


THE SENATE OF TODAY

“ The framers sought to endow the Senate with independence from the electoral process to which members of the House of Commons were subject, in order to remove Senators from a partisan political arena that required unremitting consideration of short-term political objectives. ”
 - Reference re Senate reform, 2014 CSC 32

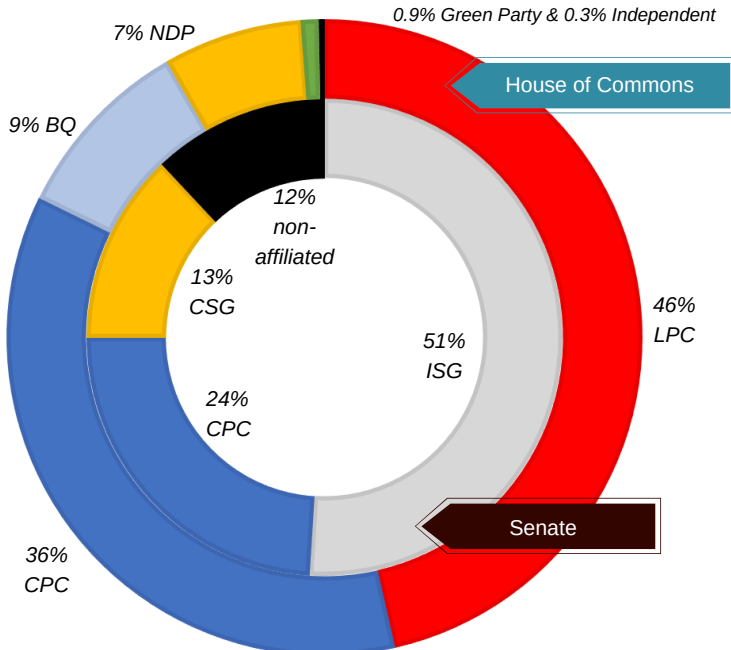
	MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT	SENATORS
 Average office term *	7.2 yrs	8.7 yrs
Median age *	54 yrs	67 yrs
% women	29	48
% indigenous people	3	12
% visible minority	15	14
% with disability	0.3	1.0

- **105 INDIVIDUALS:** 24 QUEBEC, 24 ONTARIO, 24 WESTERN PROVINCES, 24 MARITIMES, 6 NEWFOUNDLAND AND 3 TERRITORIES
- **FROM DIVERSE PATHS OF LIFE:** DIPLOMATS, DOCTORS, BUSINESSMEN, REPORTERS, SCIENTISTS, JUDGES, TEACHERS, ATHLETES, COMMUNITY LEADERS, LAWYERS, PUBLIC SERVICE EXECUTIVES, ETC.
- **12 INDIGENOUS SENATORS,** REPRESENTING 9 DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES
- **14 OF VISIBLE MINORITY GROUPS,** FROM 12 DIFFERENT HERITAGES
- **2 WITH DISABILITY**

WHO ARE THE SENATORS?

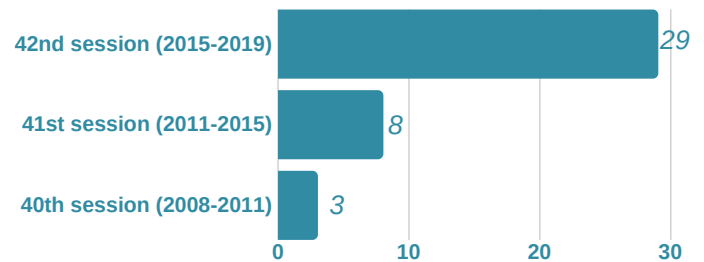
- 51 of Independent Senators Group (ISG)
- 13 of Canadian Senators Group (CSG)
- 24 of Conservative Party of Canada (CPC)
- 12 non-affiliated
- 5 vacant seats

THE COMPOSITION OF THE TWO CHAMBERS

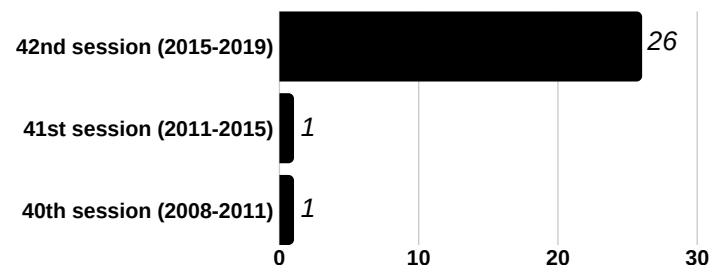


LEGISLATIVE WORK AT THE SENATE

Number of Government Bills adopted with Senate's amendments



Number of House Government Bills adopted with Senate's amendments



*Data as of 2015

42nd session

GOVERNMENT BILLS

- **111 Bills** received Royal assent, including **18 Senate Bills**, 83 House Government Bills and 10 Private Member's Bills.
- **88 Government Bills** received Royal Assent, including **83 House Government Bills** and **5 Senate Government Bills**.
- **29 Government Bills** were adopted with Senate amendments, including **26 House Government Bills** and **3 Senate Government Bills**.

SENATE AMENDMENTS

- The Senate proposed **441 amendments** (including 199 amendments to C-69) to **32 Government Bills**:
 - 20 amendments to 7 Government Bills were entirely accepted;
 - 399 amendments to 22 Government Bills were partially accepted;
 - 22 amendments to 3 Government Bills were rejected (C-51, C-4 and C-44).

49.02% (25 OUT OF 51) OF HOUSE GOVERNMENT BILLS, EXCLUDING MONEY BILLS, WERE ADOPTED WITH SENATE'S AMENDMENTS.

SENATE COMMITTEES

- There are **20 Standing Committees** and **3 Special Committees: Arctic, Senate Modernization and Charitable Sector**.
- Since January 2019, **6 reports were published** on the topics of federally-sentenced persons' rights, Rohingya Refugee Crisis, *Official Languages Act* Modernization, Financial Crisis of 2008, Relationship between indigenous peoples and Canada, and Growing Value-Added Food Sector in Canada.
- **146 Bills** were studied by **Senate Committees**, including 100 House Bills and 46 Senate Bills.
- Among the 441 proposed amendments, **408 were proposed as part of Committee Report** and 33 were proposed at third reading in the Senate.
- Among the 88 Government Bills, **37 were adopted with observations from Senate Committees**.

- **16 bills originating from the House of Commons died on the Order Paper in the Senate**, including:
 - C-337- Judicial Accountability through Sexual Assault Law Training Act
 - C-262- United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act
 - C -243 - National Maternity Assistance Program Strategy Act
- **Senate sat 14 days in June 2019. There were 11 one-hour bells in those 14 days alone.**