

scrambled service; they have pointed out that C-SPAN is available to satellite dish owners without a decoder, and urged that a similar policy be adopted in Canada. The Committee concurs.

The Committee fully understands that the above comments are beyond its mandate, and that the decision rests with the CRTC; nevertheless, in view of the many concerns expressed to the Committee, we felt that it is important to address these issues.

The Committee also wishes to acknowledge the important educational function that is served by the broadcasting of parliamentary proceedings. We would encourage CPaC to work closely with the Public Information Office of the House of Commons to maximize the educational potential of the Channel, for instance, through the publication and distribution of programs and guides on parliamentary procedure.