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Canada is not a video game that can be shut off when it is convenient or when your parents tell you to shut it off!

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Prorogation Edition – Reset button madness

URGENT MESSAGE FROM RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER...

Quick

Canada !!! Hit the reset button!!! Focus on the Olympics...don't worry about the economy, the war or the environment...

In a very telling move the Prime Minister prorogued Parliament so Canadians can focus on the 2010 Winter Olympics and as the PM said “to recalibrate, consult and deliver the next stage of the (government's) plan.” Prorogation was not a surprising move – given the heat the Conservatives were taking on Afghanistan detainee issues and perceived difficulties passing legislation through the Senate, this move was not a complete surprise. Canadians should be asking whose interests

this prorogation serves. Even in Afghanistan, a country in complete disarray, security elusive and Canadian soldiers are in active battle mode, the Afghan Parliament is open for business.

The hypocrisy of the prorogation is stunning. So what can we do?

Since the government has decided to take this time to consult with Canadians and reset their agenda, take the time to call your MP and discuss the issues we tackled at last year's legislative conference. Talk to them in their riding office - talk to them about mobility for construction workers, talk to them about the tax treatment of apprentices, talk to them about the inequalities in the EI system and talk to them about infrastructure funding for your community. Take a

contractor partner with you and discuss large projects going on in your hometown. If the government wants to hear from Canadians about their agenda, let's ensure the construction voice is not lost. Take the issues briefing kit you received at the previous legislative conference or call us to get another copy to take with you to your meeting.

Parliament will return March 3, 2010 and immediately a budget will be delivered to Canadians. Go and talk to your MP, send them a letter - do something to illustrate the importance of having Parliament open for business. Anything else is un-Canadian!!

