

today. I will endeavour to comment briefly. I believe a number of points have been made sincerely by the Member opposite.

I want to assure the Hon. Member that it is not the policy of the Government of Canada to fund any group, in the words of the Hon. Member "to fight the provincial Governments." I want to assure him also that it is not our policy either to fund any group to promote policies of any particular provincial Government or political party. Let me refer to the days of the Special Joint Committee of the House of Commons and the Senate on the Constitution of Canada when all Parties sat around the table and discussed the issue of the Charter of Rights for this country. It discussed the many issues involved in human rights in Canada. It should be apparent from that experience that it is the policy of the Government, as it always has been, to promote wherever possible free, open and democratic discussion of what the Charter of Rights means to Canadians and, more important, during the process of evolving those rights, to hear the views of all groups concerned, in

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particular the views of every minority group. The will of the majority is often heard without any assistance or motions from anybody.

I assure the Hon. Member opposite that this Government, or any government in Canada for that matter, is not interested in funding groups to promote or, in the words of the Hon. Member, to fight legislation of any provincial Government. We are not in the business of asking such organizations what their views may be on any particular legislation of any Province of Canada. We are interested in the promotion of free, open and democratic discussion of the rights of Canadian citizens, particularly those rights which have now been entrenched in the Canadian Constitution.

[Translation]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

At 6.27 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
