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82.1 Schooling of Hearing Impaired Children

- a) to ensure that hearing impaired children be exposed to the total communication method of education at the earliest possible age so that the child is communicating early and, therefore can progress intellectually and socially
- b) to require the schools of Ontario involved in education of the deaf to use the method best suited to the individual child's needs
- c) to develop, after consultation with the Canadian Hearing Society and other appropriate organizations, a resource information kit for parents and educational methods to assist the hearing impaired child, kits to be available to & from Physician, clinics and public health centres.

82.2 Child Restraint System

- a) to enact legislation to make mandatory the use of approved car seats and restraints systems for babies and young children riding in cars
- b) safety agencies and citizen's groups to make child seats and restraint available on a low-cost basis.

82.3 Abuse of the Elderly

- a) to enact legislation or, incorporate in existing legislation, to make it mandatory for witnesses of known or suspected cases of abuse of the elderly to report these cases to the Department of Social Services or other governmental agencies for action
- b) Legislation should contain provisions for penalties in the event cases are not reported pursuant to legislation.

82.4 Public Safety in High Rise Buildings

- a) to revise building codes to improve fire safety and rescue procedure for occupants of high rise buildings
- b) to enact retrofit Ontario Fire Code legislation with respect to high rise buildings
- c) to provide public education with respect to high rise fire safety and rescue, in a way similar to the Construction Safety Program.

82.5 Public Safety in Emergencies: multilingual information

- a) to ensure that Emergency Preparedness Systems be coordinated and promoted; to provide multilingual emergency information.

82.6 Improvement of Pension Regulations

- b) to revise legislation governing pension control to permit registration of pensions in the names of both husband and wife with joint equity
- c) to require a benefit for the survivor to be at least 70%
- d) to make vesting compulsory after one year of contributions
- e) to protect pension erosion from inflation by making obligatory the crediting to the employee or pensioner of any excess interest over the actuarially established

base rate, or by indexing of benefits from termination of contribution until retirement

- f) to require that pension plans provide adequate benefits for the surviving spouse and dependents of a contributor who dies before being pensioned
- g) special consideration should be given to two groups- the parent with pre-school children, and - the older wife whose age makes re-entry into the work force difficult or impossible
- h) to approve the amendment in line with the Canada Pension Act for the child-rearing drop-out provision, thereby enabling this federal legislation to take effect without delay.

82.7 Physical and Health Education

- a) to improve the level of physical and health education at the elementary level by urging more elementary teachers
- b) to seek special training in physical and health education and sports leadership
- c) to make physical education compulsory in secondary school to Grade 8.

82.8 The Sale of Electricity to the U.S.A. by Ontario Hydro

- a) to subject this project to an environmental assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act of 1975 and
- b) to proceed with this project only after proper emission controls have been established.

82.9 Education on Hazards

- a) to establish an information program on the proposal to transfer marijuana from the Narcotics Control Act to the Food and Drugs Act, prior to the introduction of legislation
- b) to establish a national television education program to bring vital information to children and young persons on the hazards of the use of marijuana
- c) to establish widespread public education programs through the Departments of Education, Health and Social Development

82.10 Housing Crisis

- a) to renew its strong commitment to the support and stimulus of the housing market
- b) to stimulate the production of modest family housing
- c) to increase support of existing social housing programs, i.e. Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program, Non-profit and Co-operative Programs and other federal social housing programs
- d) to initiate and/or improve shelter allowance programs, basing them on total family income and actual shelter costs, with either National Revenue Income Legislation or Federal Provincial agreements as the vehicle

82.11 Lawyers

- a) to encourage the legal profession in Ontario to provide information to the public regarding areas of specialization, if any, in telephone directories.

82.12 Farmland Retention in Ontario

- a) to enact Legislation which would give teeth to the current White Paper on agricultural land use (the Foodland Guidelines)
- b) to establish an independent commission to administer the land use in the resultant agricultural area, with funds to purchase lands and
- c) with terms of reference to allow the sale or lease of land to farmers at current farm rates, with some leeway for speculative land values in lands adjacent to dense urban areas
- d) to establish permanent boundaries for urban centres which border on specialty and class 1-4 agricultural land
- e) to establish local agricultural Boards which would increase public awareness of the importance of retaining farmlands in Ontario.

82.13 Decorum in the Provincial Legislature

- a) to address itself to developing a mode of conduct more in keeping with the dignity which this institution should exemplify.

82.14 Boards of Health: assumption of by Regional Municipalities

- a) to set up a Task Force to study the ramifications of Regional Councils replacing local Health Unit Boards
- b) the Task Force to include representation from the Association of Ontario Health Boards and the Minister of Health
- c) the study to include efficiency, quality of services, fiscal responsibility, ways of improving the existing Board structure and cost effectiveness of all alternatives
- d) that the Province increase the proportion of Provincially appointed citizens to Local Boards of Health, and to include representation from local Boards of Education

82.15 Compensation for Jurors and Witnesses

- a) to increase the fees and travelling expenses paid to jurors and witnesses

82.16 Transition Houses for Battered Women

- a) to give a much higher priority to the acute need for a reliable, sustaining funding mechanism for the Ontario Interval or Transition Homes Local Council of Women in Ontario to promote increased awareness of wife battering
- b) the laws surrounding family life; the value, use and availability of social services.