

Alliance Quebec Closes Convention With Demonstration Call

Montreal, May 26 - Michael Hamelin called Sunday on Alliance Quebec members and others upset by electoral fraud during last year's referendum to join in a demonstration Friday outside the Montreal office of Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard.

"If we are to have any faith in our democratic institutions, it has to start with the assurance that the vote of every citizen counts and is treated seriously," said Hamelin, re-elected to his third term as president of the province-wide organization, at its 15th annual convention this weekend.

Gerry Weiner, Canada's former Secretary of State was chosen chairman.

Delegates voted unanimously to demand a full and objective judicial inquiry into disturbing patterns of irregularities in vote-handling.during the referendum

They confirmed that Alliance Quebec is firmly committed to "supporting, maintaining and sustaining a Canada that includes Quebec."

Delegates passed another resolution demanding that an eventual separation of Quebec could only occur within the framework of the Canadian Constitution after a "a substantial majority" of voters had approved it in a fair and straightforward question.

Alliance Quebec did not approve partition as a policy of the organization. The subject will be thoroughly discussed before the next annual convention.

They also approved a call for all municipalities, education health and social service institutions to serve citizens in English as well as French if they chose to do so.

Information on the planned demonstration