

**Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council
Legislation Annual Report 2010
(83 councils reporting)**

Monitor and study legislation at all levels of government:

The Catholic Women's League Councils took a great interest in the affairs of the government, be it local, provincial or federal. There is disappointment when Bills we support are defeated, and celebration when Bills we support are passed.

All local, provincial and federal representatives' names are known by almost all the councils. Current information is received by newsletters and e-mails sent from the MLA and MP to many of the members on a regular basis.

Public forums, sponsored by governments, were well attended by members. New information regarding proposed legislation was reported and discussed at monthly meetings, with an action plan to follow-up on the topics of interest.

Councils also continued to use the government websites to be informed as to the status of bills and the business of our governments and school boards. Letter-writing, petitions, emails and telephone calls were the main means of communication used by members to express their views regarding issues of interest to their Senators, Members of Parliament and the Legislative Assembly. Responses were received from supported organizations. One senator noted that he was unaware until called by a member that we were noting what the Senators were doing, and appreciated the encouragement to get bills of interest passed into law.

Federal bills that councils kept informed about were:

C-54: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (sexual offences against children) (Protecting Children from Sexual Predators Act) in Committee at end of 2010

C-56: An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Preventing the Trafficking, Abuse and Exploitation of Vulnerable Immigrants Act)

C-268: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (minimum sentence for offences involving trafficking of persons under the age of eighteen years) that was passed in 2010

C-300 An Act respecting Corporate Accountability for the Activities of Mining, Oil or Gas in Developing Countries that was defeated in 2010

C-384: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (right to die with dignity) that was defeated in 2010

C-428: An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act (residency requirement)

C-510: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (coercion) (An Act to Prevent Coercion of Pregnant Women to Abort (Roxanne's Law) that was defeated in 2010

Provincial Legislation of interest to councils were:

Bill 16: Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 that was passed in 2010

Bill 17: Alberta Health Act that was passed in 2010

Bill 202: Mandatory Reporting of Child Pornography Act passed in 2010

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