

As well, CPaC will provide gavel-to-gavel coverage of national political party leadership conventions and key national political party policy conferences and related deliberations.

iii) Public Discussion and Participation

CPaC intends to offer open line programming which will focus on issues currently being considered in Parliament or by one of the institutions which are related to Parliament. This programming will allow Canadians to present their views on current public policy issues and to interact directly with their political representatives and other key public figures.

iv) Provincial Affairs

CPaC will provide coverage of such major events in Provincial Legislatures as the Speech from the Throne and the budget debate, as and when this programming may be available. In addition, from time to time CPaC will provide coverage of provincial hearings or inquiries when these proceedings deal with issues which are national in scope.

v) Other Public Events of National Significance

This program category is designed to provide exposure for the diverse views which are held on public affairs issues by Canadians who are not generally seen as practicing politicians. This could include business, labour and other interest group leaders in the context of coverage of existing conferences, conventions and speeches. This coverage will include events of national interest from across the country and will be designed to reflect a balanced presentation of the diversity of views which exists throughout Canada.

LANGUAGE OF PROGRAMMING

CPaC will be available in both official languages, with separate satellite program feeds for the English and the French services. Coverage of the House of Commons will continue to be available with three audio feeds (French, English and floor sound), as will the coverage of any other event where its originator provides simultaneous translation. In addition, when CPaC is covering an event where the originator has not provided for simultaneous translation, such translation will be undertaken at the CPaC facilities and added into the original program feed on a simultaneous basis if the event is being carried live. If the event is being carried on a delayed basis, translation will be added before the event is broadcast.