

TARION ACCOUNTABILITY
AND OVERSIGHT ACT, 2014

LOI DE 2014
SUR LA RESPONSABILISATION
ET LA SURVEILLANCE
DE TARION

Mr. Singh moved first reading of the following bill:

Bill 60, An Act to amend various Acts in respect of the corporation designated under the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act / Projet de loi 600 Loi modifiant diverses lois à l'égard de la société désignée en application de la Loi sur le Régime des garanties des logements neufs de l'Ontario.

The Speaker (Hon. Dave Levac): Is it the pleasure of the House that the motion carry? Carried.

First reading agreed to.

The Speaker (Hon. Dave Levac): The member for a short statement.

Mr. Jagmeet Singh: Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce in the House concerned members of the community around the issue of Tarion and members of Canadians for Properly Built Homes; also, members of HOWA. Dr. Karen Somerville is here. Please stand up and be acknowledged.

Applause.

Mr. Jagmeet Singh: Thank you so much.

The act is the Tarion Accountability and Oversight Act, 2014. The act, essentially, seeks to offer accountability and oversight to Tarion, which is much needed.

I'll just summarize some of the salient issues from the explanatory note.

There's an Ombudsman Act, which would permit the Ombudsman to conduct investigations in respect to Tarion.

This act would also allow the Auditor General to have authority to audit Tarion.

This act would also prescribe Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act amendments which would require the Tarion board members to provide and disclose their salaries.

This act would also require that Tarion bylaws be subject to approval by the government to ensure there's transparency.

The main issue here is, Tarion is not receiving proper oversight and accountability. Numerous members of our community are complaining about it, and we need to address that. This act is a step in the right direction.