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Senate Approves Bill C-45 On Legal Regime For Recreational Marijuana In Canada



OTTAWA _ Canadians will be able to legally purchase and consume recreational marijuana as of Oct. 17 _ one month later than expected.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the date Wednesday during question period in the House of Commons, which is expected to end the day by rising for a three-month summer break.

Trudeau said the government delayed the timetable for lifting

the almost century-old prohibition on marijuana at the request of larger provinces, including Quebec, which asked for more time to make the transition to a legal regime for regulating the production, distribution and consumption of cannabis.

On Tuesday, the Senate approved Bill C-45, the bill establishing the new legal regime, after seven months of intensive study and debate.

Senators also dropped their insistence on amendments to the bill, most notably one that would have authorized provincials and territorial governments to prohibit the home cultivation of marijuana plants if they choose.

On Wednesday, Trudeau and his ministers were basking in the glow of finally delivering on one of the Liberals' biggest campaign promises in 2015.

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Trump Reverses Child Migrant Policy; Trudeau Flays Practice

OTTAWA: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau added his voice Wednesday to the global chorus condemning the Trump administration's practice of separating migrant children from their parents at the border _ a practice the U.S. president abruptly reversed later in the day with the stroke of a pen.

Trudeau had been under pressure to condemn the so-called "zero-tolerance policy," under which asylum seekers who cross illegally into the U.S. are charged with federal crimes and separated from their children, who are detained in guarded, fenced enclosures.

He'd remained largely silent on the issue, saying only that he did not want to "play politics" on immigration policy. On Wednesday, however, his position shifted, just hours before Trump appeared to capitulate to political pressure by reversing course with an executive order.

"What the Americans are doing is unacceptable _ and it's not just me who has said it; all kinds of Americans, including Republicans, have said this is unacceptable," Trudeau told a news conference marking the end of the spring legislative sitting.

"We take actions based on facts, not on fears or worries.... It seems they want to change their approach. We hope they'll improve the system, but as far as we're concerned this situation cannot last."

Earlier in the day, Trudeau made a point of delivering a statement as he entered the weekly caucus meeting. "What's going on in the United States is wrong," he said. "I can't imagine what the families

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Ford To End Carbon Tax; Plans Big Hiring Freeze

Gas Prices To Be Cut; Essential Frontline Staff Excluded



Premier-designate Doug Ford announces his commitment to keeping the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station in operation until 2024 in Pickering, Ont., on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS/Nathan Denette

TORONTO: Premier-designate Doug Ford has announced that his cabinet's first act following the swearing-in of his government will be to cancel Ontario's current cap-and-trade scheme, and challenge the federal government's authority to impose a carbon tax on the people of Ontario.

"I made a promise to the people that we would take immediate action to scrap the cap-and-trade carbon tax and bring gas their prices down," said Ford. "Today, I want to confirm that as a first step to lowering taxes in Ontario, the carbon tax's days are numbered."

Ford also announced that Ontario would be serving notice of its withdrawal from the

joint agreement linking Ontario, Quebec and California's cap-and-trade markets as well as the pro-carbon tax Western Climate Initiative. The Premier-designate confirmed that he has directed officials to immediately take steps to withdraw Ontario from future auctions for cap-and-trade credits. The government will provide clear rules for the orderly wind down of the program.

Finally, Ford announced that he will be issuing specific directions to his incoming attorney general to use all available resources at the disposal of the government to challenge the federal government's authority to arbitrarily impose a carbon tax on Ontario families. "Eliminating the carbon

tax and cap-and-trade is the right thing to do and is a key component in our plan to bring your gas prices down by 10 cents per litre," said Ford. "It also sends a clear message that things are now different. No longer will Ontario's government answer to insiders, special interests and elites. Instead, we will now have a government for the people. Help is here."

Ford also put the public service under a hiring freeze as part of a series of measures meant to limit spending as he re-examines the province's books, raising concerns among some government workers. A spokesman for Doug Ford said has also directed

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Kashmir Separatists Held; Vohra Takes Charge

SRINAGAR: Authorities on Thursday placed senior separatist leaders under detention in the summer capital Srinagar to prevent their participation in a protest shutdown that derailed life in the Kashmir Valley.

Police took Muhammad Yasin Malik, Chairman of pro-Azadi Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), into preventive custody.

Mirwaiz Umer Farooq and Syed Ali Geelani were placed under house arrest at their on the outskirts of Srinagar. The Joint



Masked militants and infiltrators hold Pakistan flags during a protest after Eid prayers in Srinagar (AP Photo/Dar Yasin)

Resistance Leadership (JRL), a grouping of separatists headed by Geelani, Mirwaiz Farooq and Malik, called for the shutdown against the killing of senior journalist Shujaat Bukhari and continuing killings of civilians in Kashmir.

Jammu and Kashmir was placed under the Governor's Rule on Wednesday following President Ram Nath Kovind's approval. Gov. N.N. Vohra sought Kovind's approval on Tuesday after the Bharatiya Janata Party's

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Peel Police Award



The Peel Regional Police has commended the *Weekly Voice* for its community reporting and for its excellence in dissemination of relevant news related to policing and law and order. On Thursday, June 14, Peel Police Chief Jennifer Evans presented the 2017 Media Award for Best Print Feature to *Weekly Voice* Editor Bala Menon "in appreciation of your commitment to the highest ideals of your profession in reporting news related to Peel Regional Police".

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