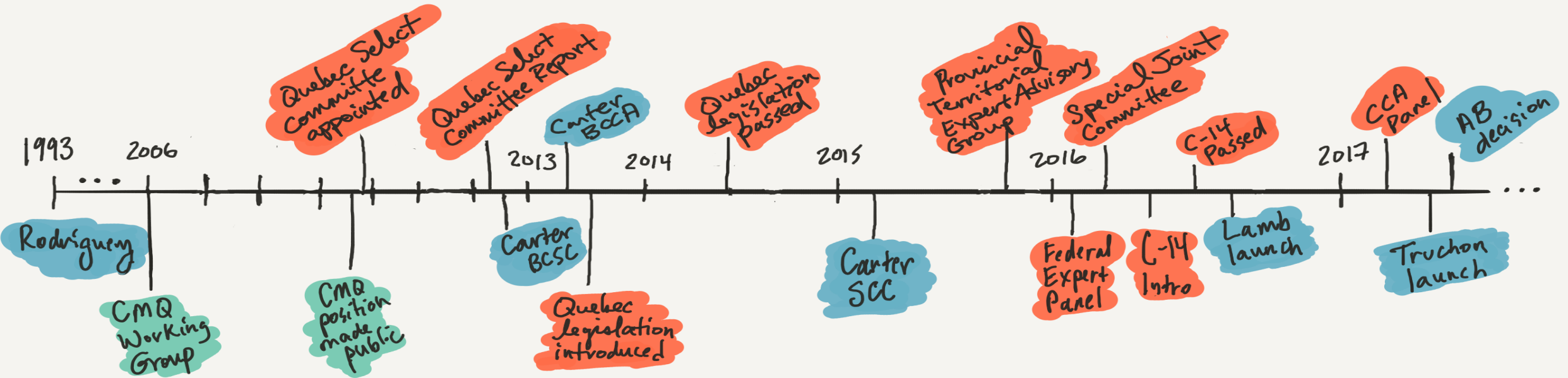


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- 2006-8 – Collège des médecins du Québec (CMQ) working group on clinical ethics meets to discuss appropriate care at the end of life
- October 2009 – CMQ Board unanimously adopts Report from Working Group
- November 2009 – CMQ makes its position public
- December 2009 – Quebec government forms Select Committee on Dying with Dignity
- March 2012 – Select Committee publishes its report (euthanasia recast as medical aid in dying)
- January 2013 – Expert Panel submits report on legislative options
- June 2013 – Government presents draft bill, seeks further consultation
- June 2014 – National Assembly passes Bill on a free vote
- December 10, 2015 – The Act Respecting End-of-Life Care comes into force

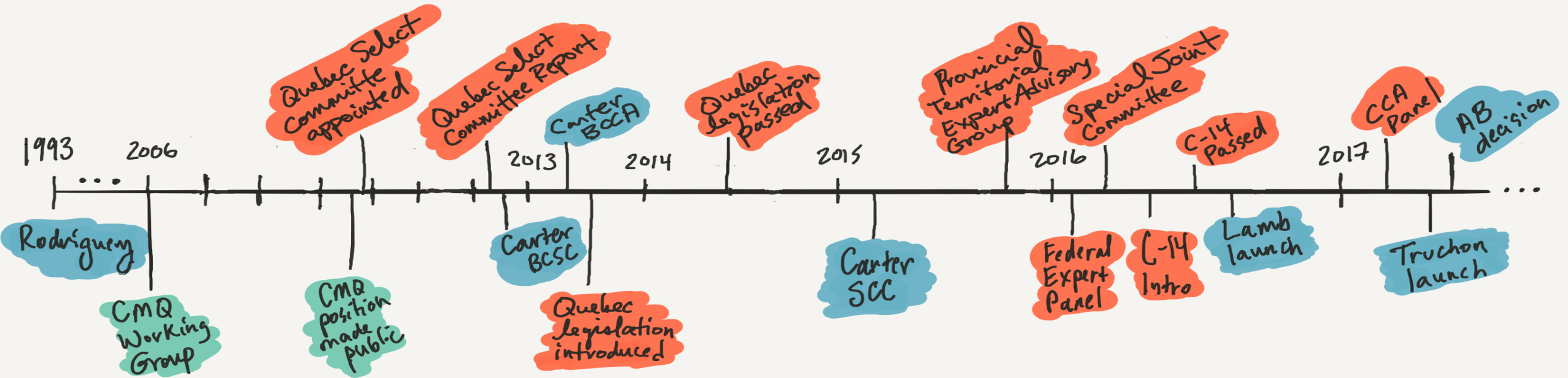
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- June 2012 - British Columbia trial court strikes down *Criminal Code* prohibitions on physician-assisted dying in *Carter v. Canada*
- March 2013 - British Columbia Court of Appeal overturns trial decision (because of *Rodriguez* precedent)
- February 2015 - Supreme Court of Canada reverses BCCA and strikes down *Criminal Code* prohibitions on MAiD (suspends declaration of invalidity for 12 months)
- February 2016 - Supreme Court of Canada extends suspension of declaration of invalidity for four months
- June 2016 – SCC decision in *Carter* takes full effect

Federal Parliament Path

- November 30, 2015 – Provincial-Territorial Expert Advisory Group on Physician-Assisted Dying submits Final Report
- January 2016 – Federal External Panel on Options for Legislative Response to *Carter v Canada* Consultations on Physician-Assisted Dying submits Summary of Results and Key Findings: Final Report (delivered to Government December 15, 2015 released to public January 2016)
- February 25, 2016 – Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying (Parliament of Canada) submits Report
- April 14, 2016 – Government introduces Bill C-14 in the House of Commons
- May 31, 2016 – House passes Bill C-14
- June 15, 2016 – Senate returns Bill C-14 to the House with amendments
- June 16, 2017 – House rejects major amendments and returns Bill C-14 to the Senate
- June 17, 2017 – Senate passes Bill C-14 and the Bill receives Royal Assent

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