

1 have behaved worse than the Canadian English-speaking
2 corporations. I would say, if anything, it is probably the
3 reverse.

4 MEMBER OF THE PRESS: You mentioned a referendum.
5 Do you have other means to achieve unity in
6 Canada?

7 MINISTER LALONDE: Well, some are institutional.
8 Yes, we are going to put forward, during the course of the
9 present session, a certain number of Constitutional
10 proposals -- Constitutional Reform Proposals -- but, again,
11 I think this is important, and necessary.

12 You know, what people don't realize is that
13 we have one of the oldest Federal Constitutions in the
14 World! Ours has been going on since 1867, with slight
15 amendments here and there, but, essentially, it is the same
16 instrument -- called the "British North American Act".
17 So the title, itself, would, I think, make somebody think
18 it would be time to change something about it!

19 [Laughter]

20 But there it is. And so there has to be -- there
21 has to be -- substantial Constitutional reform.

22 Again, one would be under serious illusions, if one
23 would believe that just playing around with the Constitu-
24 tion is going to resolve this particular issue. I think
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