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92.1 Access to Resources to Reduce Elder Abuse

- a) to provide funding for the establishment of Elder Abuse Resource Centres with programming which will meet the needs of the victims of elder abuse and their families
- b) appropriate emergency accommodation for abused elders
- c) respite programs for the caregivers of the elderly
- d) an emergency twenty-four hour '1-800" telephone number for victims of elder abuse.

92.2 Asbestos-Health Hazard – reviewing asbestos regulations

- a) to lower exposure limits
- b) to license contractors for safe removal and disposal of asbestos
- c) to ensure strict enforcement of any standards which are set
- d) to require aggressive air monitoring tests and follow-up procedures for the renovation or the demolition of buildings with asbestos insulation

92.3 Endangering Wildlife Through Poaching and Trafficking for Profit

- a) to ensure that penalties for poaching are increased in severity and strictly enforced
- b) to increase public awareness regarding poaching and encourage such measures as the "Turn in Poachers" program in Saskatchewan
- c) pass legislation regulating the sale of animal organs and body parts to ensure that organs and body parts be available for research and medical purposes, but not for profit.

92.4 Contempt Proceedings

- a) work with the Government of Canada and other Provincial Governments to adopt a common policy of recognizing the factors which make women reluctant to testify
- b) and that contempt of Court proceedings be used only in exceptional cases.

92.5 Idling of Internal Combustion Engines

- a) the Government of Ontario to urge the Government of Canada to develop and publish regulations prohibiting the idling of motor vehicle engines beyond a specific period
- b) to develop and publish regulations to prohibit construction site machinery from idling unnecessarily
- c) to investigate the effects and cause of aircraft idling before take-off

92.6 Common Core Program

- a) to implement and fund a common core program, with common achievement standards, throughout Ontario
- b) to provide additional funding at a set rate per student for extension of school beyond the core program
- c) to ensure that all non-core programs be determined locally for each school or family of schools

92.7 Gender Unfairness

- a) to support the establishment of a national task force on gender equality in the courts

92.8 Improved Treatment for Women with AIDS

- a) to increase research, particularly into the symptoms of HIV infection and AIDS in women
- b) to allow women into clinical trials
- c) to ensure that women have equal access to treatment of HIV infection for AIDS

92.9 Mobile Elementary School Modules

- a) to propose that architects be called to a competition to design small, comfortable, functional, affordable, safe and healthy mobile elementary school modules for the Ontario climate
- b) all modules, regardless of size, to be equipped with a washroom and two exits

92.10 Noise Pollution: a public health danger

- a) to improve the hearing section of the Occupational Health and Safety Act to meet current World Health Organization standards
- b) to set limits of noise levels in public places and places of recreation similar to the Occupational Health and Safety Act regulations

92.11 Non-Traditional School Year

- a) to propose that communities with overcrowded elementary schools consider the adoption of a non-traditional school year in some schools

92.12 Plea Bargaining

- a) to adopt legislation that
- b) prosecutors, unless circumstances make it impossible to do so, solicit and weigh carefully the views of victims prior to concluding plea agreements
- c) that victims be told the substance of, and reason for, plea agreements, unless disclosing those agreements would cause serious harm to another person

92.13 Protection of Ontario's Ecosystem and Parks

- a) to proceed without delay to produce targets, timetables and maps of areas to be protected in the Endangered Spaces Campaign
- b) to integrate ecological considerations into all parks systems

92.14 Pulp and Paper Company Emissions

- a) to ban the use of chlorine by Ontario pulp and paper mills for bleaching

92.15 Reducing the Fragmentation of the Elementary and Secondary School System

- a) to adopt a policy that will reverse the fragmentation of the elementary and secondary school system in Ontario
- b) reduce the number of School Boards in Ontario so that each Board represents a separate geographic region

92.16 Right to Refuse to Pollute:

to enact Legislation which would establish the right for an employee to refuse to pollute by:

- a) amendment to the Environmental Protection Act
- b) provide protection from reprisals for workers who refuse to carry out tasks that endanger the environment
- c) provide for the right of the worker to inform authorities about a polluting employer, without fear of reprisals
- d) include in the Legislation, a mechanism for resolving environmental disputes between employers and employees

92.17 Sentencing

- a) to work with the federal government and other provincial governments to establish uniform policies which require
- b) that Prosecutors protect victims by opposing the release of men accused of crime relating to domestic violence, who have violated the terms of their release
- c) that priority in court time be given to charges involving domestic assaults and any breach of conditions arising out of those charges
- d) that victim impact statements be used wherever possible to assist in sentencing submissions
- e) that resources be made available for the use of expert evidence to advise the court of psychological damage done by the crimes of domestic assault and child abuse victims

92.18 Services to Children in the Province of Ontario

- a) to pursue the goals of the Children First report and ensure that the integration of Children's Services become a top priority on the government agenda

92.19 Use of Tire Tax Monies

- a) to set up a Scrap Tire Management Fund which would ensure that tax revenue from new tire sales be given to companies which require financial assistance to implement proven processes for scrap tire recycling
- b) to direct any balance in the Scrap Tire Management Fund to the research of improved or new methods of recycling and safe disposal of used tires.

92.20 Labour Law Reform

- a) to delay introduction of legislation (Bill 40) to amend the Labour Relations Act, until a strong effort is made to find compromise with the opponents of the suggested amendments.