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MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Titus Allooloo, Mr. Antoine, Mr. Arnngna'naaq, Mr. Arvaluk, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Mr. Bernhardt, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Dent, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Koe, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, Ms. Mike, Hon. Don Morin, Hon. John Ningark, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Hon. John Pollard, Mr. Pudlat, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Todd, Hon. Tony Whitford, Mr. Zoe

ITEM 1: PRAYER

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SPEAKER (Hon. Michael Ballantyne): Good afternoon. Orders of the day for Monday, December 16, 1991. Item 2, Ministers' statements. The honourable Member for Sahtu.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 19-12(1): Tungavik Federation Of Nunavut Claim

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Thank you. I am pleased to announce to the House that the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut and the federal government have concluded successfully land claim negotiations in Ottawa over the weekend. The Hon. Dennis Patterson was present at the negotiating session on Friday night, where agreement was reached on the outstanding issues.

The initialling of the claim is an important step, both for the Inuit who have been negotiating the claim for about 15 years, and for the creation of a new territory called Nunavut. I am sure that the Members of the House will join me in offering congratulations to the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut on the successful negotiations of the initialled document.

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Contained in the claim is an affirmation of the Inuit ownership over 350,000 square kilometres of land, including 36,000 square kilometres of land with subsurface rights; the provision by the federal government of \$580 million, in 1989 dollars, in the form of a capital transfer to be paid over the next 14 years; detailed provisions which ensure participation by Inuit on boards with responsibilities in the fields of

wildlife management, land use planning, water management and environmental and socio-economic reviews of development proposals.

A very important article in the agreement is related to the political development of the new territory in the Eastern Arctic called "Nunavut." The article confirms that the federal government will recommend to Parliament, legislation to establish a new Nunavut territory with its own legislative assembly and public government. There needs to be much discussion before this occurs, and the article further states that a political accord shall be negotiated between this government, TFN and Canada. This accord will establish the date of parliamentary legislation, the types of powers of the new government, certain principles relating to the financing of the Nunavut government and the time limits for the coming into existence and operation of the new government. As the Members of the House may appreciate, there is much work to be done on the development and approval of this accord as the parties aim to reach agreement on it by April 1 of next year. It is expected that the Inuit will vote on the acceptance of the claims settlement in the late spring, with the ratifying legislation being introduced into Parliament a few months later.

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize, in the gallery, Mr. Charlie Lyall, Mayor of Spence Bay.

---Applause

Ministers' statements. Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Allooloo.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Tungavik Federation Of Nunavut Claim

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to congratulate the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut in reaching a final agreement in Ottawa during the weekend. I would like to thank the Tungavik negotiators. They worked very hard, and I wish to thank them. They worked so hard they seemed to forget about their personal lives. There is to be a Nunavut territory, and the territorial government has agreed. We have a lot of work ahead of us. The residents of Nunavut have to be informed of the details of the agreement. A plebiscite

has to be held on the boundary question, and the agreement has to be ratified.

In addition we still have to negotiate a political accord with TFN and the federal government which will cover such important questions as principles for financing the Nunavut government, transition arrangements and timing.

As the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs mentioned, the federal government has agreed to a \$580 million payment over 14 years, and it has a guaranteed interest rate of 9.36 per cent. That means a total federal contribution of over one billion dollars over 14 years.

Finally, as Minister of Education I was also pleased to learn that TFN has negotiated a special fund of \$13 million dedicated to training. This will help ensure that northern people are prepared to implement the claim. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Mr. Todd.

Member's Statement On Expenditure Management Initiatives, Keewatin Regional Health Board

MR. TODD: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform this Legislature and the cabinet of the Keewatin Regional Health Board's response to the Minister of Health's directive regarding the expenditure management initiatives. The board has proposed seven recommendations that, if approved, would not only realize significant reductions in long-term costs of delivering health and social services to the region, but also dramatically improve the delivery of these services to the region. I believe a copy of these recommendations is already in the hands of the Minister.

I need not remind you, Mr. Speaker, that this year has been a very difficult one for the Keewatin Regional Health Board. The region has been drastically hit by various disease outbreaks, including the E-coli and red measles. I am sure Members will join me in congratulating the Keewatin Regional Health Board for their excellent work in dealing with these problems.

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Thank you. It is all the more impressive that they have also found the time to discuss and develop strategies to improve the cost efficiency of the

delivery of the health care system in the Keewatin while dealing with these difficult problems.

Mr. Speaker, I will be tabling these proposals at the appropriate time today. I would also like to give notice to the Minister of Health that I will be very interested to know what steps his department has taken to implement these recommendations, when the House reconvenes in February. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Todd. Members' statements. Mr. Lewis.

Member's Statement On Praise For Minister Of Social Services

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to congratulate my former colleague on this side of the House, Mr. Whitford, for the tough stand that he took last week in refusing to divulge information which was of a confidential nature; also to maintain cabinet solidarity in the face of a demand for a review of Social Services. It is absolutely imperative, if you sit on that other side, that there has to be loyalty among all Members to deliver a government program. I congratulate him because I found that he behaved exactly the same way when he was on this side of the House; he gave up some of his individual freedom, from time to time, in order to support other Members to achieve the purposes that they had indicated were important to them, to other ordinary Members.

So, Mr. Speaker, one day in the local newspaper you get congratulated and you get all kinds of wonderful accolades because of the good work that you are doing, and the following week you get dumped over simply because you have been loyal to your colleagues. I would like to congratulate him for standing his ground. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Mr. Arvaluk.

Member's Statement On Final Agreement On Tungavik Federation Of Nunavut Claim

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (Translation) As you have heard earlier and heard and watched this morning on the news, the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut president, Mr. Louis Pilakapsi, and Tom Siddon have come to an agreement. I am positive that the Inuit are very happy about this agreement with regard to Nunavut and government.

A lot of times we were doubtful whether or not this was going to proceed. I remember in 1968 I was working with Peter Mansbridge, with CBC, and Tagak Curley, who was an adult educator at the time. We had a discussion about the desires and needs of the Inuit people, that they should be able to control their own land. When we were discussing this, I also mentioned that the Inuit people have to get more training, and Tagak responded to me, "If we really want this to go through, we will have to fight for it."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to state at this time that I am very happy about the progress. Even though there were changes, the government officials or the leaders, the people of Nunavut were able to continue, to the fullest, to the end. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Mr. Gargan.

Member's Statement On Institutional Violence Against Natives

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last Thursday I commented on the history of victimization of women of aboriginal decent. Men have been victims of racial hatred, too. Today I wish to talk about the role that Canadian institutions have played in perpetuating that victimization process.

I had to laugh out loud, Mr. Speaker, when I heard about the Right Honourable Joe Clark's November 28th comments to the First Nations' leadership, when he tried to say that violence has not been part of the Canadian tradition. Mr. Speaker, violence against aboriginal people has been part of the Canadian experience right from the first moment Europeans set foot on this land. It was part of the Canadian tradition when the Beothuks were slaughtered in Newfoundland, and later when the government took up arms against native people during the Riel Rebellion, the Duck Lake confrontation, and most recently, Oka.

And these are just low points from Canada's own shameful past. If you consider the history of race relations throughout the Americas, you can find evidence of the mistreatment of native people from the time of Christopher Columbus right up to the tragedy at Wounded Knee. It continues today, with human rights abuses and land theft in many nations of Central and South America.

No, Mr. Speaker, Joe Clark was wrong. There has been a history of violent manipulation and victimization of Amerindian peoples throughout the years of our contact with non-native cultures. And we have tasted the bitter victimization in the North, too, Mr. Speaker. It was present in the corporal punishment endured by aboriginal children in the residential school system. It is present in our current system of justice. Many things must be wrong with any system that spends half a million dollars to conclude that it is all right for a judge to say that rape is different when it happens to northern women from when it happens to dainty southern Canadian co-eds.

I am heartened by a recent report of the Law Reform Commission of Canada which proposes a system of justice based on aboriginal traditions.

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, your time has expired. Are you seeking unanimous consent to conclude?

MR. GARGAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is requested. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Continue, Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Members. I am heartened by a recent report of the Law Reform Commission of Canada which proposes a system of justice based on aboriginal traditions and beliefs for First Nations peoples. I believe that it is only through the establishment of these sorts of aboriginal institutions that native people will break free of the pattern of victimization that has plagued us throughout the history of Canada. I would urge the cabinet and my colleagues in this House to remember this in all our efforts to develop a constitutional framework for our northern homelands. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Ningark.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Return To Question O65-12(1): Legislation Re Establishment Of Northern Brewery

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to a question asked by Mr. Lewis on December 11, 1991, concerning legislation regarding the establishment of a northern brewery. Alcohol

abuse is such a large problem in the NWT that anything to do with alcohol causes a lot of emotion. In my own riding, two out of three communities have prohibition. Recognizing the emotional response this legislation is likely to receive, I will review it carefully and will discuss it with other Members of cabinet. Until this is done, I have no intentions, one way or the other, regarding brewery legislation. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Returns to oral questions. Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O51-12(1): Update On Status Of Northern Accord

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a reply to a question asked by Mrs. Marie-Jewell on December 11, 1991, regarding an update on the status of the Northern Accord. Mr. Speaker, between the fall of 1989 and the spring of 1990, the Government of the Northwest Territories, with the direct participation of the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut and the Dene/Metis, did develop a comprehensive proposal for the finalization of the accord. The accord will see the transfer of oil and gas management responsibilities from the federal government to the Government of the Northwest Territories. The proposal contains provisions which guarantee that the accord will not diminish the ability of the federal government and aboriginal claimant groups to negotiate and implement land claims.

