

Pembroke Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada
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COVID-19 caused most our CWL meetings and activities to be put on hold since 2020. Despite that, we have kept in contact with one another and look forward to 2022 and returning to a CWL meeting routine.

The Legislation standing committee can leave members having much difficulty in understanding its significance or due to lack of technology cannot perform the necessary research. However our CWL's League's objectives speak to the importance of members having a knowledge pertaining to the work of governments and their various legislative bills.

When the enactment of a bill is part of a focus for a government, it can move with great speed, as some bills did during the Covid pandemic – these were bills enacted to aid businesses and individuals. Federal legislation has been enacted to protect the health and well-being of Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic are as follows:

- *An Act to amend the Financial Administration Act (special warrant) (S.C. 2020, c.4)*
- *COVID-19 Emergency Response Act (S.C. 2020, c. 5)*
- *COVID-19 Emergency Response Act, No. 2 (S.C. 2020, c. 6)*
- *Time Limits and Other Periods Act (COVID-19) (S.C. 2020, c. 11, s. 11)*
- *Bill C-15: Canada Emergency Student Benefit Act*
- *Bill C-4: An Act relating to certain measures in response to COVID-19*
- *Bill S-4: An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Identification of Criminals Act and to make amendments to other Acts (COVID-19 response and other measures)*

A very helpful aid in understanding resolutions and legislation is located on our CWL National Website. (cwl.ca/resources/800 series workshops) Click on the 800 series workshops and find #814. It is a workshop with helpful notes for both legislation and resolutions

We are now witnessing the Russian invasion of Ukraine with much sadness. We can expect much discussion in our Canadian Parliament regarding Canada's support of Ukraine. I encourage CWL members to monitor Canada's responses for aid, and pray for this war to end.