



## CANADA'S NEW GOVERNMENT

### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

#### TURNING A NEW LEAF

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Canada



**“Canada is a great country and Canadians deserve an accountable government that gets things done.”**



~ Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada

### Turning a New Leaf

It's time to move Canada forward.

Canadians have told us they want a government with clear priorities.

A government that is accountable.

A government that delivers real benefits to ordinary working people and their families.

A government that works cooperatively with the provinces and territories.

A government that defends and advances Canada's interests in the world.

**“The Government's agenda is focused. We will not try to do all things at once but we will work hard to get results and earn your trust.”**

### Five Priorities

The Speech from the Throne laid out the five key priorities for Canada's new government.

We will:

- ✦ Clean up Ottawa by introducing and passing the Federal Accountability Act
- ✦ Lower taxes for all Canadians by cutting the GST
- ✦ Ensure safe communities by tackling gun, gang and drug crime
- ✦ Give parents a \$1,200 annual allowance for each child under six, and help create thousands of new child care spaces
- ✦ Work with the provinces and territories to establish a patient wait times guarantee

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