

BILL 203

Alberta Standard Time Act

Alberta 

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Background

- Petitions to abolish time changes in Alberta had been introduced to the Legislature several times before
- Thomas Dang, MLA for Edmonton South West, decided to introduce the Private Member Bill 203, Alberta Standard Time Act, in December 2016
- In a first consultation period at the beginning of the year, Thomas Dang heard from over 26,000 Albertans
- A significant majority was identified to be in favour of a Standard Time in Alberta



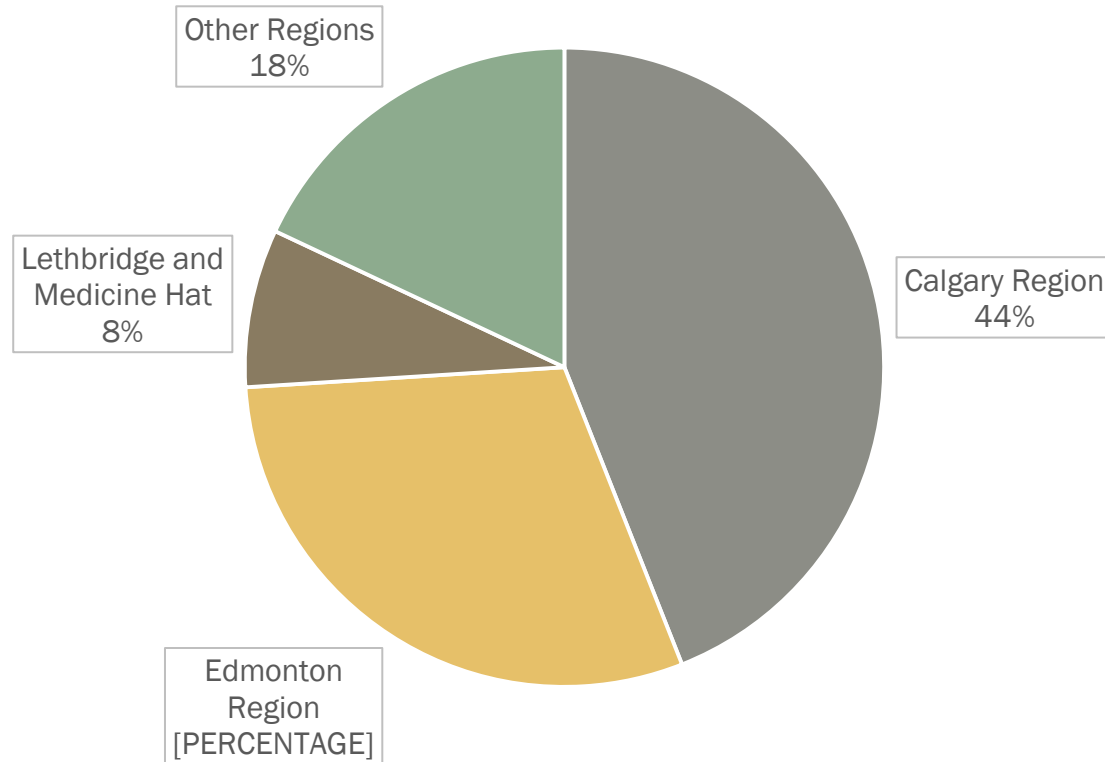
Process

Time	What happened
March 14, 2017:	Bill 203 is introduced, first reading
April 3, 2017:	Bill is referred to the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future
May 10, 2017:	Thomas Dang presents the Bill to the Committee
May 10 to Sept. 19, 2017:	The Committee reviews the Bill in five meetings, 71 submissions are solicited from identifies stakeholders
September 2017:	8 Stakeholders make oral presentations to the Committee A Subcommittee is established to seek further input Consultation meetings are held in four cities in Alberta
September 19, 2017	The Subcommittee reports findings
October 30, 2017	Chair tables report which is accepted in the house, the free vote effectively ending Bill 203