The proposal was tabled with the federal government in May, 1990. However, we did not proceed with formal negotiations at that time because we had not completed an agreement with the Yukon on the Beaufort Sea. There were also significant uncertainties about the status of the Dene/Metis land claim, and more specifically, with the issues of aboriginal subsurface benefits agreements. The federal government refused to provide for these agreements in the claims but had not indicated to the GNWT how they could be provided through the Northern Accord.

Last spring we were able to successfully complete the negotiation of an agreement with Yukon regarding oil and gas management responsibilities in the Beaufort Sea. Furthermore, Minister Siddon has formally committed to transfer to the GNWT, through the accord, the additional powers to legislate in respect of aboriginal subsurface agreements on settlement lands as part of the Gwich'in final agreement.

The federal government has not yet provided a full response to our proposal. The informal discussions that we have had to date indicate that we can expect that the fiscal and financial elements of the accord will be the most difficult to resolve. Without an adequate fiscal and financial package, I must stress that this government will not be willing to accept the transfer.

I cannot predict how long it will take before we can arrive at a satisfactory agreement, but I will certainly inform this House of any developments which alter the present status of the accord.

MR. SPEAKER: Returns to oral questions. Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O3-12(1): Transportation Of Equipment To Snare Lake

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to Question O3-12(1), asked on December 9th, concerning transportation of equipment to Snare Lake. The Department of Public Works on behalf of Municipal and Community Affairs has purchased equipment and is managing the construction of a maintenance garage due to begin in the summer of 1992. We are working with the Department of Transportation, which is co-ordinating the review of options for the winter freight haul for the territorial government. A decision is expected by the end of this month. The road would ordinarily be constructed in January/February.

Further Return To Question O24-12(1): Membership On Workers' Compensation Board

I have a return to Question O24-12(1) concerning membership on the Workers' Compensation Board. The directors currently serving on the Workers' Compensation Board are: Mr. Grant Hinchey, Mr. Jim Evoy, Mr. Grant Horseman, Mr. Dale Johnston, Mr. Ronald Williams. All are residents of Yellowknife, and Mr. Williams is an aboriginal person, being an NWT Metis.

Return To Question O79-12(1): Government's Emergency Response Plan

Another question, asked by Mr. Gargan on December 12th, on the government's emergency response plan. The Government of the NWT does have plans to deal with emergencies. In the NWT we are organized for response at the territorial, regional/area, and community level. Emergency response plans do include procedures to respond to specific scenarios.

However, the plans also establish an emergency response organization and assigned agency responsibilities to provide for a response to any unforeseen emergency situation.

Although not all have received formal approval, every NWT municipality except Grise Fiord has developed an emergency response plan. These plans often provide for the conduct of a co-ordinated search for missing persons and in doing so utilize volunteers from hunters and trappers associations or community search and rescue teams. A recent amendment to the Civil Emergency Measures Act provides the authority for a community-organized search outside municipal boundaries. Although the primary responsibility for ground searches remains with the RCMP, the point remains that the local authority is organized to offer assistance.

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The Canadian Forces have primary responsibility for responding to missing or downed aircraft incidents in the NWT, other than those which occur on airport property or within a municipality. The Canadian Forces operates four rescue co-ordination centres, RCCs, across the country, with the Edmonton RCC responsible for managing air and marine search and rescue responses throughout most of the NWT and its coastal waters. In responding to any search and rescue incidents, the rescue co-ordination centres can call for assistance from military aircraft, coast guard vessels, volunteer organizations of aviators and mariners, as well as the resources of GNWT and municipal emergency personnel.

As I have just said, the Canadian Forces can seek outside help in responding to an aircraft incident. Assistance could be provided by the GNWT through its territorial or regional emergency response committees, or a community in the vicinity of a crash could render assistance. The Canadian Forces also maintains ranger units in many northern communities through support from Northern Region Headquarters. The rangers could also be called upon to assist in responding to such an incident and can be activated through normal military procedures. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Returns to oral questions. Returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Todd.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O112-12(1): Status Of Negotiations With Manitoba Health Services Commission

MR. TODD: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Health, who I will be kind to. Mr. Speaker, I understand that the Department of Health of the NWT, in conjunction with the Manitoba Government Health Services Commission, is presently discussing a global funding arrangement for the Churchill Health Centre as a strategy for reducing the per diem per patient cost. Could the Minister advise me today what the status of this review is and the negotiations?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Health, Mr. Whitford.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: I would like to advise the Member, however, that I am not able to advise him at this moment; so I will take the question as notice. I think it should be a written question giving me all the details that I would need.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is taken as notice. It is a Member's prerogative to decide whether a question is an oral question or a written question. Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Question O113-12(1): Impact Analysis Re Hospital, Keewatin Region

MR. TODD: My question is to the Minister of Health again. Mr. Speaker, I have in my hands today a resolution from the Keewatin Health Board that requests that the government commit the necessary funds to the board to carry out a full analysis of the impact of having a hospital in the Keewatin Region. This resolution is supported by letters from the Keewatin Inuit Association, Keewatin Regional Council, hamlet council of Rankin Inlet and the MLAs for the Keewatin Region. My question to the Minister of Health is, would the Minister give serious consideration to providing the necessary funding to the board to carry out this impact analysis? That is an oral question.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Health, Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O113-12(1): Impact Analysis Re Hospital, Keewatin Region

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we will give consideration to it. I believe a letter is on its way dealing with an issue similar to that.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Todd.

Supplementary To Question O113-12(1): Impact Analysis Re Hospital, Keewatin Region

MR. TODD: In light of the Minister's response, would he give me his assurances today that there will be no changes to the patient referral patterns for the Keewatin Region until the impact analysis has been done?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Health.

Further Return To Question O113-12(1): Impact Analysis Re Hospital, Keewatin Region

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I cannot give you that assurance that there will not be a change in the pattern of moving patients back and forth. I think there is consideration being given to moving patients to wherever the service is available at the most economical cost.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O114-12(1): Terminology Workshops

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Culture and Communications, Mr. Alloo. Mr. Speaker, there are terminology workshops that have been going on in the communities, and these are workshops done by the translation/interpreter division where they do workshops in order to come up with legal or health terminologies. I would like to ask the Minister if those terminologies have ever been tried out in public or even with the elders. It is good to work on terminologies, but if you do not exercise it, what is the sense in doing it?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Culture and Communications.

Return To Question O114-12(1): Terminology Workshops

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Normally these terminology workshops are specialized in the area of different fields, especially with the Department of Justice. There have been workshops to train legal interpreters in using new terminology. These words are new to our languages. I know in our language we have new words for things like constitutional issues and words that describe the legal matters. These languages are normally used in the courts as well as adopted by communities. I know when I listen to the radio, to the Dene languages, there are quite a few English words used throughout the programs, and I am sure the Dene side of the language development are finding terminology that

did not exist prior to the Europeans coming into our country.

These workshops, we find, are very helpful to interpreters and also very helpful to the communities when they start using those new words.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question O114-12(1): Terminology Workshops

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have not been approached on the new terminology. The elders have never been told what the new terminology is. In

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what ways is the new terminology helpful if people do not know them? In what way are they being implemented if it is only the interpreters who know the new terminology?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Culture and Communications.

Further Return To Question O114-12(1): Terminology Workshops

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not have that background at that moment, when the new terminology is being developed, whether they go back to the elders. But I am told that in coming up with new words we try hard to consult with the people who know the language issues. I would be very happy to give a Member a report on how we go back to the communities in consulting with them to come up with new words.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, second supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O114-12(1): Terminology Workshops

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, the reason I brought up this question is because the communities are not being consulted in the new terminologies. In order to implement the new terminology the communities have to be consulted. No one has been consulted with regard to the workshops. The new terminology has not been scrutinized, for lack of a better term, but who has been consulted with regard to the new terminology?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Culture and Communications.

Further Return To Question O114-12(1): Terminology Workshops

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, the reason we hold terminology workshops in the communities -- and that has been going on for a little while -- is so that the elders could participate at these terminology workshops, and it would also ensure that the proper terms are used by interpreter/translators in interpreting in court, for example. I will take the Member's suggestion that perhaps there is room to improve the process and room to consult with the elders once we have developed the terminology. I will look into the area and see if we can involve the communities more than we have in the past, although we have been involving the elders in community workshops.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Koe.

Question O115-12(1): Expenditure To Date On Expo '92

MR. KOE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. On Friday the Minister responded to an oral question regarding NWT participation in Expo '92. If my notes are right, the Minister stated that so far the government has spent and committed \$979,000. I think he stated that they committed \$600,000 for musk-ox and fish and purchased another \$420,000 for arts and crafts. If my calculator is right, that adds up to \$1,020,000. You also said that you expected to purchase \$450,000 worth of additional arts and crafts, for a total of \$1.2 million. My calculator says it is about \$1.47 million. Does the Minister have the right figures, and if so, did he have trouble adding them up?

