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1 Are you going to wait until you see whether they
2 will have a referendum?

3 Or might you call your referendum first?

4 MINISTER LALONDE: At the present time, I would
5 rather wait and have them go with their referendum.

6 Our intention is not to try to spring one ahead
7 of them just for the fun of jumping ahead of them.

8 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: But if they wait too long,
9 you will have one of your own?

10 MINISTER LALONDE: Well, sure! As I said,
11 if you look at the economic implications of the climate
12 of uncertainty that is taking place, you can't just let
13 that deteriorate forever! So there is a time when a
14 decision will have to be made. But there is no intention
15 -- I want to make that quite clear -- there is no intention
16 by us to hurry up and have a referendum ahead of the
17 Quebec one. It would only be in the context of just
18 extended delays and a situation where, really, the
19 Provincial Government is just bent on maintaining
20 uncertainty and bringing economic disaster.

21 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: On a totally different
22 subject: Are there any festering U.S./Canadian problems
23 -- maybe of a smaller nature -- but like border television
24 wars; like the tax that discourages conventions in Canada?

25 What is your observation about the state of