

## 76.16 Broadcast Imports

Whereas, (By virtue of the British North America Act) each Canadian citizen is ensured of the freedom of choice in thought, religion, work and leisure time;  
Whereas, The federal government through Bill C5 and further through Bill C58 dictates and controls the individual's choice of television, radio and all other telecommunications available to the Canadian people;  
Whereas, Such legislation could provide a vehicle that could be used by vested interests or governments to control and subjugate the people of Canada and deprive them of their inherited freedoms; and,  
Whereas, The restriction of foreign television or radio programs would have the same effect as the censorship of foreign books and periodicals and limit the right of the individual to freedom of thought and decision, and the removal of competition could weaken the incentive for Canadian talent to produce better programs; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to reconsider and amend legislation already passed and also to withdraw further proposed legislation regarding all broadcast imports, including satellite broadcasting, and to hold further dialogue with the Government of the United States of America and other countries to resolve in a more satisfactory way the exchange of broadcast programs between the countries.