

## **AQ Meets with the Standing and Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs**

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**Montreal, Tuesday, April 16, 2002** – Alliance Quebec President, Brent Tyler and AQ Community and Political Action Coordinator, Andrew Male, will be present to testify before the *Standing and Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs* on Wednesday, April 17, 2002 at 3:30 pm. in room 257, East Block at the Parliament Buildings.

During his presentation Mr. Tyler will speak on proposed amendments to section 41 of *An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act* (fostering of English and French). Mr. Tyler will stress that in AQ's opinion the real problem with the *Official Languages Act* is not the current text but rather the total lack of the political will of the federal government, and in particular federal government institutions in Quebec, in respecting their obligations under the Act.

Tyler will emphasize that the most egregious problem is the pitiful level of participation of English-speaking people in the Federal Public Service in Quebec.

Alliance Quebec is a non-profit community-based organization that strives for the promotion of human rights and linguistic minority rights and is committed to the enhancement and preservation of the English-speaking communities and institution in Quebec.