MR. SPEAKER: It was two questions. If the Minister wants to answer the first question, the Member can pose the other question during oral questions. Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, I did give all those numbers to the House on Friday, and I will get some more details for the Member and get back to him as to how those numbers are added up.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is taken as notice. Mr. Zoe.

Question O116-12(1): Delay In Decision On Snare Lake Winter Road

MR. ZOE: My question is to the Minister responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs, in light of the response he has given me today and the response received from the Minister of Transportation. Why is the government waiting to make a decision on the winter road to Snare Lake until the end of the month? Why can they not make a commitment now? Why can they not let me know which way it is going to go, one way or another?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs.

Return To Question O116-12(1): Delay In Decision On Snare Lake Winter Road

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I think it was the honourable Member himself who suggested that departments should get together to see if, through a co-ordinated approach, a solution could be devised. That work is happening. There is a lot of time yet before the road would have to be built. The end of the month is not that far away. I can assure the honourable Member that he will be the first to know if a solution can be found to this problem.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Zoe.

Supplementary To Question O116-12(1): Delay In Decision On Snare Lake Winter Road

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, the honourable Member is not quite answering my question. Why can they not make a decision while the House is sitting? Why do they have to wait until the end of the month? Is it because they are anticipating something after the Members leave, and then they will not have time to respond to them? Is that the main reason?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs.

Further Return To Question O116-12(1): Delay In Decision On Snare Lake Winter Road

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Member knows, with the unfortunate closure of the Colomac mine, a much longer winter access road must now be constructed using public funds. The Member also knows that money is not in as easy supply as it has been in the past. This is a sizable cost that makes the decision difficult.

Departments are scrambling to do their best with the resources that are available, Mr. Speaker, and if the

Member is suggesting that the government is delaying an answer because the House is in session, that is an unfair suggestion. I can assure him that my department, and the other departments, are working as hard as they can to make the best use of existing resources to see if we can come up with a solution to this problem, for which we are not at the moment budgeted. If the Member will have a little bit of patience, we will do our best; and we will let him know in a timely fashion what we are going to be able to do, if anything, about this very important issue. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

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Question O117-12(1): Policy Re Hiring Non-Canadian Citizens

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Personnel. Actually I have two questions. In reviewing the unedited Hansard for Friday, December 13, 1991, Mr. Speaker, I was correct, when I posed my question to the Minister of Personnel, and my question to the Minister of Personnel is, why would the Minister of Personnel want to develop a policy for hiring non-Canadians for management positions when we have an affirmative action policy in place? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Personnel, Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O117-12(1): Policy Re Hiring Non-Canadian Citizens

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I had not made a commitment to develop a policy to hire non-Canadian citizens. I do not have any intention of developing such a policy.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O117-12(1): Policy Re Hiring Non-Canadian Citizens

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, if we check -- my question was printed on page 380 of the unedited Hansard. My colleague, Mr. Bernhardt, asked a question earlier, printed on page 370 of the unedited Hansard, and the same question was posed to the Minister of Personnel and he indicated yes, he would develop such a policy for hiring non-Canadians for management positions. I would like to ask the

Minister of Personnel again, in light of his thinking that he did not make such a commitment -- in fact he did, according to Hansard -- would he clarify his position? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Personnel.

Further Return To Question O117-12(1): Policy Re Hiring Non-Canadian Citizens

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I will make corrections to Hansard in that case. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Your second supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O117-12(1): Policy Re Hiring Non-Canadian Citizens

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I do not believe it is the desire of Members to see the Minister make corrections to Hansard. I believe it is the desire of Members to determine why the Minister of Personnel would want to develop a policy for hiring non-Canadians for management positions? Would he please advise us? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Personnel.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I think we should just cut out all this technical stuff and deal with the original concern that the Member for Kitikmeot raised. The question was: Why are we hiring non-Canadian citizens to work in positions of the Government of the Northwest Territories? My response was basically saying that we do not have a policy geared toward promoting the hiring of non-Canadian citizens for positions within the Government of the Northwest Territories. If I did not say that, that was the intent of the original question as I understood it, and the intent of my response as I made it. If Hansard does not reflect that, then I understand that technically it is too late to correct Hansard.

I understand the Member pursuing this line of questioning, but I would say that we have to look at whatever procedures we have for departments in a government that hire non-Canadian citizens to carry out the duties they want, such as doctors, nurses and perhaps engineers, and get back to the Member. I would have to ask for the details on that. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Does that satisfy the Member for Thebacha? The question has been taken as notice. I think in the meantime Mr. Kakfwi can review Hansard. If there is any misunderstanding, when Mr. Kakfwi

gives his return he can perhaps clarify that, so we do not get hung up, as Mr. Kakfwi suggested, with the technical aspect of this. Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Question O118-12(1): Economic Benefits From Activities In Japan

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Given the Minister's recent comments with respect to a stay-at-home economic development strategy, is the Minister aware that the department is currently funding offshore activities in Japan, and are we able to assess the benefits being derived from such expensive trips?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: I am aware of the goings-on in Japan and I think we are also looking at Germany as well, Mr. Speaker. I have asked the department for an accounting of that. I am unable to tell the Member at this time the benefits to the Northwest Territories, but I will endeavour to seek that out. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: You are taking the question as notice, Mr. Pollard?

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, the difficulty is that the event in Japan has just occurred and I will not know for some time if there has been any benefit accruing from that, so I would have to get back to the department and merely come to the House with what they think the benefit will be to the government. In that respect, sir, I am taking the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O119-12(1): Emergency Response To Dangerous Spills

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs regarding his response on civil emergencies when he referred to the rangers and the Armed Forces on crashes and missing people, but my original question was with regard to emergency measures with regard to a highway spill. My main concern was that last year alone I believe there were about three accidents on the Mackenzie Highway where fuel was spilled, or other things were spilled on the side of the highways.

The Minister has not addressed that particular issue. In the event there is a dangerous spill which could possibly cause fumes or kill people, he has not responded to that. I would like to ask the Minister whether that particular emergency issue has been addressed.

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MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I believe that the honourable Member's question covers the area of transportation of dangerous goods and accidents or problems that could arise in connection with the transportation of dangerous goods, and I think those matters properly fall under the responsibility of the Minister of Transportation. If the question is asked to me, I think I would have to take it on notice. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

Question O120-12(1): Emergency Response To Dangerous Spills On Roads

MR. GARGAN: I think in the Hansard, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Alloofoo referred the question to Mr. Patterson regarding my question on emergency, but I will direct my question to the Minister of Transportation. In the event there is an accident where dangerous chemicals are spilled on the road, where does the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act address the issue of an emergency response?

MR. SPEAKER: I understand from Mr. Patterson's response, because the question is posed to Mr. Alloofoo, Mr. Patterson did not take it as notice. Mr. Alloofoo.

Return To Question O120-12(1): Emergency Response To Dangerous Spills On Roads

HON. TITUS ALLOOFOO: Mr. Speaker, this is one of the areas where not just one department is responsible, but in terms of the Member's concern over an accident in dealing with dangerous chemicals, I am told it falls under the jurisdiction of Renewable Resources. There is a response team set up in Hay River and equipment in Hay River, as well as in Enterprise. If I am wrong the Minister of Renewable Resources could correct me on that.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question O120-12(1): Emergency Response To Dangerous Spills On Roads

MR. GARGAN: I would like to ask the Minister of Renewable Resources if there is an emergency response team in Hay River and Enterprise.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Renewable Resources.

Further Return To Question O120-12(1): Emergency Response To Dangerous Spills On Roads

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am told that there is.

Supplementary To Question O120-12(1): Emergency Response To Dangerous Spills On Roads

MR. GARGAN: Is it definite? Could you tell me the toll-free number a person may use?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister responsible for Renewable Resources.

Further Return To Question O120-12(1): Emergency Response To Dangerous Spills On Roads

HON. JOHN NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Any time there is any oil spill it is very important to our environment. Yes, I will, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Koe.

Question O121-12(1): Number Of Staff Employed At Expo '92

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope my previous question to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism does not reflect on his ability to add numbers and balance the budget. In Hansard on Friday you also noted that Expo made job offers to 48 people. Is this the total number of staff that will be hired at Expo?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Return To Question O121-12(1): Number Of Staff Employed At Expo '92

HON. JOHN POLLARD: I think the number that I recorded, Mr. Speaker, was 48 Northerners. That is not the total number. I think the total number will be in excess of 50.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question O121-12(1): Number Of Staff Employed At Expo '92

MR. KOE: How many of the 50 are going to be on contract and how many are term employees?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: I will take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is taken as notice. Oral questions, Mr. Todd.

Question O122-12(1): Effect Of Offshore Activity On The Northern Economy

MR. TODD: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister responsible for Economic Development and Tourism. On December 12th in Hansard Mr. Pollard stated, "I think economic development starts at home.... If he is asking this government if we have plans to go clamouring around the world trying to promote the NWT, I would have to say, 'No.' I think we are interested in starting at home, working at home, looking at southern Canada, looking at this continent...." Given the current trend of offshore activity, Expo, Japan, Germany, will the Minister give us his assurances that these activities and expenditures will not continue without quantifying the net effect to the northern economy and its people and not merely be a free ride for a privileged few?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Return To Question O122-12(1): Effect Of Offshore Activity On The Northern Economy

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Arvaluk.

