

Even though this is called an act to provide for referendums on the Constitution of Canada, I am going to title the exercise in my community the "Campaign for Canada".

Really what this legislation is all about is making sure that ultimately, at the end of this exercise this nation stays whole, that we are able to somehow crush the separatist, divisive forces that exist, not just in the province of Quebec, there are some of those forces that exist in other regions.

It is our responsibility as national members of Parliament to make sure that the next 90 days of our lives are ones where all of us, no matter what political stripe, are campaigning for Canada.

In my riding I will make sure that this legislation is handed around for everyone to read it. We will understand what it is all about.

I would like to make a couple of recommendations to the Chief Electoral Officer. One is in the process of setting up for this plebiscite that he make sure he has the resources to get everyone enumerated. I am sure the member for Rosedale would share this point of view. In my riding in downtown Toronto close to one-third—maybe that is a little high—but well over 25 per cent of Canadian citizens were not enumerated in the last election. That kind of thing cannot happen.

There is an opportunity for us here. There is not a partisan contest going on. We must make sure that every Canadian who is eligible to participate in this plebiscite is properly enumerated. I would counsel the Chief Electoral Officer to please make sure that he has the necessary resources to do that.

Of course, I support the amendments that my party is promoting having to do with making sure that we have a guideline on spending limits. We do not want another situation like the last election where an organization such as the Business Council on National Issues went out as a third-party advertiser and literally bought full-page ads promoting its point of view on the free trade agreement.

If it had not been for my leader's debating skills at that time, the right hon. John Turner, I am sure that I probably would not even be standing here. Those third-party advertisements in print and in radio especially were very forceful and put a lot of confusion into the marketplace.

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Of course, the other thing has to do with the double majority. We must make sure that we are sensitive to every region in this country.

We in the Liberal Party have a very strong view that we have a double majority. There is no possibility of one particular region of the country imposing its will, or three or four regions ganging up and imposing their will on another region.

I want to go back to the exercise. In my particular riding even though we have limited resources—we are not the government—I have rented a tour bus for the next 60 days. It is the kind of tour bus seen outside here when students come to visit Parliament Hill. It is not a new one; it is old. It cost us about \$3,000 for two months. We painted on the side of it "Campaign for Canada".

We also put on it "Mobile Riding Office". In the baggage or luggage compartment we have put our Government of Canada material. It is information and facts about Canada, about our regions, about various services and programs that the Government of Canada provides for citizens.

What we aim to do during this referendum period is to go around to every part of our community. We will go right to the seniors' homes and park there for a day. Then each and every one of the senior citizens in that home can have any questions answered or obtain any updated material on the Government of Canada or facts about this plebiscite.

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We will do the same thing with the local collegiates. Sometimes the hours of school do not coincide with our static constituency office, the permanent constituency office, but our mobile office will pull right into the collegiates.

That is the kind of thing constituents want to see right now. They want to see some excitement in this country. Rather than sitting back letting the constituents come to us, we are going to be on the road going to them.

We can put a spirit of campaigning for Canada into this referendum rather than just focusing on the substance, on the *i* dotting and the *t* crossing.

Going back to the comments of my friend from Rosedale, consider the process of getting everyone involved. Everyone then feels a part of it. They feel that they have been brought up to date on all the aspects of the proposals and thoughts that various groups have in terms of amending our Constitution or things that we should be doing to galvanize the will of this country.