

2010 Annual Meeting Proposed Resolution Amendments (19 August 2010)

Below are proposed amendments to resolutions which have been submitted for this year's Policy Session. Please remember that these have no official status until someone actually moves the amendment.

For each amendment marked "MOTION", an official delegate on the floor will need to make a motion to consider the amendment. A seconder to the motion will also be needed. Once moved, there will be a debate on the amendment and then a vote on whether to approve the amendment. If there is not two-thirds support for the change, debate reverts back to the original resolution text.

Proposed amendments to preambles are provided for information purposes only. There will be no discussion of preambles during the policy session. Canadian Chamber staff will make changes to preambles after the AGM has concluded to ensure that they match up to the recommendations. If you have an objection to a proposed preamble change, please bring it to the attention of one of the Canadian Chamber policy staff at the AGM.

If you would like to propose an amendment prior to the policy debate, please send the amendment text to Scott Campbell scampbell@chamber.ca and it will be added to this document. An updated edition of this document will be handed out at the AGM and periodically updated on the website. At the AGM session, you may also bring the amendment text directly to Scott Campbell in the AGM Policy Office.

We strongly encourage you to send proposed amendments to us prior to the policy session in order to allow us to have them translated prior to the debate as well as to enable us to share it with other chambers to inform their pre-debate discussions.

Biodiesel Quality (Page 35)

Preamble: Move the last paragraph of the preamble to the top and give it a heading "Issue"

Proposed by the Oshawa Chamber of Commerce

Creating Equality in Federal Economic Development Agencies in Canada (Page 52)

MOTION 1: Amend recommendation 1 by deleting "as proposed in Bill C-309"

Proposed by the Timmins Chamber Of Commerce and co-sponsored by the Thunder Bay Chamber Of Commerce, the North Bay & District Chamber Of Commerce and the Sault Ste. Marie Chamber Of Commerce

Bringing Fairness and Transparency to Importing (Page 64)

Preamble: In the first sentence of the second paragraph, change the word "three" to "two".

Proposed by the Mississauga Board of Trade

Support for Employers Employing Military Reservists (Page 70)

Preamble Changes:

Add a new paragraph 3:

For a detailed discussion on this matter, including detailed comparisons of models of employer support currently in place by our allies, reference to the January, 2010 C. D. Howe Report entitled: Supporting Employees who Deploy: The Case for Financial Assistance to Employers for Military Reservists (www.cdhowe.org/pdf/backgrounder_123.pdf) is highly commended, particularly the recommendations included therein.

Add “However, in summary,” to the beginning of the new paragraph 4 (after the paragraph added above).

In the bullet list in the “United Kingdom and Australia Models” section, add “One” to the beginning of the first bullet and “A” to the beginning of the second and third bullets. Replace the following sentence with “Both international examples have advantages and disadvantages”.

MOTION 1: Replace the existing recommendation with:

That the federal government, fiscal conditions permitting, provide reasonable financial assistance for employers to reimburse them for material costs incurred by them in protecting the jobs of reservists who choose to serve full-time in the military. Without limiting the generality of the forgoing, costs to be compensated under such a program should include:

1. Recruiting, hiring and training for replacement employees;
2. Overtime as a consequence of reservists’ absences; and
3. Retraining necessary upon reservists’ returns.

Proposed by the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce

St. Lawrence Seaway (Page 86)

Preamble: Move the last paragraph of the preamble to the beginning of the preamble after the heading “Issue”.

MOTION 1: Add a new Recommendation number 1: Promote the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway system potential with policy initiatives intended to consider utilization of the waterway for transportation of all appropriate goods on a fully integrated basis with other transportation modes.

MOTION 2: Amend the current Recommendation 1 by adding “fair and equitable” before “cost sharing formula”. It would now read “Propose a fair and equitable cost sharing formula to work with U.S. administrators...”

MOTION 3: Amend the current Recommendation 2 by deleting the words “as a priority within all levels of government in order to secure the benefits the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway system can provide industry and the citizens of Canada into the future.”

Proposed by the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce
