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78.1 Canada Pension Plan and the Home Spouse

- a) to urge the Government of Ontario to express to the Government of Canada, the need to amend the Canada Pension Act to provide for the participation of the spouse who remains in the home, such contribution to be tax deductible.

78.2 Biomass-Energy from Organic Plant Matter

- a) to provide immediately increased financial support for the research and development of conversion technologies of renewable biomass (organic plant matter and the energy stored within it)
- b) to provide similar financial incentives and tax credits to corporations and individuals exploring potential uses of biomass as an energy source, as are provided to companies exploring new fossil fuel deposits in Canada.

78.3 Hearing Impaired Children

- a) to ensure, through the Minister of Education, that the hearing-impaired child be integrated into the regular school system
- b) that supportive services be developed to ensure that listening, speech and language skills are taught on a regular basis by a qualified itinerant teacher of the hearing impaired
- c) that the funds saved by removing these children from special classes be used to purchase audiology equipment and to hire additional teachers trained in the education of the hearing-impaired child
- d) to augment the education of such a child within the regular school system.

78.4 Computerized Court Transcripts

- a) to enact Legislation to supplement the present slow, frequently inaccurate and outdated methods of Court reporting by the parallel use of electronic equipment of proven worth, wherever possible, throughout Ontario Courts

78.5 Consideration of Making information Available to the Public

- a) to give further consideration to making information available to the public on the basis that documents which are to be kept private include those dealing with security, budget and personal matters
- b) documents which are to be made public include those dealing with Government decisions and policies
- c) documents to be made available to the public include those dealing with explanations, investigations and surveys
- d) to protect civil servants by designation of documents as "Top Secret", "Secret", "Confidential" and "Restricted", for stated lengths of time and
- e) maintaining a schedule for the release of those documents held for special reasons.

78.6 High-Rise Fire Safety

- a) to enact the necessary legislation to make it mandatory that all new buildings over 75 feet in height be equipped with an automatic fire sprinkler system.

78.7 Hydro Rate Structure

- a) to take steps resulting in a more appropriate hydro rate structure.

78.8 Osteopathic Physicians

- a) to remove the restrictive Legislation governing the practice of Osteopathic Physicians in Ontario.

78.9 Milk Packaging

- a) to establish conformity of packaging of milk in containers that will best preserve the quality of nutritional value for the most extended period of time.

78.10 Minimum Lighting on Dairy Outlets' Products

- a) to take action to reduce to MINIMUM lighting on retail dairy products.

78.11 Nuclear vs Renewable Sources

- a) to adopt the following energy policy:
- b) that nuclear power stations under operation continue to produce electricity
- c) that nuclear power stations under construction be completed and produce electricity
- d) in lieu of further nuclear development, the Government be urged to shift investment priorities to energy conservation and the development of renewable energy.

78.12 The Rights of Native Women under the Indian Act

- a) to support native women in their efforts to obtain equal rights under the Indian Act.

78.13 Traditional Ethics

- a) to request the Minister of Education to uphold the intent, and ensure the application of the Education Act regarding the teaching of ethics.

78.14 Values Education

- a) for the Minister of Education to work with the Ontario Teachers' Federation to establish Moral/Values Affective Education courses, programs and workshops on a formal basis.