

**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Nova Scotia Provincial Convention
Legislation Oral Report
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Our new theme, “**Care for our Common Home: Good Stewards of Water,**” is very timely. We need to take care of our planet earth if we want it to survive. This is the perfect time for members to raise self awareness in taking steps to protect our environment and the world we live in. Can we make a difference? Yes! Become informed. Learn about Bills that are before the House of Commons. Access **Hansard** to determine the progress of the Bills at both levels of government – the House of Commons and the Provincial Legislature.

The National Legislation Committee is working on a reference guide of nationally adopted resolutions instrumental in the passing of federal bills that became law. Contact National Office if there is a resolution that you feel should be on the list.

I would like to bring focus to a few of the current bills before the Nova Scotia Legislature:

- **Bill 26 : An Act to Establish a Mental Health Bill of Rights.** Passed 1st reading Sept.12th ,2018. This bill would ensure individuals be treated with dignity & respect and to have access to treatments & services.
- **Bill 47: The Cancer Survivor Day Act.** Passed Oct. 3rd/18. This act establishes the 1st Sunday of June as Cancer Survivor Day.
- **Bill 61: An Act to Protect Children from Sexual Exploitation on the internet.** Passed 1st reading Sept. 25th/18.
- **Bill 106: The Coastal Protection Act.** Passed April 11th/19. The purpose of this bill is to protect the provinces' coasts for future generations by regulating development and activities on land adjacent to the coast.
- **Bill 113: An Act to Reduce the Use of Plastic Bags.** Passed 1st reading March 13th/19. This bill would reduce the use of single use plastic bags, reduce waste and environmental damage and promote responsible and sustainable business practices in NS.
- **Bill 118: Free Well Water Testing.** Passed 1st reading March 15th/19. This bill would provide free testing of well water – every 6 months for bacteria and every 2 years for arsenic, lead and uranium.
- **Bill 133: Human Organ & Tissue Donation Act.** Passed April 12th /19. This act deals with human organ transplants. When implemented, it will be North America's 1st opt-out organ donation system.

I've just highlighted a few of the bills before the Legislature – some to do with our theme and some that I found of interest.. I am sure you could find an issue you are interested in, do some research and start letter writing.

“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”

Mother Teresa

This concludes my report,