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## The New Parliament

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With the election of one independent Member of Parliament in Quebec and the Hon. David Emerson's surprise move from the Liberals to the Conservatives to join Stephen Harper's Cabinet, the current standings in the House of Commons are as follows:

Conservative	125
Liberal	102
BQ	51
NDP	29
Independent	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>308</b>

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## The New Cabinet

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper's new cabinet took office on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The Cabinet is smaller in size (27 down from the previous 39) reflecting the new government's desire to streamline government operations. For a complete cabinet list, [click here](#).

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## Canada's New Ambassador to the United States

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The Honourable Michael Wilson, PC, OC was appointed as Canada's new Ambassador to the United States. Well known on both sides of the border as former Finance Minister and for his role in the NAFTA negotiations, Ambassador Wilson's appointment received a positive reaction in both Washington and Ottawa. For more information, [click here](#).

## Policy Updates

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A more detailed discussion regarding Conservative policy initiatives related to energy, environment and tax follows.

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## The Election This Week

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The weekly reports from the Public Policy Forum's "The Election This Week" provide a good analysis of what happened as the election unfolded - and make a good read for those interested in the politics of the campaign. Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP was proud to sponsor the seminar series. To access copies of the reports go to "Government Relations" at the [FMC Website](#).

## N.Y. Luncheon (CLE)

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On Thursday, March 9, 2006, Fraser Milner Casgrain, in association with the "Association of Corporate Counsel - Greater New York" and The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel, will be hosting a luncheon in New York to discuss the implications of doing business in the new Canadian landscape. Speakers will include the Hon. Brian V. Tobin, P.C., Roxanna Benoit, Esq. and Hon. Jean Bazin.

For further information about this luncheon, please contact [katherine.lamper@fmc-law.com](mailto:katherine.lamper@fmc-law.com).

## FMC Public Policy Group

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Our team combines a solid understanding of the objectives and agendas of government with extensive experience in politics at all levels and with both principal parties in Canada.

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