

85.1 Alcohol Duties and Taxes

Whereas, Canada supported a resolution adopted at the World Health Organization Assembly in 1984, calling upon member nations to formulate a comprehensive national policy to deal with alcohol-related problems; Whereas, During 1980-81, alcoholic sales in Canada were 5.3 billion dollars, of which 2.5 billion or 46% was tax revenue for the federal and provincial governments; and, Whereas, The cost of alcohol abuse to Canada and Canadians, while difficult to estimate, has been suggested to be as high as 4 billion dollars each year; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That The National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to increase support programs to discourage alcoholic consumption and abuse, as well as programs for treatment of alcoholics; such programs to be financed from duties and excise taxes levied upon manufacturing and distribution of alcoholic beverages; and be it further,
RESOLVED, That The National Council of Women of Canada urge the Provincial Councils of Women to request their respective governments to increase support programs to discourage alcoholic consumption and abuse as well as programs to discourage alcoholic consumption and abuse as well as programs for treatment of alcoholics; such programs to be financed from provincial revenues derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages.