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**Bill 69, Prompt Payment Act 2013, Passes Second Reading with Unanimous Support**

MPP Steven Del Duca’s proposed legislation, Prompt Payment Act 2013, was debated on Thursday afternoon and passed unanimously with support from all three parties.

The bill now heads to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills where it will undergo a public consultation process. The committee stage is an important final step before a bill can be called to third and final reading.

“I’m delighted and honoured to have the support of all three parties on my first private members legislation that deals with an industry that is of crucial importance to Ontario’s economy and of great personal significance to me. I look forward to the committee stage to consult with industry leaders and members of the public to ensure this important bill gets sent to third and final reading and becomes law.” – Steven Del Duca, MPP Vaughan

*Here’s what MPP’s had to say about the bill:*

“We need to make sure that the issue of late payments in the construction industry certainly is addressed. I do know that that’s an issue and it’s something that deserves attention, and this bill certainly attempts to do that…The bottom line is, I think Bill 69 is a step in the right direction for sure…It’s something that I think all three parties can agree needs to be addressed. So congratulations for bringing it forward—your first bill, too. It’s got substance, and that’s what we like to see.” – Rod Jackson, PC MPP from Barrie

“I’ll gladly support this bill. I think it’s a concept we should all get behind. If you work a hard day’s work, you should get paid for it at the end of the day. Unfortunately, that’s something that we don’t see every day in Ontario, and that’s not acceptable…There’s no legislation that currently exists in Ontario to provide a remedy to contractors and subcontractors when they’re subjected to late-payment practices, even though other jurisdictions have this legislation. It’s time that Ontario does this as well. I welcome Bill 69. I congratulate the member from Vaughan on his first private member’s bill.” – Jonah Schein, NDP MPP from Davenport
“Mr. Speaker, to me, this is a common-sense bill. It’s about fairness, it’s about reducing the cost of doing business, it’s about supporting the construction business in Ontario. I hope that all members in this Legislature will find it in themselves to support this worthy bill.” – MPP Dipika Damerla, MPP from Mississauga East Cooksville

“I think really what is important is that I’m in support of the principle of the bill. I am in support of the bill certainly going toward second reading.” – John O’Toole, PC MPP from Durham

“I happen to think this is a good bill…From my reading of it, the prompt payment is a widespread problem throughout the whole industry. It has been thus for quite some time. If this is true, we need to be able to do something to make sure that contractors and subcontractors get paid. It’s only right that if they perform the job, that they get paid for the work.” – Rosario Marchese, NDP MPP from Trinity-Spadina

“We’re here to support them. I’m encouraging everyone to move this to committee so that we can have final review.” – Soo Wong, MPP for Scarborough Agincourt

“The bottom line is, if you do the work, you should get paid. I’m happy to support Bill 69 here at second reading.” – Todd Smith, PC MPP for Prince Edward Hastings

“I’m proud to support this bill and I hope that all my colleagues will as well.” – Laura Albanese, MPP for York South Weston

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