

Three emergency resolutions address disabled, post office and income tax

Whereas surveys show that of the three million Canadians who use marijuana regularly or occasionally, more than one million are 17 years of age or younger; and

Whereas research indicates that marijuana use often leads to harder drugs; and

Whereas studies indicate that marijuana has injurious effects on the body, particularly the brain and reproductive systems and tests show that regular use causes perhaps irreversible brain damage; and

Whereas research indicates that a higher percentage of babies born to marijuana smokers show signs of nervous system abnormalities;

Therefore be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario urge the Ontario Minister of Education and the Minister of Health and Welfare Canada, to provide effective education programmes to make the public, particularly the youth, aware of marijuana's potential hazards.

SOUTHWESTERN AREA

Whereas conversion to the metric system has caused some confusion in the minds of the consumer, particularly the policy of changing from weight to volume (soap powders an example);

Therefore be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Federal Government to enact legislation that consumer goods be measured in the same class as before conversion, weight to weight, volume to volume, that is if previously sold by pounds the package must bear the weight in grams or kilograms and not in litres.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION — SIMCOE AREA

Whereas under the present situation all assistive devices such as wheelchairs, artificial limbs etc.,

have to be purchased by the handicapped themselves, resulting in the expenditure of large amounts of money, (or possibly donated by charitable organizations);

Therefore be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Ontario Government to enact legislation to the effect that all essential assistive devices such as wheelchairs, artificial limbs etc., be covered by O.H.I.P. thereby being made available to the disabled of Ontario.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION —

Whereas the draft regulation the postal corporation has sent to the federal Privy Council for possible enactment into law could make it illegal to communicate almost in any way with anyone except through the mail; and

Whereas the definition was that a letter would mean any information or message in any form which does not exceed 500 grams, whether or not enclosed in an envelope that is intended for transmission to any destination for delivery to any destination; and

Whereas briefs were to be submitted during summer holidays when people are not so aware of what is going on; and

Whereas there has not been an opportunity to see the whole text; and

Whereas telegrams are not exempted and technically, paying of utility bills and others at banks would not be permitted, customers could not pick up their statements, small shops could not deliver cheques and credit card vouchers, hand-delivering bulletins or picking them up would be illegal;

Therefore be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request Andre Ouellet, the Minister responsible for the Crown

Postal Corporation to provide the public an opportunity to study the text, express its views and to allow only reasonable regulations.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Whereas under certain interpretation by tax auditors of Revenue Canada Taxation, fruit growers are permitted to claim as an expense only those replacements within a variety where the loss is attributed to disease, weather, and such related causes; and

Whereas growers are not permitted to claim any part of the cost of the initial planting of trees and vines or the cost of replacement of a variety or species with a different variety or species; and

Whereas the normal life expectancy of some species i.e. peaches, are less than twelve years and some varieties of grapes, i.e. hybrids and viniferas are relatively short (10-15 years); and

Whereas good production practices dictate constant updating of varieties as replacement of orchards and vineyards is dictated by condition and productivity; and

Whereas choice of replacement is a consideration of markets and economics, which are often beyond the control of the grower; and

Whereas the current interpretation of Revenue Canada Taxation is not of "Expensing or Capitalization";

Therefore be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request that the Federal Government make the necessary revisions to the Income Tax Act to recognize the costs of normal planting programs followed by tree, fruit and vine producers as an expense laid out to earn income.