Question O123-12(1): Hiring Of Personnel From Outside The Country

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Further to Mrs. Marie-Jewell's question, my question is directed to the Minister of Personnel. Mr. Bernhardt's question was not whether or not the government's hiring of specialists like doctors and scientists from outside the

country, rather, why the government makes a practice of hiring personnel from outside the country for very ordinary positions, such as superintendent of Government Services and Department of Public Works for the Kitikmeot. That was the question.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Personnel.

Return To Question O123-12(1): Hiring Of Personnel From Outside The Country

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, on the first part which I have taken the liberty to interpret myself, we take the question of Mr. Bernhardt or the way he phrased it, the answer should be no, because there is no policy. That is what Jeannie Marie-Jewell was getting it. The way I interpreted it was to say: Would I look at the situation that is in existence there? That is why I said, yes.

On the concern that the honourable Member is making now, I would say we are going to look at the situation that I responded to earlier today.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Koe.

Question O124-12(1): Tendering Practices For Petroleum, Oil And Lubricants Program Contracts

MR. KOE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. I have a question regarding the review of POL, petroleum, oil and lubricants program, tendering procedures. Last Thursday my honourable colleague for Aivilik asked the Government Leader for a status update on the Anderson investigation into tendering practices for POL contracts. My question is the for Minister of Government Services. Can the Minister advise the House as to whether Mr. Ben Anderson is still working on his review for tendering procedures used in awarding POL delivery contracts?

MR. SPEAKER: Government Leader.

Return To Question O124-12(1): Tendering Practices For Petroleum, Oil And Lubricants Program Contracts

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that we have not received the report and I am expecting to have a copy of the report probably tomorrow, about 11:00. So as soon as I receive that and look it over, we can release the information that is necessary at that time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Koe, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O124-12(1): Tendering Practices For Petroleum Oil And Lubricants Program Contracts

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To whomever. The terms of reference for the Anderson review initially targeted four communities. Were these terms of reference expanded to include all the communities where contracts were awarded?

MR. SPEAKER: Government Leader.

Further Return To Question O124-12(1): Tendering Practices For Petroleum Oil And Lubricants Program Contracts

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, upon reviewing what the report says, I will also look over the original mandate and whether they were expanded or not. At this time I could not say.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question O125-12(1): Paving Of Highway No. 5 From Kilometre 60 To 238

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Friday I asked the Minister of Transportation if he would be considering pavement on Highway No. 5 from Sandy Lake to Fort Smith. He indicated that he would provide me with a map, and he also stated that there is consideration for pavement, in 1993, from kilometre 0 to 60. Mr. Speaker, in reviewing the map I recognize that it is from the Pine Point junction to Sandy Lake. So he is going to repave the existing paved area in 1993. I would like to ask the Minister of Transportation if he is going to consider paving from kilometre 60 into Bell Rock, which is kilometre 238, prior to 1993.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister of Transportation.

Return To Question O125-12(1): Paving Of Highway No. 5 From Kilometre 60 To 238

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, yes, we could consider that but currently we have no plans to pave from Sandy Lake to kilometre 238. We have plans to treat the surface with calcium chloride and oil base DL-10. That was applied to the remaining 140 kilometres of Highway No. 5, kilometre 92 to kilometre 238, for the control of dust in the summer of 1991. I will take the Member's advice to see what we could do in terms of planning to pave that particular

highway. I will get back to the Member as soon as I can. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Zoe.

Question O126-12(1): Municipality Of Rae-Edzo Cash Flow Problem

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs. Mr. Speaker, last week I made the Minister aware of the difficulty the hamlet of Rae-Edzo is encountering with their cash flow. Could I ask the Minister what measures or what steps he has taken to help that particular municipality?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

Return To Question O126-12(1): Municipality Of Rae-Edzo Cash Flow Problem

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I do thank the Member for drawing to my attention the financial problems currently facing his community and also his explanation to me that these financial problems, in addition to the accumulated deficit, also flow from problems with the discharge of ground water into the sewage system, for which the hamlet has had to bear financial responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, as to the ground water problem, the extra cost that the hamlet has incurred this year, I have asked the department to look into that problem. They are at the moment discussing these problems with the agencies and departments of the government whose works have contributed to this problem. As of today, I have no results to report to the Member... so we will be looking for a short-term solution to that issue this year.

The long-term solution recommended to the hamlet, Mr. Speaker, is that they should enact a by-law within the authority of section 81 of the Hamlets Act, to either regulate or prohibit discharge of substances and liquids, including ground water, into a sewage or drainage system. That would prevent disputes of this kind in future as to who is and who is not responsible for discharge of ground water into the sewage system. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Zoe.

Supplementary To Question O126-12(1): Municipality Of Rae-Edzo Cash Flow Problem

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. My understanding is that the cash flow of the municipality is a real serious situation. I understand that the contractor has not been paid for a number of months now. What measures is the department taking? I understand that in the short term they are going to try and resolve but how soon are they going to try and resolve this particular problem?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

Further Return To Question O126-12(1): Municipality Of Rae-Edzo Cash Flow Problem

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since the problem was only brought to my attention late last week, Mr. Speaker, I am not able to give the Member a clear idea today as to when we will have a solution. But I can assure him that the department is making it a priority and we do understand the urgency of the problem. We will try and resolve it as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

Question O127-12(1): Changing Water Source In Arviat

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there are plans by the Government of the NWT to improve the water source for the community of Arviat. My question is to the Minister responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs. I would like to know if he knows whether the water source will be changed from a still water to a flowing source in the summer of 1992. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs.

Return Question O127-12(1): Changing Water Source In Arviat

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Member for drawing this problem to my attention. Since the capital plan is still being developed, I cannot today make any kind of firm commitment about what will be done in the coming fiscal year on that issue. In the short term I understand that the water needs of the community this winter are being pursued by the hamlet. But, Mr.

Speaker, it would be premature of me to make a commitment on the capital plan until it is finalized. That is what the next session is for. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question O128-12(1): Authority To Release Information In Department Of Social Services

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Personnel. The Minister of Personnel indicated that every employee is required to swear an oath of office and secrecy when they are hired. The Minister said that the oath states that an employee shall not release information gained in their employment without proper authority. Will the Minister of Personnel determine whether proper authority was given to Ann Enge, Priscilla Hamann and Marj Sakundiak for releasing confidential information that they had gained in their employment? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Personnel.

Return To Question O128-12(1): Authority To Release Information In Department Of Social Services

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I think that it should be said, as I said earlier, we had looked at cases where allegations were made about the conduct of employees in the past, and it was the view at that time that the actions taken by employees were reasonable, and that the information that is being bandied about again now is information that was released publicly by the union representatives, who are duly assigned members on staff in the Government of the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O128-12(1): Authority To Release Information In Department Of Social Services

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I did not clearly hear his reply or basically have been able to interpret his reply as to what he had indicated. I would like to ask a supplementary. Will the Minister review the situation and determine if a violation of the oath of office and secrecy that they had initially signed has been violated? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Personnel.

Further Return To Question O128-12(1): Authority To Release Information In Department Of Social Services

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: I think I indicated last week that we did look at it at the time and it was our view that there was no violation. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O128-12(1): Authority To Release Information In Department Of Social Services

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: My question is again to the Minister of Personnel, a supplementary. I do not recall the Minister of Personnel ever looking into that situation, but I would like to ask the Minister, what is the purpose of a civil servant signing an oath of office and secrecy when they are hired? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Personnel.

Further Return To Question O128-12(1): Authority To Release Information In Department Of Social Services

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I think as employers we wish to have some statement from each employee that basically says they will respect the office they are going to occupy and the responsibility they would have to use the information and materials available to them in a reasonable way during their employment with us. That is what I understand the oath of office and secrecy to be demanded for. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Your final supplementary, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O128-12(1): Authority To Release Information In Department Of Social Services

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since the Minister of Personnel now knows that employees did violate this oath of office and secrecy, and since he does feel that they should not use the information against their employer, I would like to know why he will not consider following through and recognize that these employees violated their oath of office and secrecy.

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MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Personnel.

Further Return To Question O128-12(1): Authority To Release Information In Department Of Social Services

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, just a couple of points. One is that I do not know that to be true, any more than the Member can say that she can make specific allegations about specific individuals, but I do know that there have to be a few things remembered here. One, is that in a discipline process that we take for employees, they must have some access to some of the information the government has in order to make sure they represent themselves in the best way possible in that process, and that is not a process in which we deny government information to.

