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Mark supports constituents - votes against Bill
to bypass the Canadian Wheat Board

(OTTAWA) Last night, in the House of Commons, Inky Mark, Member of Parliament for Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette supported the majority of his constituents' wishes and voted against Private Member's Bill C-300 that would see the Canadian Wheat Board bypassed by producers.

"The role of the Canadian Wheat Board has been a hot topic of debate. As I travelled throughout Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette during the last year, I have had the opportunity to talk with many constituents who are concerned about this issue. Out of these conversations, at least 2 out of 3 people vehemently support the Canadian Wheat Board. I promised to support my constituents and their views when the matter came up for a vote and last night I kept that promised," Mark commented.

The summary of Bill C-300 read, "This enactment provides that the producers of grain may sell grain directly to certain specified associations or firms engaged in the processing of grain, and transport grain for the purposes of those sales, without having to pay a fee to the Canadian Wheat Board."

Mark concluded by saying, "In a matter as important as this, the decision should be made by the producers not by politicians. The debate is not over and I will continue to represent my constituents' on this issue - bringing their letters and petitions to the attention of the government."

Mark became the only government member to vote against Bill C-300.

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