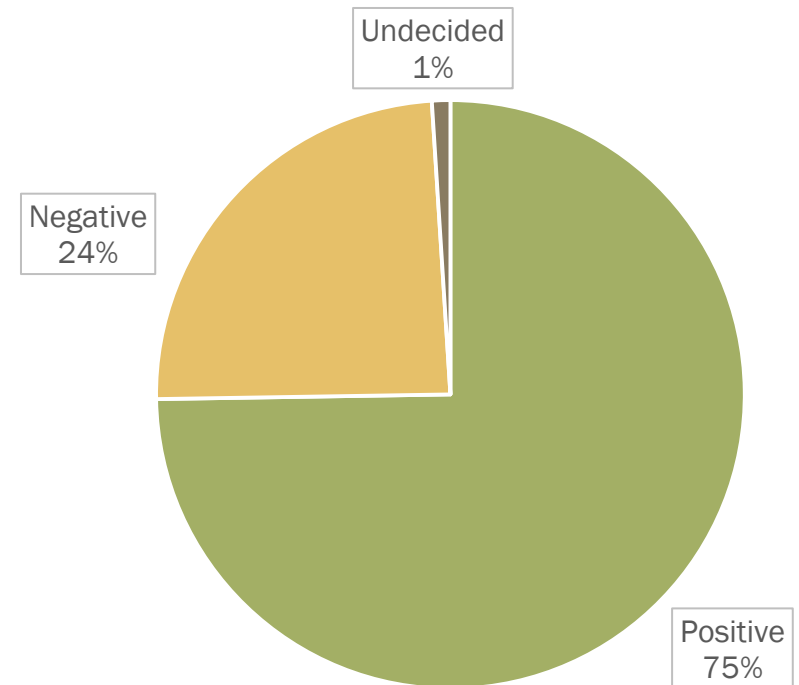


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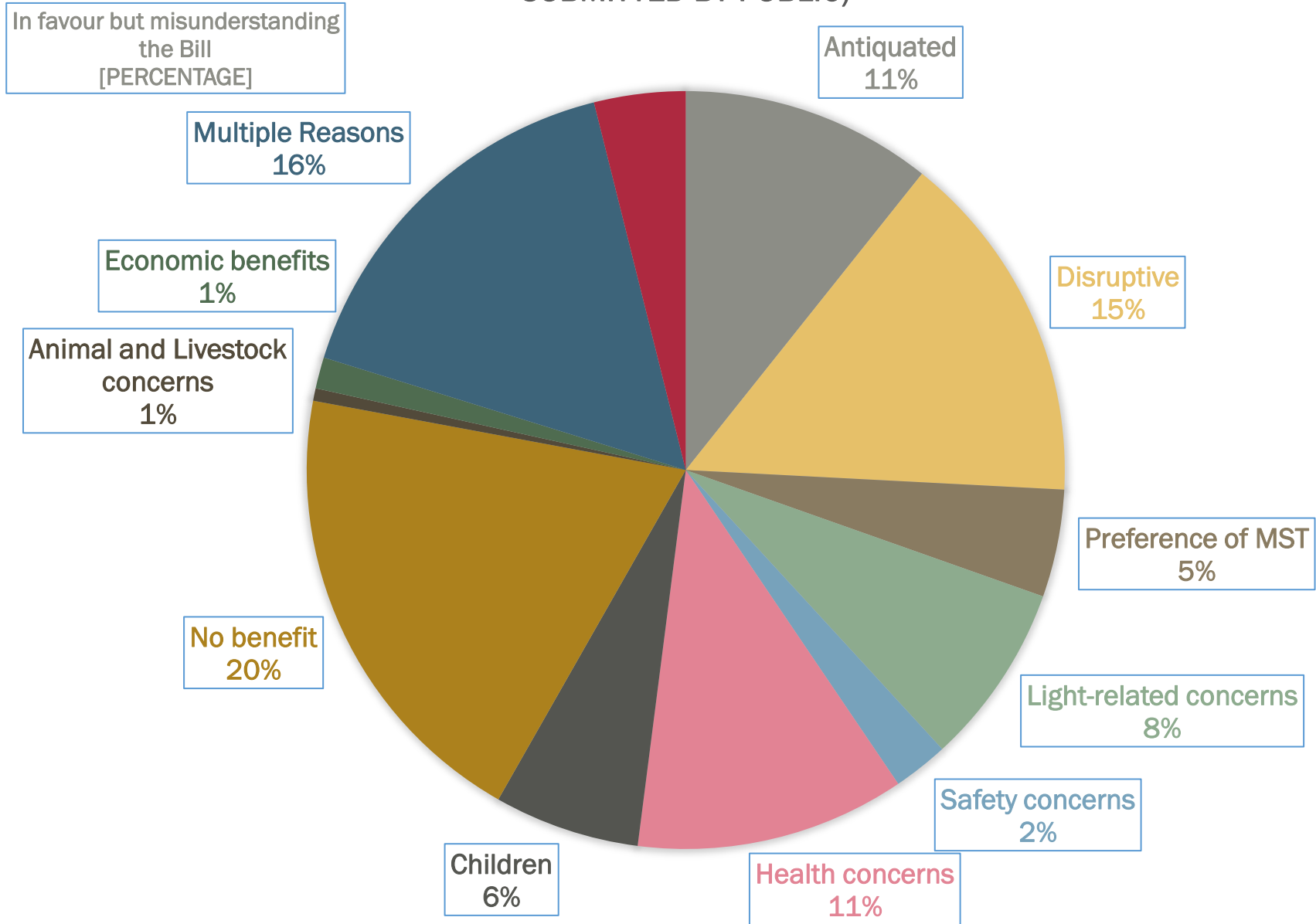
Responses by Region - 13,562 written Submissions



