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98.1 Child Care Standards

- a) maintain and enforce standards of Ontario Day Nurseries Act including licensing
- b) increase penalties, including substantial fines and closures for non-compliance

98.2 Funding for Child Care

- a) Increase funding to provide sufficient spaces in licensed non-profit child care facilities to prevent increased private unlicensed care
- b) retain wage subsidies in non-profit child care sector

98.3 Women and Education

- a) separate social assistance payments from OASP loans so eligible women can receive both to encourage continuance of education for women

98.4 Province-Wide Junior Kindergarten

- a) mandate and fully fund junior kindergarten for 3 and 4 year olds

98.5 Lands for Life Program

- a) ensure real conservation measures such as protection of wild areas and sound logging practices are observed when making decisions in Lands for Life Program
- b) observe target of 15 to 20 per cent of area be designated as protected areas where no industrial uses would be allowed, including forestry and mining activities
- c) provide transition funding through small percentage of stumpage fees collected in a Public. Lands fund to be invested in forests and communities
- d) retain public control over public lands

98.6 Refillable, Reusable Beverage Containers: Product Stewardship

- a) institute, through regulation, comprehensive deposit-return system for all beverage containers with goal that system will
- b) lead to ultimate phase-out of non-refillable beverage containers
- c) be convenient for consumers to return empty containers to retailers,
- d) ensure retailers will be adequately compensated to fully cover handling costs
- e) provide fair and equitable treatment for all producers — domestic and foreign

98.7 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

- a) designate as workplace hazard under Ontario Health & Safety Act and other appropriate legislation
- b) allow choosing in taking case to Human Rights Commission or Health and Safety Act
- c) make provisions for human rights or health and safety cases to be taken to civil court
- d) require completion of investigation of a case by one year after complaint is filed
- e) require all employers to provide policies dealing with sexual harassment to all employees.

98.8 Multilateral Agreement on Investment

- a) intervene strenuously in MAI negotiations in order to retain abilities to protect citizens in all areas of the public good, e.g., health, culture, environment, labour and social welfare
- b) allow meaningful input from non- government organizations throughout Ontario

98.9 Sex Trade and Business License

- a) under Travel Industry Act, revoke business registrations and fine owners of tour companies or travel agencies operating in Ontario who are found to arrange travel for the purpose of child prostitution and exploitation

98.10 Ontario Human Rights Commission

- a) keep Ontario Human Rights Commission in present form as separate entity from private industry
- b) funding for Commission be maintained at least at present level

98.11 Office of the Ombudsman: Name Change

- a) change title of the Office of the Ombudsman so that it is gender neutral

98.12 Mental Health Services

- a) take steps to see that adequate continuum of services is in place for those with mental illness
- b) providing sufficient institutional beds, locating acute care beds within reasonable distance of community services
- c) providing supportive housing accommodation
- d) improving level of out-reach, case management, and after-care services so that there are no gaps in coverage
- e) funding community-based day programs and drop-in centres which can support a safe, secure and supportive environment
- f) Funding under Drug Benefit Formulary, medications doctors consider most effective and have least side effects on patients.

98.13 Mental Health Act

- a) Draft better definition of need for involuntary treatment which will recognize deterioration of person's health, general condition and social function
- b) create, in new legislation, a better balance between a person's right to necessary treatment and person's right to refuse treatment
- c) link involuntary treatment to adequate community support and treatment systems
- d) study, review and revive overall mental health legislation to improve its protection of needs of patients, their families and society

98.14E Supplementary Aid/Special Assistance

(now called Discretionary Benefits)

- a) reinstate eligibility for coverage of "discretionary benefits" under Bill 142, Social Assistance Reform Act, for working poor, low-income elderly and low-income disabled not covered under Ontario Disability Support Plan

98.15E Legislating Parental Responsibility

- a) not to introduce new legislation to make parents/caregivers more responsible for cost of damages done by child or children under their care
- b) increase funding and support of existing and new programs to assist parents who seek help with a child who is at risk.