

Report of Resolutions

Mrs. Clarence Diamond, Convenor

Mrs. Diamond, as Provincial Resolutions Convener, stressed the importance of good resolutions as one way of expressing the opinions of the organization and emphasized that they should be used for the benefit of the majority. The Area reports on resolutions reflected a greater awareness of situations and concerns of the day and showed resolutions presented in different methods.

Studies were made on capital punishment, drinking age, criminal law, manufactured articles, family life, status of women, Canadian standards testing and holograph wills. Several workshops have been conducted throughout the Province. A survey showed that women have become more careful shoppers, that they are aware of the unit pricing and freshness codes and that they use their coupons and make shopping lists.

Mrs. Diamond urged the members to use their handbook for guidance when making resolutions. Follow the instructions and send to the next level promptly. Be sure the resolutions sent to the Provincial Convener are of Provincial, National, or International content and not local situations. She asked the members to use the resolution as an effective way of speaking on behalf of the membership and expressing their viewpoint on issues.

The following eleven resolutions including three emergency resolutions were sustained by the Provincial Board of Directors.

NORTH CENTRAL AREA

Whereas 1981 was the International Year of Disabled Persons; and

Whereas more than 2.2 million Canadians have some kind of disability, and more than 700,000 persons are severely or totally disabled;

Therefore be it resolved that we, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario do hereby commend the Minister of Justice for his foresight in recommending the provision to include the disabled person in the Canadian Charter of Human Rights; and

Be it further resolved that the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada continue its efforts to include the Disabled Person within the protective embrace of the proposed Charter of Human Rights, and continue to protect the disabled from discrimination; and

Be it further resolved that we petition the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to provide a continuing education program to inform Canadians concerning the needs of the disabled person.

Whereas there is a definite lack of mental health facilities and personnel in the Northern Area; and

Whereas we believe there is a real need for more interest to be shown by our Provincial and Federal Governments re mental health in Northern Ontario; and

Whereas the number of persons with mental health problems have been increasing each year;

Therefore be it resolved that we, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, do petition the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to investigate the mental health services in these areas, and to offer incentives to psychiatrists to work in the northern areas.

Whereas the use of cannabis impairs the memory, logical thinking, ability to drive a car or perform other complex tasks; and

Whereas combined with alcohol it can cause confusion, restlessness, and hallucinations; and

Whereas in the long term, users of cannabis can become psychologically dependent on it, cannabis can be stored in the body tissues and therefore a flashback may occur weeks or months later; and

Whereas this drug has dangerous effects on the fetus of a pregnant woman;

Therefore be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario implore our Federal and Provincial Governments not to legalize the use of cannabis and that

suppliers be punished to the maximum.

Whereas there are more transports on the road every day; and

Whereas the lights on the back of the trailers are too small and sometimes in positions that are hard to be seen in some weather conditions;

Therefore be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Federal and Provincial Ministry of Transportation and Communications legislate new regulations to have larger tail, brake, and signal lights in positions where they can be more readily seen.

Whereas there has been a marked increase in the murders of prison guards and policemen; and

Whereas murderers are back in society after a few years, many killing again; and

Whereas it is extremely costly to keep convicted murderers in prison;

Therefore be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Federal Government to conduct a country-wide referendum toward the reinstatement of the death penalty for convicted murderers.

Whereas part-time workers are almost always excluded from fringe benefits such as unemployment insurance, pension plans and medical insurance, as well as being treated according to separate wage and seniority scales as compared to full-time employees; and

Whereas for a variety of socio-economic reasons, women make up approximately two-thirds of the part-time labour force;

Therefore be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario ask the Ontario Ministry of Labour, and Employment and Immigration Canada to enact legislation that part-time workers be included in the fringe benefit packages available to full-time workers, but in proportion to the number of hours they work.