Secondly, they are not responsible for the actions of their unions. The unions work on behalf of their members and in the end I think the unions use information that comes to them in whatever way they want. There is no recourse, as well, I think for employees that suffer under managers or supervisors that must be brought to light, in their opinion, so there has to be some flexibility in the kind of iron hand we would try to extend over employees. As I said, this type of thing was looked at some time ago and it is still my view that the actions that were taken were reasonable and there is nothing to revisit at this time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: If I could just make one comment to the House. Originally this line of questioning gave me some difficulty and my comment on it at that point in time was that Members, I think, have to be quite careful when impugning motives of individuals within or outside the House. To my knowledge, none of the allegations have either been officially confirmed or denied, at least within my knowledge, so I have some difficulty with that line of questioning. I would ask Members to be careful with that line of questioning when we are talking about either Members in the House or officials outside the House. Oral questions.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: A point of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of privilege, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: A point of privilege, just for clarification, Mr. Speaker, and I do not want you to feel that I am challenging you with respect to your comments; but I do want you to know that these types of questions that were formulated I did get reviewed

with the Law Clerk prior to bringing them into the House. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. That was not a point of privilege, but you did get your point across. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O129-12(1): Hiring Qualified Teachers

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Minister of Education, Mr. Allooloo. There were, Mr. Speaker, two positions vacant this summer at the school in Fort Providence and one teacher position, but when the advertisement for those positions went out it was based on the affirmative action policy being adhered to, and it said very little about the qualifications of an individual. I would like to know if it is the intention of the department to hire people regardless of what their qualifications are, as long as they adhere to the affirmative action policy. I would like to know if that is the direction in which the Department of Education is now going.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Education.

Return To Question O129-12(1): Hiring Qualified Teachers

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to point out that the qualifications of teachers are very important to the department because they are teaching our children, who will be taking over our responsibilities, and who are our future. I would like to point out that, in hiring teachers, the people who are working in the department take into account the affirmative action policy. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question O129-12(1): Hiring Qualified Teachers

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I have here two employment opportunities with regard to two positions, a teacher position and a special needs position. It does not say anything about qualifications with regard to the teacher's position. All it says is, "A holistic teacher, able to teach in all subjects is required." I do not know what a holistic teacher means; if you have grade 12, a bachelor degree in education or teaching. I do not know what the qualifications are. It does say that affirmative action will be adhered to. I would like to ask the Minister if he would look into the advertisement that was used,

in Fort Providence specifically, because I am concerned about the quality of education and the qualifications of the educator.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Education.

Further Return To Question O129-12(1): Hiring Qualified Teachers

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arnngna'naaq.

Question O130-12(1): Response To Question Re Arctic Airports

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Transportation. On Friday, December 13th I asked a question about the agreement between the GNWT and the federal government regarding the Arctic airports. I would like to know if he has found a response to this question.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Transportation.

Return To Question O130-12(1): Response To Question Re Arctic Airports

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I will reply tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is taken as notice. Mr. Gargan.

Question O131-12(1): Money Owed To Hay River Reserve Band By Curry Construction

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Transportation. I realize Mr. Zoe is having problems with regard to contracts, but my situation is over two years old. It is with regard to the contract that was done by Curry Construction two years ago. The subcontract was given to the Hay River Reserve band for clearing the right-of-way. Apparently Curry Construction folded and Ptarmigan Construction took over, which is the same people, I believe. The reserve has not been paid \$25,000 and they are still waiting payment. I would like to know if the Minister would look into the situation to see if he would be able to resolve it.

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MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Transportation.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I would have to take the question under notice and get back to the Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is taken as notice. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question O132-12(1): Results Of Recent Community Elections

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. Last week he provided us with a copy of the results of the recent election. In that copy he missed quite a few communities. Could he provide us with a complete copy of the results of the elections that were held this last fall throughout every community?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

Return To Question O132-12(1): Results Of Recent Community Elections

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Since the elections in tax-based communities were held in late October, I did not include those in the list that I circulated to Members. That was an oversight and I will be happy to provide a complete list. I should be able to do that by tomorrow if my department operates with its usual efficiency.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question 133-12(1): Development Of A Privacy Act

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: I have a question for the Government Leader. Since the Minister of Personnel is reluctant to ensure whether or not the oath of office and secrecy is respected and upheld by civil servants, and since I am concerned about the fact that fairly confidential information could be released to the public and nothing being done, particularly with respect to social assistance -- it could be health or personnel items, I would like to ask the Government Leader if she would consider directing both the Minister of Social Services, Health and Personnel to develop a privacy act to ensure that concerns of the residents of the NWT are respected and held in confidence?

MR. SPEAKER: The time for question period has elapsed. I will allow the Government Leader to respond to this question if she wants to.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I have not discussed in detail the issue that has prompted this suggestion. I would take this under notice and see what can be done.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is taken as notice. Item 6, written questions. Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W9-12(1): Affirmative Action Hiring Record Of Workers' Compensation Board

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, can the Minister advise the House whether there is even one person at the managerial level or above who is of aboriginal descent? Would the Minister be able to advise the House how many more aboriginal persons are working at the Workers' Compensation Board now, as compared to the number in December 1988?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudluk.

Question W10-12(1): Southerners Owning Homes In Both The South And The North

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question to the Minister of the Housing Corporation. When Southerners Come to the North to work some of them own houses in the South, and when they come up to the North they also get a HAP house up here. Would the Minister of the N.W.T. Housing Corporation advise if the government has a policy in place to prevent that from happening? If there is no policy, why not?

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Mr. Todd.

Question W11-12(1): 1990-91 Costs Of Health Care Services For Keewatin Patients

MR. TODD: Would the Minister of Health provide me with a detailed report outlining the costs of all the health care services paid directly by the Department of Health for Keewatin patients for the fiscal year 1990-91? These costs would include: a) medical transportation; b) in-patient and out-patient services for all hospitals and clinics; c) laboratory costs; d) long-term care fees; e) ophthalmic techniques -- eye team visits; f) physiotherapy visits to Keewatin.

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Item 7, returns to written question.

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE: Mr. Speaker, return to Question W4-12(1) asked by Mr. Gargan, to the Minister responsible for the Status of Women concerning the review of funding to women's organizations.

W4-12(1): Review Of Funding To Women's Organizations

Hon. John Ningark's return to Question W4-12(1) asked by Mr. Gargan on December 11, 1991: The YWCA is Yellowknife-based and it administers a family violence program which includes both Alison McAteer House, a shelter for abused women and their children, and a second stage and follow-up program which provides services to women and children after they have left the shelter.

As this government reviews its operation in terms of program review, the operation of the Women's Directorate and the Status of Women Council of the NWT will also be subject to review.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Item 8, replies to Opening Address. Replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, petitions. Petitions. Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Mr. Koe.

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ITEM 10: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee Report 3-12(1): Report Of The Standing Committee On Agencies, Boards And Commissions

MR. KOE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker, I have a report on the first work plan for the review of selected boards and agencies during the 12th Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with its terms of reference, the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions met on Thursday, December 12, 1991, to consider priorities and establish a comprehensive plan for the review of selected boards and agencies. Members of the standing committee agreed that initial priorities should be given to an examination of the board and committee structure for trades certification and brief reviews of Arctic College and selected regional health boards. The standing committee also agreed to undertake intensive and comprehensive reviews of the Northwest Territories Power Corporation and the Northwest Territories Workers' Compensation Board.

Other priorities may be established later in the year for reviewing government created boards, agencies and commissions.

Apprenticeship And Trade Certification Boards And Committees

Some of the work plan details, Mr. Speaker, were, one, apprenticeship and trades certification boards and committees. Presently, an elaborate system of advisory committees exists in conjunction with the apprenticeship and trade certification board. Members of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions were very interested in the organizational framework and function of the board and its various advisory committees. Special note was made in this regard, of the recommendation in the "Strength At Two Levels" document that: "All boards and agencies should be assessed specifically in light of elimination, down-sizing or consolidation."

Arctic College

The standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions also agreed to review the organization and operation of board functions within Arctic College. Program delivery issues will be considered and an examination of various options outlined in the "Strength At Two Levels" document for Arctic College development will be undertaken.

Regional Health Boards

During the 11th Assembly the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions reviewed three regional health boards and the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services Board. The THIS board has now been eliminated but issues raised by the previous committee may require a follow-up review.

Northwest Territories Power Corporation

The Power Corporation has evolved steadily since its transfer to Government of the Northwest Territories authority. Given specific recommendations in the "Strength At Two Levels" document regarding further development of the corporation, including a proposed transfer of responsibility for the petroleum products delivery system, the standing committee felt that a comprehensive review would be in order.

Northwest Territories Workers' Compensation Board

The standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions is very interested in a number of

organizational and operational aspects of the Workers' Compensation Board. These will be examined during a comprehensive review of the board and its operations.

The review of trade certification boards and committees, the consideration of selected aspects of Arctic College operation, and a follow-up examination of regional health board issues will be undertaken during standing committee meetings in Fort Smith scheduled for the week of January 21, 1992. Research and preparatory planning for the larger and more comprehensive reviews of the NWT Power Corporation and the Workers' Compensation Board will begin immediately. Formal standing committee meetings to deal with these government-created boards will likely commence early in the 1992-93 fiscal year.

