

1 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: What can be the legal  
2 ramifications of this ruling in Quebec that the Language  
3 Law is unconstitutional as it applies to the Courts --

4 MINISTER LALONDE: And the Legislature?

5 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: How far down the road  
6 did this go?

7 Is it unconstitutional throughout?

8 MINISTER LALONDE: No. We have looked at the  
9 Educational provisions, and we have indicated that we felt  
10 that they might very likely be maintained -- or most of  
11 them, anyway, would be supported by the Court -- by a  
12 judicial interpretation.

13 They are ruling out two very significant areas,  
14 I would say: that the Judicial and the Legislative systems  
15 are not something to be ignored. But, in terms of the daily  
16 life of people, I think people are much more exercised  
17 and concerned about the Educational provisions, than they  
18 are about the ones concerning the language in the National  
19 Assembly, or in the Courts themselves.

20 But they are significant developments.

21 It will be appealed, I am sure, all the way  
22 to the Supreme Court, and it will become part of the  
23 Constitutional debate, obviously, in the years down the  
24 line.

25 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: In the House of Lords?