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Ukrainian Redress

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Mark re-introduces Ukrainian redress Bill

Ottawa – This afternoon Inky Mark, M.P. for Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette reintroduced his Private Member's Bill that calls on the Federal government to issue an acknowledgement and restitution to those who were unjustly interned as "enemy aliens" in the First National Internment Operations.

Mark's Bill is: *"An Act to recognize the injustice that was done to persons of Ukrainian descent and other Europeans who were interned at the time of the First World War and to provide public commemoration and for restitution, which is to be devoted to education and promotion of tolerance."*

"During the 1993 election, Jean Chretien who was then leader of the Official Opposition formally stated that he was in favour of both acknowledging and providing restitution to those who were unjustly held." Mark stated.

In recent weeks Mark has met with the Prime Minister and participated in the launching of Project Roll Call, a recognition campaign promoted by the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

"The internment of many Ukrainian and Eastern European people as ordered by the government of Canada is one of Canada's darkest moments. It is an issue that deserves much attention and I plan on holding the Prime Minister to his promise," Mark concluded.

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