

Action on Resolutions from CURC 2011 Convention

Resolutions 1 and 21: Composite Resolution Opposition to CETA

Letter lobbying Prime Minister on CETA sent June 14, 2010. Reply received from Prime Minister's Office (PMO) June 23, 2010, stating he would take our views into consideration. A follow-up letter was sent to PMO, setting out CETA Resolution from CURC's October 2011 Convention on CURC views.

Resolutions 2, 7, and 8: Covered by Resolution 31 *Concurrence*

CURC has continued working on and supporting the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) Retirement Security for Everyone Campaign to double the CPP/QPP benefits from 25% to 50% of average earnings and to increase the GIS by 15% to a level sufficient to eliminate poverty among the elderly.

CURC has exposed the flaws and inferiority of the Private Pooled Registered Pension Plan (PPRP).

CURC will work with all like-minded organizations and groups to inform Canadians of our Retirement Security Campaign.

CURC lobbied all MPs, along with CLC affiliates on this issue. CURC Executive sent a joint letter to Flaherty to urge action on CPP/QPP at meeting of Finance Ministers in December 2012.

Resolution 3: Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)

CURC, through all its provincial federations, will have letters sent to provincial governments to remove the HST on all home heating costs, gasoline, and diesel fuels.

Resolution 4 referred to 5: Pharmacare

CURC is working with the Canadian Health Coalition (CHC) and the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) to promote a National Pharmacare Program. The action plan calls for a national lobby during the National Medicare Week, December 2 – 8, 2012 and CURC will be active in this campaign.

Resolution 6 referred to 9: Investment in Canada

Concurrence

CURC has called upon the federal government to amend the *Investment Canada Act* (i.e. VALE, US Steel) and many others which have closed or shut down Canadian operations while maintaining operations in their home countries and supplying the Canadian market from off-shore. A letter from the PMO was received. Our views will be taken under consideration.

Resolution 10: Two-Tier Wages and Pensions

Concurrence

Motion set out our opposition to two-tier wages and pension that were legislated and forced on some affiliates.

Resolution 11: Day of Mourning

CURC is working, with the CLC and other affiliates, to have the United Nations recognize April 28th as a Day of Mourning.

Resolution 12: Participation of Women in CURC

CURC is continuing its efforts to have more women participate, and hold positions, on the CURC Executive.

**Resolutions 13, 14, 16 and 17: Require changes to CURC
Constitution**

Changes to CURC Constitution were all concurred with a two-third majority vote at Convention. The Constitution, as amended, was sent out to the affiliates and members for their information. It is also posted on the website.

Resolution 15: Bankruptcies and Pensions

CURC has worked with the CLC and other affiliates to have the law changed to make pension funds a secured creditor under bankruptcy proceedings.

Resolution 18: Generic Drugs

CURC made representation to ensure government and insurance companies respect the right of seniors to remain on a patent medicine, where their doctor recommends they do so.

Resolution 20: Substitute Resolution

CURC has denounced the lack of services to seniors living in long-term care facilities. We lobbied that governments provide, at least, a minimum of services to these seniors, including physical surveillance at night one each floor, and the residents be provided, at least, one bath per week. Cecile Cassista, President of the NBFUR, who coordinated the drafting of the policy paper "Aging in Place" at the last Convention continues her leading role on this issue.

Resolution 22: Deferred Benefit Plan

CURC has campaigned, with the CLC and affiliates, to protect defined benefit pension plans from being replaced by defined contribution plans.

Resolution 23: Universal Public Postal Service

CURC has written and lobbied to assist the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) in its efforts to maintain a universal public postal service and we will continue our efforts.

Resolution 24: Abolish the Senate

CURC has lobbied for the Senate to be abolished and the money saved be used for social programs, such as health care and pensions.

Resolution 25: Anti-scab Legislation

CURC, CLC and affiliates have lobbied for anti-scab legislation and will continue until it is passed into law.

Resolution 27: Asbestos Hypocrisy

CURC, through the CLC, has requested the federal government to recognize chrysotile asbestos as a hazardous material.

Resolution 28: Death with Dignity

CURC supports legislation to permit physician assisted suicide for consenting adults who are terminally ill. Malcolm Buchanan, who supported the motion, wrote a piece on the issue for Retirees Matter column under CURC auspices in Rabble, an on-line publication.

Resolution 29: Canada needs good Green Jobs

CURC has called upon the federal and provincial governments to develop and adopt policies that will assist in the growth of sustainable and restorative economies and such jobs will focus on the development of good green jobs in these expanding sectors.

Resolution 30: Retirees on Union Executive Council/Boards

CURC has written and lobbied all CLC affiliates, provincial and territorial federations of labour, labour councils, and union locals to establish a seat on their Executive Councils/Boards for a union retiree. CURC participated in CLC Labour Council review to make this point.

Resolution 31: Communications Officer

Brother Gerry Jones, volunteer, is now the Communications Officer for CURC. Brother Jones has all the qualifications set out in Resolution 32. Indeed he got CURC onto both Facebook and Twitter and worked on the updating of the website.

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