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## **Motion Without Notice on Support for the Climate Change Accountability Act, Bill C-311**

MOVED BY Rob Van Wyke, Thunder Bay, duly seconded and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, that:

1. WHEREAS the House of Commons passed Third Reading on Bill C-311 (May 5, 2010), which:
  - a) sets out science-based targets for reductions in Canada's Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG's) of 25 % by 2020, and 80 % by 2050 (relative to an internationally recognized base year of 1990);
  - b) requires the Minister of the Environment and the Federal government to draft five-year plans on how to accomplish these goals, with interim reports every two years, thereby insuring public accountability; and
  - c) requires review of government plans and reports by the National Roundtable on Environment and Economy.
2. AND WHEREAS Unitarian Universalists across Canada were among the groups which encouraged their Members of Parliament to support Bill C-311, following a presentation at the 2009 ACM by Unitarian Universalist member Bruce Hyer, MP for Thunder Bay-Superior North on his non-partisan Private Member's Bill;
3. AND WHEREAS this is the only piece of climate change legislation before Parliament and it is urgent for Canada to act on this important global priority;
4. AND WHEREAS the Bill has been introduced into the Senate, and sponsored there on May 11, 2010 by Grant Mitchell (Liberal Senator, Alberta) and seconded by Elaine McCoy (Progressive Conservative Senator, Alberta) and will require the support of a majority of senators from across the political spectrum;
5. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**  
The CUC immediately expresses to Senators its support for the passage of the Bill in a timely manner, and that individuals and member congregations be encouraged to express to Senators their support for Bill C-311.

Approved by delegates at the 2010 Annual General Meeting  
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