Motion That Committee Report 3-12(1), Report Of Standing Committee On Agencies, Boards And Commissions, Be Adopted, Carried

Mr. Speaker, that concludes this report of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions and, therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh, that the report on the first work plan of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions be received by the Assembly and adopted. Mahsi Cho.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Koe, your seconder is not in the House. Do you have another seconder? Seconded by Mrs. Marie-Jewell. Your motion is in order.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. All in favour of the motion? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Reports of standing and special committees. Item 11, tabling of documents. Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. GARGAN: I would like to table Tabled Document 26-12(1), Submissions to the Legislative Assembly, by Alan R. Regel and Thomas Boyd, regarding legal aid.

MR. SPEAKER: Tabling of documents. Ms. Mike.

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 27-12(1), An International Conservation Strategy for the Endangered Bowhead Whale of Baffin Bay by K.J. Finley Ecological Research. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Tabling of documents. Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table today Tabled Document 28-12(1), the recommendations of the Keewatin Regional Health Board that I referred to earlier in my Member's statement.

MR. SPEAKER: Tabling of documents. Tabling of documents. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Tabled Document 29-12(1), an excerpt from the Canadian Aviation News re frequent flyer programs and points. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Tabling of documents. Tabling of documents. Item 12, notices of motions. Mr. Lewis.

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ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTIONS

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, December 18, 1991, I shall move that the Legislative Assembly approve terms of reference for the special committee on constitutional reform established by Motion 17-12(1).

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lewis, your notice is out of order. Mr. Kakfwi.

Notice Of Motion 38-12(1): Terms Of Reference For The Special Committee On Constitutional Reform

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, December 18, 1991, I will move the following motion: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot, that the following terms of reference for the special committee on constitutional reform be approved:

The special committee on constitutional reform may on its own authority:

1) review proposals for constitutional and institutional reform as outlined in the Government of Canada's document entitled "Shaping Canada's Future Together" and any additional national, federal, provincial, territorial and non-governmental materials and any other related matters;

2) undertake or request any legal or economic analysis necessary to assist this committee in the development of recommendations for the Legislative Assembly on matters relating to the substance and processes for constitutional and institutional reform;

3) undertake such consultations, discussions or meetings that are necessary with national aboriginal organizations that have responsibility to consider national constitutional and institutional reform in Canada;

4) undertake such consultations, discussions or meetings that are necessary with such national, federal, provincial or territorial bodies that have responsibility to consider constitutional and institutional reform in Canada.

5) make presentations on behalf of the Legislative Assembly and the GNWT to such bodies that the committee agrees appropriate;

6) prepare reports at times to be decided by the committee and as appropriate to the progress of the national unity debate;

7) review and recommend on any related matter referred to it by the Legislative Assembly;

8) establish a quorum to be three Members, including the Chair.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will be seeking unanimous consent to proceed with this motion today.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motions. Mr. Alloo.oo.

Notice Of Motion 39-12(1): Appointment Of Languages Commissioner

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: I want to give notice on Wednesday, December 18th, I am going to make a motion to appoint Ms. Betty Harnum as a languages commissioner; and further, that the appointment be effective February 1, 1992.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will be seeking unanimous consent to proceed with this motion today.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motions. Mr. Koe.

Notice Of Motion 40-12(1): Establishment Of A Special Committee For Health And Social Services

MR. KOE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, December 18, 1991, I will move the

following motion: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for High Arctic, that a special committee for health and social services be established; and further, that the following terms of reference for the special committee on health and social services be adopted: The special committee on health and social services shall:

1) inquire into such matters as may be referred to it by the Legislative Assembly;

2) inquire into current problems and public concerns about health and social services in the NWT, including but not limited to the following: service and program delivery; administrative organization; departmental infrastructure; affirmative action policy implementation plan;

3) present interim reports to the Legislative Assembly from time to time and a final report by September 30, 1993.

The special committee may, on its own authority:

1) examine all matters that are under the authority of the Department of Health and Social Services and all legislation, policies and philosophies of the GNWT in the areas of health and social services;

2) consult with Members of the territorial government and its departments, public and interest groups, in a manner approved by the committee, including hearings, meetings, oral and written submissions and other appropriate means;

3) recommend changes in existing policy from time to time as deemed necessary.

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MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motions. Mr. Gargan.

Notice Of Motion 41-12(1): Establishment Of A Tax Reform Commission

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, December 18th, I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Thebacha, that this Legislative Assembly support the establishment of a tax reform commission for the NWT; and further, that the Minister of Finance and cabinet prepare a prospective terms of reference for the tax reform commission to be presented for approval to the Legislative Assembly during the second session. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motions.

Item 13, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Item 14, motions. Mr. Allooooloo.

ITEM 14: MOTIONS

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today concerning the appointment of a languages commissioner.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent has been requested. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Allooooloo.

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Motion 39-12(1): Appointment Of Languages Commissioner

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Members.

WHEREAS section 18(1) of the Official Languages Act permits the appointment of a languages commissioner by the Commissioner of the NWT, after the approval of the appointment by resolution of the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly considers the appointment of a languages commissioner essential for ensuring recognition of the rights, status and privileges of each of the official languages and compliance with the spirit and intent of the Official Languages Act;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is of the opinion that the appointment of a languages commissioner should now be made;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Ms. Betty Harnum be appointed as languages commissioner;

AND FURTHER, that the appointment be effective February 1, 1992.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. To the motion.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am particularly pleased today to have moved this motion concerning the appointment of the Northwest Territories' first languages commissioner. With the appointment of the languages commissioner,

one of the last steps necessary to fully implement the Official Languages Act of the NWT have been taken. As I stated when I introduced this legislation to the House, I feel it was one of the most important pieces of legislation that I could take to this House.

The languages commissioner will be assisted in her work by the requirement to get advice from representatives of each official languages group in the Territories. The languages commissioner is also charged with the responsibility to investigate any complaints that a government institution does not recognize the status of an official language, is not complying with provisions or regulations of the act, or is not complying with the spirit or intent of the act.

The languages commissioner has to report annually to the Legislative Assembly relating to the conduct of the office of the languages commissioner and to assist in the 10 year review of the provisions and operation to the act.

I may say, knowing the work of Ms. Harnum, I know the love of her life is language, no matter from which cultural background. I feel that we have found in Ms. Harnum the talents, fairness and degree of authority that is required by our languages commissioner. Mr. Speaker, I encourage all Members to support this motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I echo the Minister's statements. It has taken quite a while for this Assembly to be in this position to be able to make this announcement. Respectfully, Mr. Speaker, I would like to call for the question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had the opportunity during the weekend to meet with the Deh Cho Tribal Council, and one of the difficulties with regard to the languages commissioner is although the act itself looks at seven aboriginal languages, we have here an individual that is of non-aboriginal descent. She is not born in the North but has lived in the North and developed the skill through experience. She has also, perhaps, been funded by this government to develop that skill that is required.

Having a master's degree in linguistics does not mean you can apply the Official Languages Act, and the application of the act itself is more important than the qualifications of an individual. I would like to say I am

not going to support the motion. It was the Deh Cho Regional Council that suggested I should not support it. If you are going to be promoting aboriginal languages, you should have an aboriginal person.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. Recorded vote has been called. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I should say a few words, as well. I want the other Members to know, and the public as well, that I was one of the MLAs who, for the past two years, have been quietly, sometimes loudly, promoting their own candidates for this position. And through the months and years I had my heart set on my own candidate. We had a session in caucus where we had interviews and discussions amongst ourselves last week to finally make a decision. I want the Members and the public and my own constituents to know that I am in full support of the decision that the caucus had made, and I will be giving my full support to Betty Harnum in carrying out her duties on behalf of the Legislature. I want to make that known. A decision has been made, and I am not going to be dwelling on my own personal agenda that I have been carrying around for the last couple of years. I will be pushing ahead to see what we can do in this very important field. Thank you.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

---Applause

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Motion 39-12(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. To the motion. Question has been called. Recorded vote has been requested. All those in favour, please rise.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE: Mr. Allooloo, Mr. Ningark, Mr. Pollard, Ms. Cournoyea, Mr. Kakfwi, Mr. Morin, Mr. Whitford, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Arvaluk, Mr. Pudlat, Mr. Dent, Ms. Mike, Mr. Zoe, Mr. Koe, Mr. Todd, Mr. Bernhardt, Mr. Lewis.

MR. SPEAKER: All those opposed, please rise. Those abstaining, please rise.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE: Mrs. Marie-Jewell, Mr. Gargan, Mr. Antoine.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is carried. Eighteen affirmative, none opposed, three abstentions.

---Carried

Motions. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today concerning the terms of reference of the special committee on constitutional reform.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent has been requested. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Kakfwi.

