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CYBERPOL – THE GLOBAL CENTRE FOR SECURING CYBERSPACE ACT

CALGARY, AB – Bill Pr1, CyberPol – The Global Centre For Securing Cyberspace Act, was given approval to move ahead by an all-party legislature committee on June 5, 2007. This private members bill would permit Alberta to establish the first international cyberspace policing centre. The objects of the Centre are to establish and operate an international centre for the coordination and advancement of public safety, intelligence gathering, and government response, related to the problem of cybercrimes such as child exploitation, financial systems fraud, threats to critical infrastructure, intellectual property and identify theft. The Bill is sponsored by MLA and former solicitor general Harvey Cenaiko.

At the present time there are only 245 dedicated law enforcement personnel in Canada engaged in fighting cyber crime. With rapid advances in technology, criminals are currently able to stay far ahead of law enforcement agencies, who lack the resources to keep up. CyberPol, a proposed global cyber crime fighting centre, would end that advantage. The vision of CyberPol is shared by law enforcement officials across Canada and the world. CyberPol is a strategic imperative for Canada.

CyberPol has great potential to address the needs of law enforcement communities to combat cyber crime. As evidence of our commitment, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) and the Canadian Association of Police Boards (CAPB) have agreed to be named Governors of the Centre and will work together with all parties to support the establishment of CyberPol.

The Bill goes to second reading later this week.

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