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Mr. Lamb:

I am a great fan of C-SPAN in general, and of Question Time from the British House of Commons in particular. I hope that you do not mind if I make a couple of suggestions that would improve your already high standards for this program.

Firstly, there is the matter of the word "government" being used interchangeably with the word "administration" in your commentators lead in to Question time itself. Last Sunday (Feb. 14) was a good example; your commentator spoke about the "administration's upcoming budget." No matter how many times this error is made, it is still not correct. It is in fact, "the government's budget." John Major heads Her Majesty's Government, not an administration.

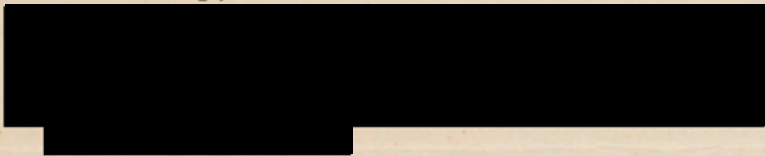
Secondly, there is a practice that you started a few weeks ago that I believe needs to be reversed. When an M.P. would rise to ask the P.M. a question, you would display on the screen his or her name, party affiliation, and the name of that member's constituency. Now, in place of the name of the constituency, you display "British House of Commons." I feel that we lose something by not knowing what district the M.P. serves. Also, since we know that we are watching Question Time from the House of Commons, it seems redundant to keep printing it under each members name.

Finally, I would like to make a suggestion for an additional program in your line up. The Prime Minister of Canada regularly answers questions in The Canadian House of Commons. I would like to suggest that you show this program as well. Canada is our close neighbor, our largest trading partner, and one of our closest allies. In my state of Florida, we have somewhere between 1.5 - 2 million Canadians living here most of the year. Also, because of the NAFTA agreement, what happens in Canada matters greatly to the U.S. Canada very often feels neglected by the U.S. and its media; perhaps by showing highlights from the Canadian Parliament on a weekly basis, C-SPAN could help foster better understanding between our two nations. After all, if you can show the news from Russia on a nightly basis, you should be able to give Canada more coverage.

C-SPAN is one of the few things that makes cable television worth having. My local cable system, Cable Vision of Central Florida will not carry C-SPAN2, and I wish that they would. What can I do to try to persuade them to carry C-SPAN2?

Thank you for your time; and I wish all of your staff the very best for the future.

Sincerely,

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