

78.13 Bill C71 – Criminal Code – Rape

Whereas, Bill C71 was passed January 27, 1976, being concerned with a revision of the Criminal Code of Canada with respect to the offence of rape; and,
Whereas, Present Criminal Code legislation related to rape does not reflect moral and social values of the Canadian public,
but continues to view rape as a sexual crime and not an assault; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That The National Council of Women of Canada recommends the Government of Canada that legislation should

be further enacted to describe Rape as a sexual assault under the general heading of Assault:

1. Various forms and degrees of assault should be specified; e.g.

a) Indecent assault

b) Sexual assault under threat of bodily harm

c) Sexual assault with bodily harm

d) Assault with sexual penetration of an orifice of the victim's body, etc.

2. That sentencing should range from six months to twenty years, depending on the degree of assault. First offenders should be referred for psychological counselling.

3. (Sexual assault with a female under fourteen) That an offence of assault will be committed when a victim is under the age of twelve years, or when the victim is under the age of sixteen and the actor is a member of the same household or a blood relative.