Motion 38-12(1): Terms Of Reference For The Special Committee On Constitutional Reform, Carried

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly has established by Motion 17-12(1) the special committee on constitutional reform;

AND WHEREAS, after consultation, the special committee has prepared its terms of reference;

AND WHEREAS it is required by Rule 95(2) that the terms of reference of all special committees shall be approved by the Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, that the following terms of reference for the special committee on constitutional reform be approved:

The special committee on constitutional reform may on its own authority:

1) review proposals for constitutional and institutional reform as outlined in the Government of Canada's document entitled "Shaping Canada's Future Together" and any additional national, federal, provincial, territorial and non-governmental materials, and any other related matters;

2) undertake or request any legal or economic analysis necessary to assist this committee in the development of recommendations for the Legislative Assembly on matters relating to the substance and processes for constitutional and institutional reform;

3) undertake such consultations, discussions or meetings that are necessary with such national, federal, provincial or territorial bodies that have

responsibility to consider constitutional and institutional reform in Canada;

4) Undertake such consultations, discussions or meetings that are necessary with national, federal, provincial or territorial bodies that have responsibility to consider constitutional and institutional reform in Canada;

5) make presentations on behalf of the Legislative Assembly and the Government of the Northwest Territories to such bodies as the committee agrees appropriate;

6) prepare reports at times to be decided by the committee and as appropriate to the progress of the national unity debate;

7) review and recommend on any related matter referred to it by the Legislative Assembly; and

8) establish a quorum to be three Members, including the Chair.

Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order, Mr. Kakfwi. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I should just go back and make a correction. The motion was to have been seconded by the honourable Member for the Kitikmeot. Sorry.

MR. SPEAKER: Seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

We will now have a short recess. Thank you.

---SHORT RECESS

I call the Assembly back to order. Can we go to motion 27-12(1), Strategy Committee for Implementation of Recommendations of "Strength At Two Levels"? Mr. Dent.

Motion 27-12(1): Strategy Committee For Implementation Of Recommendations Of "Strength At Two Levels"

MR. DENT: Thank you. Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the government appears to be moving quickly to implement some of the recommendations of the report titled "Strength At Two Levels," also known as the Beatty report;

AND WHEREAS the Government Leader has committed to involving ordinary Members more actively in the process of government regarding implementation of the Beatty report recommendations;

AND WHEREAS the concerns of the ordinary Members may not be easily expressed to the government when this House is not in session;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin Central, that the Government Leader include three ordinary Members of this Assembly on its strategy committee for implementing the recommendations of the report "Strength At Two Levels"

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MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order, Mr. Dent. To the motion. Mr. Dent.

MR. DENT: Mr. Speaker, I believe most Members in this House support the theme of the report, "Strength At Two Levels." Having said that, however, there are concerns among many Members regarding some of the recommendations, concerns that need to be addressed here in the House before the government moves to implement any recommendations from the report.

Ordinary Members have welcomed this government's pledge to include us much more in the decisions of government, but we have heard several statements in the past week which cause concern because these statements make it sound like the government is proceeding to implement some of the recommendations without any involvement from this side of the House. Statements like announcing that POL would be transferred to the NWT Power Corporation and that the Departments of Health and Social Services would be combined took us by surprise happening before we had the opportunity to even discuss the report in the Legislature.

The government appears to be trying to move quickly -- perhaps too quickly -- to implement recommendations from the Beatty report. Ordinary Members are concerned that their concerns about some of the recommendations might not be addressed before the government moves to implement them.

The purpose of this motion is to ensure that ordinary Members are given the opportunity to provide the sort of advice the government has said they would welcome, placing three ordinary Members on the committee planning the implementation strategy to allow the concerns of ordinary Members to be raised even if the House is not in session.

Given this government's commitment to more openness and accountability and their pledge to involve ordinary Members in government decision-making, I hope we will see the honourable Members on the government side also supporting this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder for the motion, Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD: Mr. Speaker, I, like Mr. Dent, agree that there is a requirement for more open government. I would hope the Government Leader and the other side of the House would not see this motion as a means to void or to interfere in the process of cabinet, but merely to complement and to ensure that the recommendations and the move forward do have the full support of the House. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. "Strength At Two Levels" means just that. That means very effective education divisional boards and regional councils are with this report in possible jeopardy in continuing to be effective regional organizations. There are too many questions in that report yet. For that reason, I will be supporting the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think we would like to point out to the House that any changes that we may make in government structure would ultimately have to pass through the standing committee on legislation, the

standing committee on finance or the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions, or all three of these committees, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, ordinary Members will be consulted through the process even though the House may not be sitting.

Mr. Speaker, we will commit to involve ordinary Members in reviewing the path that we may follow with "Strength At Two Levels." We are unable, though, to go as far as to say that three Members from the other side could join us at cabinet meetings. However, you have our commitment, Mr. Speaker, that ordinary Members will be involved. Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion 27-12(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motion 26-12(1): Contribution To The NWT Council For Disabled Persons

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the NWT Council for Disabled Persons provides advocacy and services for disabled persons throughout the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the council depends heavily on the use of local volunteers and on fund-raising to cover much of its costs;

AND WHEREAS the council has received no capital funds from the Government of the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the council finds the cost of rental space puts a heavy burden on its resources and has begun a drive to purchase its own building;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Deh Cho, that the Department of Social Services considers a contribution to the NWT Council for Disabled Persons' building project. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order, Mr. Lewis. To the motion.

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have pointed out in the past that many people throughout the city -- and I know that this happens right throughout the Northwest Territories -- are called on to provide a lot of their own time and resources in order to provide the social services that are not normally covered by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

The purpose of this motion, Mr. Speaker, is to point out that the many groups do not come to the government just to ask them to do everything for them. They make a big effort, and I know that many Members here have attended such things as the Celebrity Auction where we raise about \$20,000 a year simply because people offer their services for a very good cause. We have come to a time now, Mr. Speaker, where the

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cost of providing this kind of service has increased so much that we are asking the government to give at least some kind of help, some kind of assistance or contribution, if you like, to match the efforts that are made by volunteers. I would leave what can be afforded to the government to judge. That is the purpose of this motion, and I urge Members to support it. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The seconder of the motion is Mr. Gargan. He was here when the motion was ruled in order, but he is now not here. To the motion. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to see such a motion. Prior to the election, there were disabled people living with families that I had a chance to meet. There were many questions that were given to the MLA. There are many concerns. The main concern is that there is not an adequate building for disabled people for use by them. People who have to look after disabled persons do have a hard job. They are burdened. They have to think about it. There will have to be a service for disabled people and a sufficient and good place for them to be. I stand today to support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. To the motion. Mr. Whitford.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very familiar with the work of the council and I, and many other people, personally have worked hard to support its efforts for the last several years. I have been aware of it and have been able to do things. I support the efforts of the council in the many ways that they help, and people appreciate very much the situation that they find themselves in at the moment.

I cannot offer any positive indication as to whether any moneys will be found from either of the two departments that I am currently involved in that are involved with the council. However, I want to assure the Member that even in these tight fiscal times we will be reviewing capital projects that may have lapsed, or moneys that may be around, to see if there is any assistance that we can make to this very worthy group of people and their problem at the moment.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to first of all apologize to Mr. Lewis for not being here when I seconded his motion, but I, too, support the motion. I know that Mr. Whitford did say that it might be difficult to find the necessary moneys to make a contribution for the disabled persons' building project, but I believe that as part of the capital plan the Minister could perhaps allocate a designated amount. Perhaps that might be the answer to making a contribution, unless the government wants to sponsor the whole project 100 per cent. I believe the intent of the motion is that there are moneys that the Council for Disabled Persons have already received, and they need further contributions. I believe that is what it is. I fully support the motion, and I would like the rest of the Members to do the same thing. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion, Mr. Pudlat.

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to support the motion. In our constituency it is difficult to care for these disabled persons and the elders. It is important that we understand that they should have a good place. I realize that we are short of money, but I feel we should think seriously about this very important item. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudlat. To the motion. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion 26-12(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

We will move to Motion 30-12(1), Small School for the Settlement of Kakisa. Mr. Lewis.

Motion 30-12(1): Small School For The Settlement Of Kakisa

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move the following motion:

WHEREAS the present education structure in Kakisa is a resident trailer with the porch serving as a classroom;

AND WHEREAS the desire of the people of Kakisa is for a two-classroom unit which could accommodate both an elementary classroom and a resource centre for adult educational needs;

AND WHEREAS persistent and extensive lobbying in this regard during the 11th Assembly produced no apparent results;

AND WHEREAS practically every community in the Northwest Territories has a physical structure for education with the exception of Kakisa;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Deh Cho, that this Legislative Assembly recommends that the Minister of Education consider the construction of a small education facility in Kakisa as a high priority in the department's plans during the next four years. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. To the motion, Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I agreed to move this motion even though it is not in my own constituency, Mr. Speaker, because for a large part of my life I was a professional educator, and there were always problems in determining how far you could go in providing the services to people.

It seems to me that the government is not consistent in the way it provides this service to people, and Kakisa is a perfect example of a place where young people have to be educated and for some strange reason that has been the exception. Whereas other places have been allowed to get facilities, this one has been asked to manage with something which is less than adequate for providing a good education for young people. I propose this motion for that reason. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The seconder of the motion, Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the Member for Yellowknife Centre making this motion. Mr. Speaker, it was only four years ago that the first school was established in Kakisa. They do have a resident teacher that lives in the trailer, and they have built a small portion to the trailer that they

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are using right now as a small classroom for the students.

Before that, Mr. Speaker, students in Kakisa used to go to Fort Simpson. That was pretty hard on the parents as well as on the students themselves. The only time they actually had the opportunity to go home was during Christmas and Easter and during the summer months. This is the first time that they had a small school.

