

Stephane Dion

Liberal
Party

Born: Sep 28,
1955, Quebec City

POLITICAL
CAREER



■ **1996:**

Minister of intergovernmental affairs. Pushes through **Clarity Act** in 2000, making it harder for French-speaking province of Quebec to secede

■ **2004:** Serves as environment minister in government of **Paul Martin**

■ **2006:** Wins Liberal leadership race, beating more experienced candidates with platform that stressed need to protect environment

KEY ELECTION PROPOSALS

■ Wants meeting with financial authorities within 30 days of taking office to see what can be done to combat market turbulence

■ Proposes carbon tax to cut greenhouse gas emissions – cost to be offset by income tax cuts

■ Would stick to agreement to keep troops in Afghanistan till 2011 but does not rule out military spending cuts