

The interest shown by members of Parliament, moreover, is most encouraging. The discussions they have had at committee hearings over the past two days show that they want very much to help in finding solutions to the problem of climate change.

Further, members of the general public who have taken the trouble to come here to learn more about this issue should know that their concern and involvement has not gone unnoticed.

I would like to thank you all and wish you good luck and a good trip back to your countries.

The Chairman: Mr. Minister, thank you so much for your very kind words.

Mr. Caccia: Would the minister accept some questions? We are only asking for one round of questions per party.

The Chairman: I did not make any arrangements for questions.

Mr. Caccia: The minister is strong enough to accept one round of questions, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: I do not feel this is in order, Mr. Caccia, and I want to proceed with the remainder of what I have, which is very limited.

Mr. Minister, we thank you for taking the time to come here this morning. We all know a little bit more about your problem and the difficulties you will have in solving them. We wish you godspeed in your work in the environment.

Mr. Bouchard: Mr. Chairman, if you agree, I would not be opposed to receiving one question per party. How many parties have we?

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The Chairman: When my minister speaks, I will obviously listen. I will not take the floor again, other than to adjourn it, but I want to do two things. I want to thank the committees who helped me organize, and the chairpeople, many of whom sat here this morning. I failed to do that before.

Secondly, I want to announce very clearly that there is a joint proceeding, which is a very unusual circumstance for anything in this House. They will be available afterward to a limited number. They are quite expensive to produce, and we will have some 4,000, I think, but that may not be too many. I am prepared to let this go on. I will put this in your hands, Mr. Blackburn.

The Joint Chairman: Fine. We will now allow some questions. Mr. Caccia.

Mr. Caccia: In his speech this morning, the Minister of the Environment emphasized the considerable impact of energy policies on our ability to solve the problems of global climate change. What kind of changes in Canada's energy policy would the Minister like to see?