

**ON.96.06 LICENSING OF RECOMBINANT BOVINE SOMATOTROPIN (rBST)**

**WHEREAS,** The federal government is considering the licensing of recombinant Bovine Somatotropin (rBST) for the use in Canada and the human health consequences of consuming elevated levels of BST and IGF-1 in milk or meat are not well known and have not been fully researched; and

**WHEREAS,** The milk and meat from cows injected with rBST contain elevated levels of BST, an insulin like growth factor (IGF); and

**WHEREAS,** rBST has been banned in Europe until at least the year 2000 because of its associated economic and health risks, and the use of rBST could shift dairy product consumption from local sources to European “rBST free” dairy imports, hurting Canadian dairy farmers; therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** That the members of the Ontario Provincial Council of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada in 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention assembled urge the federal Ministers of Health, and Agriculture and Agri-Food to ensure that rBST not be licensed for use in Canada until at least the year 2000 when more long-term health studies can be completed; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That we urge The Federal Government to ensure that imported dairy products (such as ice cream and yogurt) be clearly labeled stating country of origin and whether or not they are “rBST” free; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That this resolution be forwarded to the National Council of the Catholic Women’s League of Canada for re-consideration at the 1996 convention.