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## **Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette tabled a motion in the Senate demanding the recognition of the legitimacy of raising, harvesting and using animals in an ethical way.**

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**OTTAWA, December 1, 2009** - "I have tabled a motion in the Senate to protect the livelihood of hundreds of thousands of Canadians and their industries," said Senator Céline Hervieux-Payette. Vegetarian groups have tremendously increased their pressure on world governments demanding changes to our society which will have serious repercussions. Groups such as PETA, the Humane Society and actresses such as Brigitte Bardot and Pamela Anderson have actively promoted the association of animal harvesting with animal cruelty.

This motion will reassure these groups of Canada's commitment to animal welfare while recognizing that humans are an integral part of the ecosystem. As mentioned in the motion: "a balanced ecosystem is the result of constant interactions between predators and prey throughout the food web, that humans are an integral part of the ecosystem and, therefore, that their position as predators cannot be separated from nature."

This motion is part of a large issue regarding human kind's vision of animals on our planet. Throughout the world organizations like PETA and the Humane Society along with personalities who have acted collectively like Brigitte Bardot who asked the French President Nicolas Sarkozy to declare a national vegetarian day in France. "All these groups are against the Seal Hunt and more importantly against all use of animal products by humans", said the Senator.

"The goal of my motion is to get the Parliament of Canada to affirm that humankind can legitimately raise, harvest and use animals that are either wild or farmed and this for purposes that are either economic, personal or scientific". Concluded Senator Hervieux-Payette.

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