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Toyota Canada Inc. says an investigation into potential problems with its floor mats that forced a recall of four million vehicles in the United States, does not affect its Canadian vehicles. It says Canadian floor mats are different from the Toyota-supplied mats in the U.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PM makes Iggy look a bit green

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff was outlining green policies in a wide-ranging speech Thursday — when his chief rival swooped in to steal his thunder.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper let it be known — right in the middle of Ignatieff's speech — that he will attend the global climate conference in Copenhagen alongside U.S. President Barack Obama.

Iggy's ideas

- A system in which companies buy credits if they pass an emissions level while greener firms collect credits for under-polluting.
- He wants to quadruple the renewable energy used in Canada by 2017 — Canada's 150th birthday.
- He wants Canada to be a better steward of the Arctic.

Ignatieff was in the middle of telling a Quebec audience he favours a cap-and-trade system in which companies would make money by going green, and polluters would need to

pay. Ignatieff said he hopes such a plan would fit into a global system, and work in conjunction with any plan set up in the U.S.

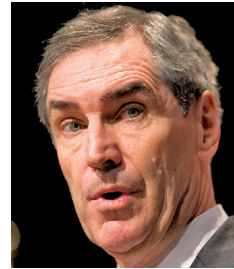
Harper's spokesperson Dimitri Soudas said the

prime minister decided to go to Copenhagen after Barack Obama and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao announced their attendance.

Soudas said Harper's decision was based on the fact that now "a critical mass of world leaders will be attending."

The Tories have consistently downplayed expectations for the conference.

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Michael Ignatieff speaks in Quebec City on Thursday.

Olympics good news for B.C.'s Liberals

GAMES B.C.'s Liberals are in an Olympic party mood after a season of bad news.

The Liberals ended a fall session Thursday that saw the government pass a record deficit budget that included deep cuts in grants to social, sport and volunteer organizations.

"We're, like most of the province, tremendously excited by the fact that we are just under 80 days away from the ... Olympic and Paralympic games," said Liberal House Leader Mike de Jong.

He said the New Democrats spent months criticizing the Games, but predicted that tone will change as the date for the opening ceremonies in February approaches.

"When that flame starts to move closer ... you're going to see ... the NDP try to distance themselves from their own record, their own criticism."

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Protests force Vancouver to rewrite Games sign bylaw

OLYMPICS Municipal staff in Vancouver have rewritten a controversial sign bylaw after activists alleged it would give police sweeping powers to seize protest materials during the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Council approved bylaw changes during the summer aimed at allowing the city to tackle ambush marketing during the Games by quickly removing signs erected without proper permits.

Civil liberties groups and Olympic critics charged that provisions in the bylaw would allow police or bylaw officers to enter their homes and take protest signs.

But a new version of the bylaw changes will be presented to council next week that limits the stricter enforcement rules — which are temporary and expire after the Games — to commercial signs only.

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