

**Legislation of the First Session of the Twenty-Second Parliament,
Nov. 12, 1953, to June 26, 1954—concluded**

Subject, Chapter and Date of Assent	Synopsis
Transportation— concluded	
60 June 26	<i>An Act to amend the National Harbours Board Act</i> makes a number of revisions in the regulations relating to the administration and operation of the national harbours.
63 June 26	<i>An Act to amend the Pipe Lines Act</i> provides that a liquidator or trustee or other personnel appointed in a similar capacity may act for a company authorized to construct or operate pipelines.
Welfare—	
45 June 10	<i>An Act to amend the Vocational Training Co-ordination Act</i> revises the Act of 1942 in the light of present-day requirements for defence and other purposes, including authority to enter into agreements with the provinces to provide assistance for rehabilitation training of disabled persons.
55 June 26	<i>The Disabled Persons Act</i> provides for a nation-wide system of allowances for totally and permanently disabled persons who are in need of assistance. The legislation authorizes the payment of \$40 a month to such persons who are 18 years of age or over. The passing of enabling legislation is required on the part of each of the participating provinces and each province is given the option of designating by its own law a higher minimum age if desired.
61 June 26	<i>An Act to repeal the National Physical Fitness Act.</i> Although this Act is repealed, agreements already in effect under the Act will be carried out.
Miscellaneous—	
12 Mar. 4	<i>An Act to amend the Animal Contagious Diseases Act</i> removes the limits on compensation payable under the Act in respect of swine and sheep and provides for the payment of compensation on the basis of market value.
14 Mar. 4	<i>An Act to amend the Explosives Act</i> makes a number of changes to the Act which provides a measure of control in the manufacture, testing, storage and importation of explosives in the interests of public safety.
18 Mar. 4	<i>The Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Act</i> gives the Government statutory authority to carry out the obligations assumed by Canada under the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, signed at Washington on Feb. 8, 1949, and ratified on July 3, 1950, following approval by Parliament on Joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Commons.
23 Mar. 18	<i>The National Housing Act, 1954,</i> makes substantial changes in the financing of residential construction under the National Housing Act. The group of lending institutions is widened to include the chartered banks and the Quebec savings banks, which are empowered to make loans on the security of insured first mortgages on residential property. The former system of joint loans has been replaced by a system of insured mortgage loans. The down-payment is reduced from 20 p.c. to 10 p.c. on the first \$8,000 of the mortgage value and the down-payment on portions in excess of \$8,000 is placed at 30 p.c. Monthly payments are reduced by extending the life of the mortgage loans to 25 years from 20 years.
26 Mar. 31	<i>An Act to amend the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act</i> extends the application of the Act to the end of 1954 and increases the assistance with respect to gold produced in 1953 and 1954.
28 Mar. 31	<i>The Fire Losses Replacement Account Act</i> establishes a Fire Losses Replacement Account from which an advance may be made, up to a maximum of \$5,000,000, for the restoration, rebuilding or repair of any property under the administration or control of a Government department or Crown corporation that has been lost, destroyed or damaged by fire.
34 June 10	<i>An Act to amend the Canadian Citizenship Act</i> enables a person to apply for Canadian citizenship without first giving, as previously required, at least one year's notice of his intention to do so.
42 June 10	<i>An Act to amend the Research Council Act</i> clarifies the position of the Council with respect to its authority to deal with personal property in the course of its operations and makes certain minor adjustments in connection with the powers of the Council.
47 June 26	<i>An Act to amend the Atomic Energy Control Act</i> provides for the incorporation of a holding company to integrate the research and production activities in the atomic energy field, the company to be responsible to Parliament through the Chairman of the Committee of the Privy Council on Scientific and Industrial Research. Obsolete references to the Civil Service Superannuation Act are eliminated.