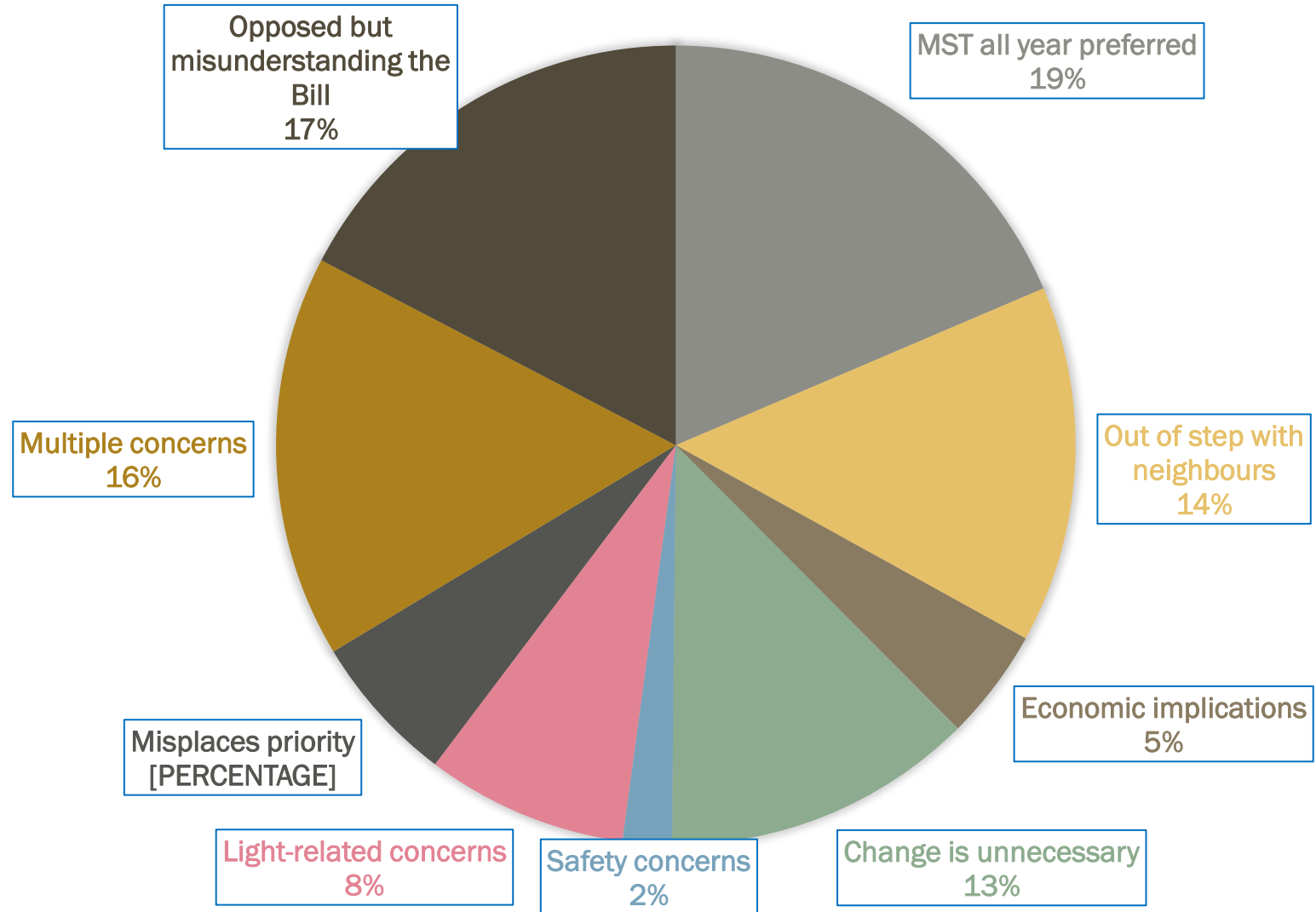
Reactions to Bill 203



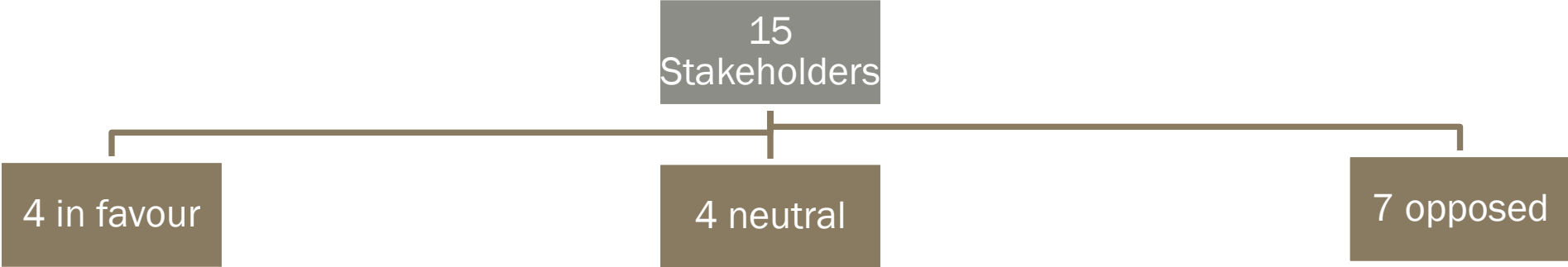
MOST COMMON ARGUMENTS IN FAVOUR OF BILL 203 (6366 POSITIVE REACTIONS IN TOTAL SUBMITTED BY PUBLIC)



MOST COMMON ARGUMENTS OPPOSING BILL 203 (2664 NEGATIVE REACTIONS IN TOTAL)



Stakeholders' Opinions



Education:
Better routine for children

Agriculture:
Same time is easier for animals and balanced profit

Airlines and Airport Authorities:
Economic implications of being out of step with BC by two hours in the Winter months and impact on the airlines being misaligned

Oilers and Flames:
Economic implications for sports teams and difficulty coordinating schedules, fan connections



Recommendations

- The Committee recommends that the Government of Alberta engage other jurisdictions in Canada and the United States to discuss a coordinated approach to eliminating the practice of observing daylight saving time.
- **The Committee further observed that approximately 75 per cent of the submissions en masse to the committee were in support of abolishing the observance of daylight saving time** and identified that it has a negative effect on, but not limited to, their physical and mental well-being, their children, families, productivity at home, at work, at school, and the safety on the roads.



Thank you for your attention!

Questions and comments?

