 3:20 P.M.**



**Hon. Michael Ignatieff (Etobicoke—Lakeshore, ON)**

Mr. Speaker, if the Prime Minister is such a strong supporter of vulnerable seniors, he has a chance to show it, because in 32 days, the Nortel pensioners are going to lose their disability benefits and some of them are going to lose their houses.

It is not as if there is not a solution. There are plenty of solutions out there, including **Bill S-216**, held up in the Senate by Conservative senators.

Why is the government refusing to act, and is it possible that the government is going to let Christmas go by and have those disabled pensioners go to the wall?

December 7, 2010 2:05 p.m.



**Hon. Judy A. Sgro (York West, ON)**

Mr. Speaker, on March 25, **Bill S-216** was introduced in the Senate and despite our best efforts, there it continues to languish.

**Bill S-216** represents the last hope for some 400 sick, disabled and dying Canadians. These people worked hard, paid their disability insurance premiums, and now they are being cast to the wolves by a Conservative-dominated Senate that makes Ebenezer Scrooge look like Mother Teresa.

This Christmas more than 400 sick and disabled Canadians will have their medical benefits and primary income slashed without any recourse. Their only crime is they got sick.

Bill S-216 would force Nortel to do the right thing, and despite baseless Conservative claims to the contrary, experts tell us that it would actually streamline the legal process faced by the disabled during bankruptcy.

The clock is ticking. Why is the Prime Minister refusing to demand his Conservative senators do the right thing? Will the Prime Minister finally stand up and support Bill S-216, or will he continue to say humbug to all of these disabled and dying Canadians?

### Senate Hansard Transcripts on Bill S-216 2010

December 8, 2010 /5:30 p.m.

The Senate

On the Order:

Resuming debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Hervieux-Payette, P.C., seconded by the Honourable Senator Tkachuk, for the adoption of the sixth report of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce (Bill S-216, An Act to amend the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act in order to protect beneficiaries of long term disability benefits plans, with a recommendation), presented in the Senate on November 25, 2010.

Motion agreed to and report adopted on the following division:

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## [Liberal MP Judy Sgro's Bill C-601 - LTD Benefits in Bankruptcy](#)

December 15, 2010 / 3:47 p.m.



Hon. **Judy A. Sgro** (York West, ON)

moved for leave to introduce Bill C-610, An Act to amend the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (protection of beneficiaries of long term disability benefits plans).

She said: Mr. Speaker, in March of this year, Senator Art Eggleton presented Bill S-216 in the Senate. In simple terms, that bill would have made certain that hundreds of sick, disabled and dying Canadians had their medical benefits protected in the wake of the collapse of Nortel.

Despite expert testimony of the Senate Banking Committee, which stated that Bill S-216 was both financially sound and legally prudent, partisan considerations in the Senate defeated it last week. Today I am presenting a legislative package that is identical to S-216.

Every now and again, we as legislators are given the opportunity to do something truly good for the people we are here to represent, something that is far bigger than partisan politics. In my mind, this is one of those opportunities.

Together, all of us can prevent these people from being evicted from their homes when their benefits are revoked this Christmas. I ask my colleagues in all parties to do the right thing. Together we can help these desperate and disabled people.

As time is of the essence and this is an urgent situation, I would ask the House for unanimous consent to pass the bill at all legislative stages and to refer it to the Senate for concurrence today.

December 16th, 2010 / 2:15 p.m.

Liberal



**Ralph Goodale** (Wascana, SK)

Mr. Speaker, 15 days from today, more than 400 long-term disability pensioners from Nortel will be cut off their benefits. They will be destitute, quite literally out on the street. But it does not have to be that way. This Parliament is sovereign. Where the law is deficient, the government has the power to fix it.

The member for **York West** has legislation ready to go to save long-term disability pensions.

Will the government agree to deal with this matter before it begins its Christmas holidays later today?

<https://openparliament.ca/debates/2010/12/16/ralph-goodale-1/only/>

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## [Liberal MP Mark Eyking's Bill C-624 - LTD Benefits in Bankruptcy](#)

[House of Commons - Liberal MP Mark Eyking on Bill C-624 March 11, 2011](#)

[House of Commons - Liberal MP Michael Savage on Bill C-624 March 11, 2011](#)

[House of Commons - NDP John Rafferty on Bill C-624 March 11, 2011](#)

[House of Commons - Bloc MP Josee Beaudin on Bill C-624 March 11, 2011](#)

[Hansard Transcripts of Debate on Bill C-624 on March 11, 2011](#)

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[NDP MP Wayne Marston's Bill C-487 - LTD Benefits in Bankruptcy](#)

December 7, 2009 / 2:30 p.m.



**Jack Layton** Toronto—Danforth, ON

Mr. Speaker, the government often speaks of working together. Here is an opportunity, because last week, my colleague, the member for **Hamilton East—Stoney Creek**, presented Bill **C-487**, which would address the situation of long-term disabled workers.

These are workers who are left out in the cold when a company goes bankrupt. It is very tough for them to find alternative work. It is probably not likely for many of them and they are literally left without hope. Here is an opportunity, because it really is our responsibility as legislators to make sure they are in a situation where they can be protected. It is our responsibility.

Will the minister undertake today to support the bill that we put before the House and work with us to get it passed?

Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act  
Routine Proceedings

December 3rd, 2009 / 10 a.m.



**Wayne Marston** Hamilton East—Stoney Creek, ON

*moved for leave to introduce Bill **C-487, An Act to amend the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and another Act in consequence (health-related benefit plans).***

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the member for **Winnipeg North** for her dedication to people with disabilities and for her support here today.

As the title of the bill says, this bill proposes to amend the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act and the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, so that in the event a company goes into restructuring proceedings or bankruptcy, long-term disability plans as well as other health-related insurance plans go to the head of the line of preferred creditors to be paid out of an employer's assets.

In the debacle that has been Nortel, we have seen that company with assets in the billions of dollars take the decision not to fund the LTD. This is a disgraceful place that we find ourselves in Canada.

The NDP has done the footwork on this bill and we have tabled this bill in the House today to show the way for the government. We call upon the government and all opposition members to stand with us on this bill, do the right thing, move it forward, and pass it as soon as possible.

*(Motions deemed adopted, bill read the first time and printed)*

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