

## press releases

### The Centaur speech

#### -- one year later

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**Montreal, January 28, 1997** - Alliance Quebec will be hosting a public meeting -- one year later -- at the Centaur Theatre, on Monday evening, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Last March, Premier Lucien Bouchard told 400 English-speaking Quebecers at the Centaur Theatre that his government was fully committed to protecting our rights to health and social services in English. "When you go to a hospital, and you're in pain, you may need a blood test; but you certainly don't need a language test," he said

This weekend, the Parti Québécois and the Premier changed the rules.

The Premier declared that access to English services, for seniors in need of long-term care, for patients in need of surgery, for young people in need of drug rehabilitation would all be subject to the approval of the *Office de la langue française*.

We have some important questions on our rights to health and social services to put to the Premier of all Quebecers. Monday evening, at the Centaur -- one year later, will be the opportunity to raise those questions.

This meeting is open to all but a seat must be reserved by calling (514)875-2771. Those who attend will be asked to offer a \$10 contribution to help cover costs. The meeting will be held in Centaur Theatre I, at 453 St-François Xavier in Old Montreal.