

81.5 Battered Wives

Whereas, Thousands of Canadian women are battered by their spouses every year; and,
Whereas, The majority of women do not seek formal aid for the problem, nor do they press charges against their spouses;

and,

Whereas, The law now states that a married woman is not compellable to testify against her spouse;
therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to amend the Canada Evidence

Act to provide that married women are both competent and compellable witnesses against their spouses in cases of marital assaults.