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76.1 ALIMONY AND MAINTENANCE

- To enact Legislation that, at the dissolution of marriage, the Dum Casta clause be deleted and
- That maintenance be based on need, having consideration of the ability of either spouse to be self- supporting and
- Of the continuing need of a parent in a home where there are children.

76.2 BICYCLE PATHS AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF SAFETY LAWS OF THE ROAD

- To make provision for bicycle paths where feasible or properly marked lanes on the roads adjacent to the curbs;
- That, in the case of an accident involving a juvenile bicycle rider, who has not obeyed safety rules (when this can be proved), the parents and/or guardians should be held responsible

76.3 COMMON STUDIES / CORE CURRICULUM

- To encourage the development of a cooperative, interprovincial program of common studies of
- A core curriculum for students at the primary and secondary levels of education, throughout Canada

76.4 THE CONCERNS OF WOMEN IN SHAPING THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

- To appoint a representative body
- To have effective input to the Ministries TEIGA (Treasury, Economics, and Intergovernmental Affairs), Housing etc. and
- To influence urban planning concepts, particularly residential planning and design, in municipalities across Ontario
- To ensure that such a body has the potential for two way communication both in Government and down to neighbourhoods across Ontario;
- To ensure that women are equally represented on such a body;
- To recognize that such a body could be achieved under the umbrella of the Provincial Council of Women of Ontario, which has the required structure and province-wide affiliations.

76.5   DRINKING AGE

- To raise the legal age for purchase, and of drinking alcoholic beverages, to 21 years of age.

76.6   ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS: IMPROVING EDUCATION IN

- That the curriculum direction at the Ministry level establish core subjects in the Intermediate Division, so that Language Arts form a part of that core, so that the concerns over diminishing time for English and the apparent absence of sufficient emphasis on skills development may be overcome
- That a mean standard be established to check for evidence of student competence
- That a greater use of unit testing and term testing be done at the classroom level to evaluate competence in the basic skills on a continuing basis
- That practical in-service workshops with parents be set up at the elementary school level, so teachers and principals can learn to talk more confidently, openly and candidly with parents and
- That, at the High School level, workshops be set up with parents, teachers and students for the purpose of three-way communication, to close the disparity gaps and encourage the common goal of all three groups towards competency in performance
- To emphasize the people component towards achieving a better quality in our overall society.

76.7   MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL WATERS

- That Provincial Councils of Women investigate, in conjunction with federal legislation, the legislative provisions for the management, preservation and control of waterways and water bodies with a view toward
- The development of a coordinated federal-provincial policy for the management of national waters, and
- Report their findings at the NCWC Annual Meeting, 1977.

76.8   FIRECRACKERS

- To take necessary legislative action to effect a ban on the sale and use of firecrackers in the Province and
- To require enforcement of such Legislation.

76.9   HOSPITALS: THE NEED FOR DAY-CARE HOSPITALS

- To provide Day Hospitals to take the place of essential services eliminated in certain facilities: using discarded space when available.

76.10   INSPECTION OF NURSING HOMES

- To urge the Minister of Health to use the powers given him in the Nursing Home Act (Section 5)
- To recognize those competent and well-staffed Local Boards of Health and
- To Give them permission to carry out the duties of inspection under the Act
- The results of these inspections to be relayed to the Minister of Health when necessary
- To enforce, in the interim, existing Legislation pertaining to the matter.

76.11   INTERNATIONAL CONTROL STANDARDS

- That the Ontario Government urge and encourage the Government of Canada to continue working through the United Nations and other appropriate channels to ensure that the International Atomic Energy Agency be empowered to set and enforce international standards for safety and pollution control devices within nuclear plants and
- That the Agency seek to produce adequate safeguards against the misuse of nuclear reactors.

76.12   LAWYERS: LISTING

- To legislate that lawyers, like the medical profession, list their specialties in the telephone and other directories
- The Upper Canada Law Society frequently publish any changes in policy; and
- Make the public aware of any serious disciplinary action they may have found necessary to take on a member or members of the legal profession.

76.13   ONTARIO PENSION BENEFIT ACT AND MARRIAGE PARTNERSHIP

- To amend the Ontario Pensions Benefit Act to require that a joint and survivor benefit be the base benefit of all pension plans
- That the benefit paid after one spouse dies be reduced and the benefit be paid in the new amount to whichever spouse survives.
- To accelerate the recognition, in Government and the private sector, of the fact that a pension for a married employee is earned by both partners in the marriage throughout the period of that marriage, because both partners, forego equally to make the monthly payment into the pension fund, and both partners produce within the partnership, productivity being more than a function limited to measurement in economic terms.

76.14   SPECIAL CATEGORIES OF PENSIONS

- To amend the Ontario Pensions Benefit Act to vest the death benefits for employees who work more than ten years, and who, after age 45, either die in service of cease employment and die prior to attaining retirement age, so that their estates benefit from full employer-employee contributions, and the full earnings of a pension fund.

76.15   VOTING PRACTICES: CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF VOTING IN ONTARIO

- To enact legislation to bring Ontario voting practices in line with the Government of Canada.

76.16   "YOUNG PERSONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW" ACT

- To immediately consider the complementary provincial legislation required to match the ***"Young Persons in Conflict with the Law"*** Act, anticipated to be passed by the Federal Government.

76.17   LAND USE PLANNING: ZONING FOR HIGH POTENTIAL FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

- Through Federal constitutional means of federal and/or provincial and territorial ministrations to encourage and assist provincial, territorial and municipal governments

to ensure our future production of agricultural products by creating national zoning for land with high potential for agricultural production, based on the Canada Land Inventory

76.18   LAND USE POLICY: TO PROTECT THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF

- To protect and enhance the future development of food production and agricultural; natural resources, such as forestry, fishing and mining
- Transportation, in all its forms, and
- Recreation and human settlements.