

1 could be Quebec, only. We will have authority to call
2 referendums on a regional, or a national basis.

3 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Who gets to write the
4 question?

5 MINISTER LALONDE: We do!

6 [Laughter]

7 MINISTER LALONDE: Well, it depends on which level
8 [for]
9 of government calls/a referendum. If the Provincial
10 Government calls it, they ask whatever question they want.
11 If we do, we will do the same.

12 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: Mr. Minister, a few weeks
13 ago Sun Life [Assurance Company] of Canada, which, as you
14 know, is a big English-controlled insurance company of
15 Montreal -- the head office is in Montreal -- announced
16 that it was going to relocate out of Montreal into Ontario,
17 I believe. The Government of Canada intervened, success-
18 fully, I think. They have deferred this relocation.

19 What were the Government's motives in intervening?

20 What do you think was achieved?

21 MINISTER LALONDE: Well, I should come back
22 to your question, in retrospect, I think I gave you a
23 rather short answer. I should have gone on to say what
24 we can do.

25 In the Economic field, we have taken some steps
to support the investment in Quebec. For instance,