

reports indicate that more activity on the part of the consumer is needed to attain the objectives asked for in this resolution.

4. Resolution requesting the Resources Minister of the Federal Government to seek legislation to ban or control the amount of phosphates allowed in laundry detergents.

The reply indicated that regulations were passed in 1970 limiting amounts of phosphate to 20% and a further amendment will reduce this to 5% by the end of 1972. Thus Canada will be following the recommendations of the International Joint Commission which calls for the near elimination of phosphates. It was pointed out that detergents are not the only source of phosphates, that human and animal sewage and agricultural fertilizers also play a major role.

5. Resolution asked the Department of Highways to increase their efforts in the study of light reflecting, long wearing paint, or developing new methods of pavement markers imbedded in the highway surface.

A reply from the office of the Minister of Transportation and Communications said that the Department is aware of the obliteration of highway markings and that research is continuing to find a satisfactory solution. Thermoplastic material has not proved practical, no paint has been found to solve the problem, and imbedded markers are unsatisfactory since snow-plows interfere and remove them. The prolonged cold weather in northern Ontario adds to the problem, since when the weather is cold and the pavement wet, zone painting cannot be done.

6. Resolution requesting the Department of Transport to make it mandatory that all railway box cars, coal cars, flat cars and caboose be marked by fluorescent paint in such a manner as to pick up the headlights on automobiles.

Mr. C. W. Rump of the Railway Transportation Commission replied that the application of reflective markings is governed by an order of this Commission. The current program plans C.N.R. and C.P.R. installing such markings on at least 4,000 cars a year. Since December 31, 1970 a total of 94,009 applications have been made.

7. Resolution asking the Government of Ontario to declare that November 11 no longer be a school holiday but a regular school day with a service or instruction on the real meaning of the day.

A reply from the Hon. Gerard Pelletier, Secretary of State said that the views expressed by the F.W.I.O. members will be given due consideration.



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If we were busy being kind  
Before we know it we would find  
We'd soon forget to think 'twas true  
That someone was unkind to you.

If we were busy being glad  
A cheering of people who are sad  
Although our hearts might ache a bit  
We'd soon forget to notice it.

If we were busy being good  
And doing just the best we could  
We'd not have time to blame some man  
Who's doing just the best he can.

If we were busy being true  
To what we know we ought to do  
We'd be so busy, we'd forget  
The blunders of the folks we've met.

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