

**RESOLUTION ASKING PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO INITIATE A PUBLIC DIALOGUE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AS TO HAZARDS AND BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT:** Hon. Robert Welch, Minister of Energy replied as to why Ontario has chosen to endorse nuclear power as an important element in our energy program. Concern for public safety has always been a prime consideration in development of Ontario Hydro's nuclear program. The latter has to meet very stringent requirements of the Atomic Energy Control Board. The Select Committee said, "Candu reactors are acceptably safe" and the Royal Commission "safe within reasonable limits". Speaking of cost factor as a particular concern for Ontario consumers, he stated, the cost of fuel (uranium) to produce nuclear electricity is very much smaller (about one tenth) than the cost of alternate fossil fuels. Nuclear energy causes the least damage to the environment. A person would be exposed to a far larger radiation dosage on one airplane trip to Vancouver than he would receive by standing at the boundary of the Pickering Nuclear Plant for an entire year. WI groups are invited to tour this Generating Station. To those who question nuclear power installations that cannot be guaranteed to be absolutely safe he asked, "what is absolutely safe?" Ontario's energy policy is not one which emphasizes nuclear power to the exclusion of all other sources of energy.

**RESOLUTION RE FAULTY NYLON ZIPPERS:** Hon. André Ouellet said there is no legislation in effect at Federal level to establish quality and durability standards for zippers. The most effective way to pursue the objective of the Resolution was to focus on major national retailers, Eaton's, Sears, and Hudson's Bay, bringing it directly to the attention of the Presidents of these companies. The Society of Canadian Slide and Fastener Manufacturer's replied promptly wanting the name of zipper manufacturer and form of failure which occurred. Were the zippers on imported clothing? J and P Coats said their policy is to correct anything that may have got past stringent quality controls and urged faulty goods be returned.

**RESOLUTION RE COUPON REMOVAL FROM PACKAGES:** Hon. André Ouellet discussed this resolution with the Director of Investigation and Research who said, coupons are not presently prohibited as their use does not constitute in itself a deceptive practice, but rather a flexible and apparently popular marketing and promotional device. The consumer should be free to decide whether his purchase decision is going to be influenced by a coupon refund offer and if so, it's the consumer's responsibility to obtain value indicated by redeeming the coupon. If coupons were prohibited, there would not necessarily be a lowering of product prices . . . only a shift to another promotional approach. While it is unlikely in the near future that legislation will be enacted to ban coupons promotion, I have appreciated the FWIO's concern.

**RESOLUTION RE RECORDINGS OF SUBLIMINAL MESSAGES:** The Ontario Solicitor General Roy McMurtry said that the matter has been discussed in the legislature, but passed no comment at all. Actually legislation prohibiting subliminal messages comes under Federal Department of Transport and CRTC. The Hon. J. L. Pépin was notified but no reply received.

**RESOLUTION RE PRICE STICKERS BEING LEFT ON ARTICLES:** Hon. Frank Drea, stated that prices will stay on in all food categories where it was customary to price mark before computerized check-outs were introduced. This excludes such items as fresh produce and certain high volume items which never have been individually priced.

**RESOLUTION RE CAR SEAT BELTS HAVING A STANDARD RELEASING MECHANISM:** Hon. James Snow, Minister of Transportation, said his Ministry has made representations to Transport Canada requesting the development of a usability standard. A reply was also received from Gordon Campbell, Road and Motor Vehicle Traffic Safety for Transport Canada, stating Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 209 Seat Belt Assemblies, contains a special section regulating buckles and release mechanisms to ensure their safe operation under normal and emergency conditions. This safety regulation has resulted in a high degree of standardization of seat belt release mechanisms. Some progress has been achieved by working with the vehicle manufacturers on improvement of individual systems.

**RESOLUTION RE LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE OFFENDERS TO MAKE RESTITUTION WITH REASON, WHEN APPLICABLE, AND TO PENALIZE OFFENDERS IN MANNER SEVERE ENOUGH TO DETER FURTHER ACTS OF WANTON DESTRUCTION:** Hon. Mr. McMurtry directed the correspondence to the Task Force on Vandalism, because it was relevant to their efforts to determine how the court should deal with vandals.

Hon. Gordon Walker, replied he was delighted to receive additional public support for a concept which he has been advocating for a long time. The Ministry of Correctional Services has taken preliminary steps to ensure victim justice, by instituting in several communities Victim Offender Reconciliation Programs. The Ontario Government plans to expand services for victims and suggested these services could be considerably broadened if amendments were made to the Criminal Code.

**RESOLUTION URGING FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PUT IN PLACE PROPER SAFEGUARDS ON SUCH PRODUCTS AS TAMPONS:** Hon. Monique Bégin, National Health and Welfare, said all tampons on sale in Canada were tested for the bacterium which produces toxic shock syndrome and it was not found in any of them. Also, the syndrome is being monitored and investigated. Perhaps, of greatest importance, is that tampons are being made subject to pre-market review which will ensure they have been subjected to adequate testing before sale. A warning is now required on all tampon packages and information about syndrome is included with directions for use.

**RESOLUTION RE MARKED PROLIFERATION OF PROCESSED FOODS, SUBSTITUTES AND CHEMICAL ADDITIVES AND ASKING FOR A CODE SYSTEM:** Hon. Monique Bégin, Federal Minister of Health replied that her department shares our concern and food labels should be meaningful to the consumer. A committee composed of Health Protection Branch, Health and Welfare, Canada, and the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, are considering new proposals for improving the nutrition labelling of food products.