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Throne Speech: The full text of the 2011 Speech from the Throne is available online at www.alberta.ca.

<u>New School to Serve Crestmont and Valley Ridge:</u> Is a new school in Crestmont/Valley Ridge important to you and your family? There has been considerable discussion by community members to have a school close to home. In order to make it happen, your community needs you to commit your time to volunteer to help develop a vision and plan for a new school. I do understand the pressures of work and trying to fit in volunteerism. However, if having a new school in your own community is important to you, then the community needs your help to come together to make it happen. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Suzanne Brett-Walsh at (403) 503-0643.

E-Newsletter: As part of my commitment to communicate regularly with my constituents, I am inviting each of you to take a moment and sign up for my e-newsletter. The purpose of this e-newsletter is to share with you information on programs and initiatives from the Alberta Government and to keep you up to date with developments within our community. To sign up,, please go to http://delong.mypcmla.ca/ so you may receive the next edition.

Province Provides More Housing Options for Seniors in Calgary: Seniors who need affordable rent, are homeless or have special needs will find a safe and affordable place to call home in a Calgary mixed-housing development, thanks in part to the Alberta government. The province is providing \$6.5 million in grants to Bethany Care Society to help develop 50 units. Forty-two will be below market rental units for seniors, including five wheelchair accessible units, and eight are housing for the homeless. The Bethany Care Society is a not-for-profit faith-based organization with13 locations throughout central and southern Alberta. This project supports the Alberta goal to create 11,000 affordable housing units by 2012. To date, funding has been committed to more than 9,000 affordable housing units. For more information on provincial support for affordable housing and housing for the homeless please visit www.housing.alberta.ca.

A special thanks to all my constituents who have taken the time to call, write and meet with me over the past several years Your many well thought out comments and advice has been of immeasurable value to our Government and to all the people of Alberta. As always, my staff and I are available to answer any questions and/or concerns that you may have.

Happy Easter Everyone