

JT: This committee obviously, is irrelevant and we don't intend to participate in irrelevant hearings across the country and comit in effect a fraud on the Canadian people that the two most important subjects on the agenda are not even open for discussion on this committee.

?: I'm delighted that the liberals have reached that decision today to not participate in what is really a charade. A mochery of Parliament.

CBC: But if the foreign policy committee is a mockery of parliament, the opposition parties themselves will be violating parliamentary tradition if they go ahead with the boycott. Its almost unprecedented in Canada for political parties to refuse to take part in a parliamentary committee. David Halton, CBC News, Ottawa.



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