



# Legislative Bulletin

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## ***New in Parliament***

On Friday June 19, the House of Commons adjourned for the summer recess. The end of the session essentially marked the close of the 41<sup>st</sup> Parliament and the start of the pre-election period as the next federal election is set for October 19.

As MPs headed home on Friday, the budget implementation bill (C-59) had yet to receive royal assent. However, Bill [C-59, Economic Action Plan 2015 Act, No 1](#) received third and final reading in the Senate on June 22 and royal assent is expected at any time. As noted in previous bulletins, the budget bill proposes to implement elements of the 2015 Budget that was presented on April 21, 2015 in the House of Commons by Finance Minister Joe Olivier (click [here](#) for CUCC's analysis of Bill C-59 and [here](#) for CUCC's initial analysis of Budget 2015).

In other news, Bill [S-4, Digital Privacy Act](#) received royal assent on June 18. All of the provisions of Bill S-4 come into effect immediately with the exception of provisions within Division 1.1 that relate to the Breaches of Security Safeguards. The data breach reporting and notification requirements will not come into force until regulations have been issued. Canadian Central has expressed general support for the bill during parliamentary committee hearings because it includes a number of long awaited changes to the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA). These changes will have an impact on credit unions and the Credit Union Office for Crime Prevention and Investigation (an investigative body under PIPEDA). Click [here](#) to access CUCC's most recent remarks on the bill to the House industry committee.

On June 1, NDP MP Andrew Cash presented a non-binding motion – which ultimately passed – to ban bank's pay-to-pay practices. Since voting in favour of the motion, the Conservatives have blocked attempts to make the motion official through legislation.

On June 9, the Honourable Kevin Sorenson, Minister of State for Finance, and Canada's Financial Literacy Leader, Jane Rooney, launched the National Strategy for Financial Literacy: [Count me in, Canada](#). Credit unions have an opportunity to coordinate their financial literacy programs with the goals and initiatives outlined in the strategy to help strengthen skills that have been identified as the most pressing for Canadians' financial well-being. Click [here](#) for a more detailed article on the national strategy for financial literacy.

Finally, on June 10, the Minister of Health, Rona Ambrose, made a member statement on the Dementia Friends initiative. Canadian Central is supporting Dementia Friends – a national public engagement campaign to support the growing number of Canadians living with dementia



- by encouraging credit unions and credit union employees to visit [www.dementiafriends.ca](http://www.dementiafriends.ca) or [www.amissantecognitive.ca](http://www.amissantecognitive.ca), watch an informative two minute video and become a friend.

### ***In the Canada Gazette***

On June 17, the Canada Gazette Part II announced that June 4<sup>th</sup> is the day on which the amendments to governance structure for the Canadian Payments Association (CPA) came into force as well as the public accountability requirements. These regulations were expected and were first introduced in Economic Action Plan 2014 Act, No 2. (i.e. Bill C-43).

As expected, the Department of Finance published final regulations dealing with the election of directors for the CPA and final regulations specifying information requirements that must be contained in the CPA's corporate plan on a going forward basis. Click [here](#) to access today's edition of Part II of the Canada Gazette. For more information on these regulations, please contact Robert Martin, CUCC's Senior Policy Advisor, at [MartinR@cucentral.com](mailto:MartinR@cucentral.com)

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On June 6, 2015, the federal government published a notice in the Canada Gazette indicating that the Minister of Finance – acting on a recommendation by the Commissioner of the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) – had approved applications from two “External Complaints Bodies” (ECB) to serve as designated institutions for the purposes of addressing complaints by customers at federally-regulated banks. The two ECBs are: the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments (OBSI) and ADR Chambers Banking Ombuds Office (ADRBO).

Under Section 455.01(2) of the federal Bank Act, federally-regulated banks must be members of an approved ECB. However, until now, the ECB member requirement in the *Bank Act* had no binding power because there were no approved ECBs. As a result of the approvals announced in the Gazette on June 6, banks that had not voluntarily joined either OBSI or ADRBO will be required to do so by August 6, 2015.

Provincially-regulated credit unions are not directly impacted by this announcement because it only targets federally-regulated banks and future federal credit unions. That being said, credit unions are able to take up voluntary membership, as is the case with credit unions in Saskatchewan and Alberta as well as some credit unions in other provinces. For more information on this, please contact Kate Martin, Policy Analyst, at [MartinK@cucentral.com](mailto:MartinK@cucentral.com).