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McGUINTY PROROGUES PARLIAMENT AND HALTS DEBATE ON OUELLETTE'S BILL

Oshawa MPP disappointed legislation to help school boards and municipal councils fill vacancies will not move forward as a result

QUEEN'S PARK – With the spring legislative session not due to end until after today's proceedings, Dalton McGuinty and the provincial Liberals suddenly announced the adjournment of the Ontario Legislature late yesterday and prorogued the session of Parliament – one day ahead of schedule.

As a result of this decision, Mr. Ouellette's Bill 197, *Education and Municipal Amendment Act (Filling Vacancies), 2011*, will not be called for Second Reading today as originally scheduled and will die on the Order Paper.

Oshawa MPP Jerry Ouellette introduced the bill on May 17th which would help school boards and municipal councils fill vacancies that occur after elections. Bill 197 would require municipalities and school boards to adopt a policy that would ensure a clear procedure and direction is in place before an election takes place.

This legislation presented the citizens of Oshawa and other municipalities with an open and clear plan to help deal with filling vacant electoral positions," said Mr. Ouellette. "I am very disappointed that Dalton McGuinty has completely stopped this important legislation from moving forward", says Mr. Ouellette.

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