

Parliament has no mandate to extend copyrights. The copyright extensions should be deleted from Bill C-32. Note that in the government's 2009 Copyright Consultation, precisely 5 submissions favoured extending copyright durations or keeping the current rules whereas an astounding 5520 submissions were opposed to extending copyright durations, or favoured shortening them. It's worth repeating: Parliament has no mandate whatsoever to extend copyrights.

A "Safe Harbour" provision is required for works more than 75 years old where the life dates of the authors are not known. This has long been needed, and will be absolutely essential if copyright terms for photographs are extended, as currently proposed in Bill C-32.

And finally, as a citizen of Saskatchewan I am shocked that so little respect has been shown to my province, and I most certainly expect that the Saskatchewan Archives Board's very important submission receive the attention it deserves. If you have misplaced that submission it can be found at <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/008.nsf/eng/01676.html>

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