

Appendix B - Legislative Overview



- Anderson proposes legislation to protect Canada's endangered species - February 2001
 - Environment Minister David Anderson introduces legislation that will:
 - create a body to determine the status of endangered species in Canada
 - prohibit the killing of extirpated, endangered, or threatened species
 - prohibit the destruction of the critical habitat of a listed wildlife species anywhere in Canada
 - similar legislation has been proposed in the past (C-33, C-65) - both died on the order paper
 - would be the first legislation of this kind in Canada
- New Youth Law passed - February 2002
 - Youth Criminal Justice Act repealed and replaced the Young Offenders Act (YOA)
 - seeks to incorporate recommendations set out in *A Strategy for the Renewal of Youth Justice* (1998) and *Renewing Youth Justice* (1997)
 - a refined the Declaration of Principle to emphasize rehabilitation and the needs of the child
 - makes it easier for the Provinces to use the presumptive application of adult sentences to persons under 16
 - greater flexibility in custodial sentencing
 - received royal assent in February, 2001 - coming into force date to be announced
- Bill C-55 *The Public Safety Act, 2002*
 - legislation proposed by Transport Minister David Collenette - replaces proposed Bill C-42
 - proposes changes to a number of existing Acts and the enactment of the *Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention* including:
 - amendments to the *Aeronautics Act* to allow the Minister to make emergency directions in order to provide an immediate response to situations involving aviation security
 - amendments to the *Criminal Code* to create an offence of communicating information or committing any act that is likely to lead others to falsely believe that terrorist activity is occurring, with the intention of causing persons to fear death, bodily harm, substantial damage to property or serious interference with the lawful use or operation of property
 - currently being debated in the House of Commons

