

1 They also showed the gentleman -- who got a
2 lot of applause -- who particularly thought that Quebec would
3 be an independent State within one year.

4 Now, would you care to comment on:

5 (a) Bill 101; and

6 (b) On the prediction that was made?

7 MINISTER LALONDE: On Bill 101, it is an unfair
8 reading to see it as "forcing everybody to go to French schools"

9 What Bill 101 does is that everybody who has had
10 one parent educated in English in Quebec is entitled to
11 send his children to English schools. Nonetheless, it is
12 a very restrictive Bill because it means that an English
13 speaking Canadian coming from outside of Quebec--or an
14 American coming into Quebec--can send his children to an
15 English school only on the basis of a special permission --
16 a kind of a 3-year permit that can be renewed for another
17 three years, subsequently.

18 So there are restrictive provisions, and it means
19 that immigrants coming into Quebec have to send their
20 children to the French school system.

21 It has to be remembered, however, that our French
22 school system is also teaching English as a second language.

23 There has been a lot of opposition to the
24 restrictive provisions of that particular Bill. We, as
25 a Federal government have objected, most strenuously, to some