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<http://openparliament.ca/bills/votes/40-3/165/>

Vote #165 on February 9th, 2011

Bill C-389: An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code (gender identity and gender expression)

Vote topic: That the Bill be now read a third time and do pass.

Result:

* Yes 143 [including Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe, and NDP Leader Jack Layton]

* No 135 [including Prime Minister and Conservative Party Leader Stephen Harper]

* Paired 8

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Comment (Victoria Stuart): The color-coding (<http://openparliament.ca/bills/votes/40-3/165/>) really tells the story: Conservatives overwhelmingly voted NO; Liberals mostly voted YES; and the Bloc Québécois and the NDP almost unanimously voted YES (exceptions: there were 4 paired votes - see below - for the Bloc, and one NDP Member Didn't Vote). Two Independents also voted NO.

Conservatives:

* NO: 126

* YES: 6

* PAIRED: 4

* DIDN'T VOTE: 7

http://www.parl.gc.ca/compendium/web-content/c_d_recordedvotes-e.htm

Pairing of Members: "Pairing is a practice whereby the party Whips arrange for two Members from opposite sides of the House to agree that they will abstain from voting on a particular occasion to permit one or both to be absent from the House. In this way, their votes are effectively neutralized and the relative strength of their parties in the House maintains its balance. The Standing Orders provide for the establishment of a Register of Paired Members, which is kept at the Table. To indicate that they will not take part in any recorded divisions held on a particular date, Members have their names entered together in the Register by their respective Whips. Independent Members sign for themselves. The names of Members so paired are printed in the Debates and in the Journals immediately following the entry for any recorded division held on that day. The Standing Orders are silent on the question of a broken pair, which occurs when a paired Member votes. Still, agreements to pair are private arrangements between Members and not matters in which the Speaker or the House can intervene. Members who inadvertently vote when paired must seek the unanimous consent of the House to rescind their votes."

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