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Resolution and Legislation Standing Committee

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To: Parish Resolution and Legislation Standing Committee Chairpersons

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"Children are like wet cement, whatever falls on them makes an impression."

— Haim Ginott, child psychologist

Dear President,

I realize that you do not have a Resolution and Legislation Chairperson on your council. There are a number of private members' bills that have been brought to our attention by National Legislation Chairperson Nancy Simms. Hopefully you will find time during your meeting to share the included item, "Eye On Legislation", with your council. We are not expected to take action. If your council finds one of interest, you could ask a member to do some research on it and present it to your council.

One such private members' bill that I was interested in:

Bill C-313 National Strategy on Advertising to Children Act is in first reading and supports communications resolutions seeking protection in media for children and families.

The plan of the bill is to set guidelines for advertising, in particular, advertising that targets children. It is hoped to establish guidelines similar to those now in place in Quebec. They would like to introduce new restrictions on the commercial marketing of unhealthy food and beverages to children. In the year 2000, both Campbells Soup and Kellogg Canada were compelled to discontinue educational programs running in Quebec schools.

June 7, 2018 is Election Day in Ontario.

It is important for the government of Ontario to create legislation to protect physicians, nurses, and pharmacists from being needlessly required to participate in euthanasia. The Call for Conscience Campaign is more important than ever. Your voice can make a difference. Let the candidates in the election know that there is a silent majority who want

conscience protection in healthcare. Encourage your council members and all your parishioners to visit www.canadiansforconscience.ca

There may be a number of other issues that are important to you. Find out who the candidates are in your area. Prepare questions to ask the candidates. See where your candidate stands.

Blessing,
Shirley Gravel

"EYE ON LEGISLATION"

Bill C-254 An Act to amend the *Excise Tax Act* (baby products) is in first reading in the House of Commons. Members are asked to contact government officials to request support for the bill especially with adoption of **Resolution 2017.03 Zero-Rated Status Under the Goods and Services Tax Provisions of the *Excise Tax Act* for Child Safety Products.**

Bill C-282 An Act to amend the *Excise Tax Act* and the *Income Tax Act* (extra-energy-efficient products);

Bill C-283 An Act to amend the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (electronic products recycling program); And **Bill C-287 An Act to amend the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*** (nanotechnology) are all in first reading in the House of Commons and support **Resolution**

2006.04 Renewable Energy and other League resolutions seeking to protect the environment.

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Bill C-249 An Act to amend the *Public Health Agency of Canada Act* (National Alzheimer

Office) is in first reading in the House of Commons and proposes the establishment of a national Alzheimer Office within the Public Health Agency of Canada. This would support the League's ongoing call for compassionate care for the sick.

Bill C-350 An Act to amend the *Criminal Code* and the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (trafficking and transplanting human organs and other body parts) is in first reading in the House of Commons and supports the League's human trafficking resolutions.

The following bills changed status:

Bill C-211 Federal Framework on Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Act is in second reading in the Senate.

Bill C-277 Framework on Palliative Care in Canada Act received Royal Assent on December 12, 2017.

Bill C-243 National Maternity Assistance Program Strategy Act passed the House of Commons with amendments and has had first reading in the Senate.

Bill S-228 Child Health Protection Act passed third reading in the Senate and is in second

reading in the House of Commons.

Bill S-225 An Act to amend the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (substances used

in production of fentanyl) was passed by the Senate with amendment at third reading.

Bill S-5 An Act to amend the *Tobacco Act* and the *Non-smokers' Health Act* and to make consequential amendments to other Acts was passed by the Senate with an amendment and is in second reading in the House of Commons.