I had written a letter to the Minister of Education before Mr. Allooooloo became Minister. When Mr. Kakfwi was Minister, he did get a small school in his constituency of Colville Lake, which is the equivalent size of Kakisa. It was on that basis that I asked the Minister at that time to consider Kakisa for a small school.

Mr. Speaker, the intent of the motion is not that the school should be constructed this summer, but I would like the government to seriously look at Kakisa's need and perhaps look at the possibility of having a small school constructed during the next four years. We also have a lot of adults in Kakisa that are full-time trappers that really did not have a formal education; we even have young people at my age that did not have that much opportunity to go to elementary or high school, that would like to learn, and perhaps this would give them an opportunity. Presently, even though they do have a literacy

program in the rest of the communities, Kakisa does not have that because there is no place to have such a program. So I would like to ask the Members to support the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Question is being called. Mr. Allooooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to inform the House, those people that might not know, the number of students that are in Kakisa. I am told there are six students presently in Kakisa, and the forecast does not indicate an increase in students for next year. The Member is correct that there is a trailer provided. I am told that there are no preschool kids presently living in Kakisa. Also in Kakisa there is a part-time literacy tutor. If students are interested in upgrading, they can be tutored in their homes or in a small group, if they are interested, in the band office in the evenings.

While a space for adult education is desirable, it is not, to my department's view, crucial to the operation of a literacy program in the community. I thought I should point that out.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion 30-12(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Could we go on to Motion 32-12(1), Adult Education Centre, Hay River Reserve. Mr. Antoine.

Motion 32-12(1): Adult Education Centre, Hay River Reserve

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This motion is about an adult education centre, Hay River Reserve.

WHEREAS adults living on the Hay River Reserve are required to attend Arctic College day classes at the Chief Sunrise Elementary School;

AND WHEREAS adult students and younger students alike find this current arrangement to be a disruptive influence on their studies;

AND WHEREAS the Hay River Reserve Band has held discussions with Arctic College with an eye to utilizing the old band office for next fall's school term;

AND WHEREAS a more desirable long-term solution would be to establish a permanent adult education centre for the Hay River Reserve;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Deh Cho, that this Legislative Assembly recommends that the Minister of Education include an adult education centre for the Hay River Reserve when developing the department's five-year capital plan.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE: (Translation) The Hay River Reserve is not in my constituency. I am doing this on behalf of Sam. I have been to the reserve in Hay River a few times, so I know a bit about it. Last Friday and Saturday I attended a meeting over there. It was in the school gym. When I arrived the kids were still in school, so I have some idea of what it means for an adult to attend school there. Right now in the Hay River Reserve they are in the process of building a new band office. After it is completed, they want to use the old band office as an adult education school. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Antoine is absolutely right in suggesting that the reserve is not requesting a capital project as opposed to that they have an adult education centre. The band office is now working on building a new band office. This is not a new band office; it is an old town hall building that was in Pine Point, that they have relocated, torn down and are rebuilding on the reserve. So if anybody goes to the reserve you will find the new band office, as referred to, has all been built by second-hand lumber that was used for the old town hall in Pine Point.

The motion is straight forward. The band council has met with Mr. Ron Holtorf several times in November and another time in October. They have requested that they discuss with the Department of Public Works and other GNWT people the matter of utilizing the present band office as an adult education centre.

So it is basically hoping that through this motion the government would be compelled to consider the band

office, which would be vacant this coming fall, as an adult education centre, with some minor renovations.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to inform the Members who might not know the Hay River Reserve, at present a large space for adult education is included in the school built in 1985 in consultation with the school education council and the chief of the band. At that time they envisioned an education centre for all ages. The design of the building reflected that desire by having four classrooms for the school program and a large classroom for adult programs. The school also includes a resource centre, industrial arts room and home economics room. Until the enrolment of the school, presently at 46 students, reaches the capacity of 88 students, a new adult education centre, to my

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department, is not required. The enrolment forecast for the Hay River Reserve does not indicate that the school will reach the capacity in the next five years.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Mover of the motion, conclude debate. Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I moved the motion on behalf of Sam, and I wonder if he could respond on my behalf.

Motion 32-12(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: I am sorry, but I think you know the issue. You moved the motion. This is the last chance. To the motion. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Next is Motion 34-12(1), Construction of a Garage in Kakisa. Mr. Gargan.

Motion 34-12(1): Construction Of A Garage In Kakisa

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS the settlement of Kakisa has a number of vehicles and equipment;

AND WHEREAS these vehicles are needed to provide maintenance and services to the community;

AND WHEREAS there is no facility to store the vehicles and equipment;

AND WHEREAS the five-year capital plan of the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs has no provision for the construction of a garage in Kakisa;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for North Slave, that this Legislative Assembly recommends that the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs consider allocating funds for the construction of a garage in Kakisa as a high priority in the department's capital plan.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Presently under MACA they have a small sewage pump-out system and a small water delivery system that you could pull behind a vehicle. They also have a suburban. They also have a garbage truck, but they do not have any place for storage of that equipment. I brought it up last summer that we were having problems with storage space with regard to those capital projects that the government realizes cost quite a bit of money to get. The water delivery system, for example, they do deliver water but the ice keeps building up in the tank and eventually you have no use for the equipment itself because there is no storage space to thaw out the equipment. They have a small one-bay garage as part of the old band office that they store the garbage truck in. But it is also in cold storage. It does not help the vehicle in extremely cold temperatures.

Basically I would hope the government would look at this one with more of a priority, since the government did invest quite a bit of money on equipment to the community. I would be concerned that the equipment could be damaged by ice when the water freezes in the equipment. I would hope the community could look at this.

I also believe the dry chemical truck which is now located in Enterprise would be also going to Kakisa. But that would also require storage space which is non-existent at this point in time. I believe the need is there for that. I would ask Mr. Allooloo to fill the Members in on the rest.

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder, Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: I have difficulty with this motion. I understand the Member's concern and I also have a lot of concerns about my area, especially for Arctic Bay. All the trucks, dump trucks, front-end loaders, in Arctic Bay have to be parked outside overnight, sometimes running all night, because they have no place to put them.

Motion To Amend Motion 34-12(1)

MR. SPEAKER: May I have a copy of the amendment, please? The Chair will recess for five minutes to get a copy of the amendment and a translation.

---SHORT RECESS

For the record I will read the amendment to add the following words after the words, "capital plan," to provide "that any allocation of funds comes from the total funds identified for the Fort Smith Region and not from planned allocations of other regions of the Northwest Territories." Mr. Pudluk, your amendment is in order. To the amendment. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: I will try to speak as mover to the amendment to motion 34-12(1). The reason for the amendment is that there is no way for me to object to the regional mover mainly because of a lack of experience in envisioning or finding the need -- although I have heard that there are approximately 40 people in Kakisa, but the point here is even if you have a thousand people there, the budget is not in front of us. It is not fair to other regions to blindly make motions when a draft budget is not even presented by the finance committee to the Government of the Northwest Territories. One of the examples I could use right now for my area is the population of Coral Harbour is just under 600; I think it is about 600 now. Coral Harbour has over one million dollars of private investment in boats: nine Peterheads, one high tech boat, 25 canoes and 10 fibre glass Lake Winnipeg boats, pleasure crafts. These are all very important working boats that are used for the livelihood of the community because we are on an island. We have no way to protect the boats from the high tide waters and storms. I will not be making this kind of motion while we are sitting here, until we have time to review the budget. For that reason, I support the amendment to the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the amendment. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I have no problems with the motion except to mention that the government, during the last Assembly, did spend a substantial amount of money -- at least the Executive Council did -- in communities that are the equivalent size of Kakisa. I can refer to Colville Lake, which in 1988 had \$55,000 planning money; \$450,000 for the school itself; and another \$20,000 for landscaping, et cetera. In a three-year span, there was over half a million dollars spent on a small community like that.

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I do not think Members should be too concerned about which region it comes from. Basically, suggest that if the need is there it should be built. What I am suggesting in this case is that we do have equipment that needs to be stored. It is not as if the equipment does not exist. I have no problem with the amendment.

MR. SPEAKER: To the amendment.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Amend Motion 34-12(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. All those in favour of the amendment? All those opposed? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

To the motion as amended.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I only want to briefly say, since the motion is directed at the department for which I am responsible, that I do welcome advice from MLAs on priorities for the many capital requirements in communities with regard to municipal infrastructure. I am looking forward to getting advice from all MLAs who have advice to give me on the capital plan priorities including, of course, the honourable Member from Tu Nedhe.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion as amended.

Motion 34-12(1), Carried As Amended

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

I understand that Mr. Zoe is standing down Motion 36-12(1), Construction of Airport at Rae-Edzo until tomorrow. That concludes motions. Mr. Dent.

MR. DENT: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to go back to Item 6, written questions.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent has been requested. Are there any nays?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Dent.

REVERT TO ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W12-12(1): GNWT Participation In Expo

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. My question is addressed to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. Speaker, given the Minister's statement that the government is not reconsidering our participation at Expo '92, the Minister must be satisfied that the cost of our participation is more than balanced by the benefits that will accrue from that participation.

1) Will the Minister supply the latest revised budget including a breakdown of expected revenue for our participation at Expo '92?

2) Will the Minister provide a report outlining the expected benefits resulting from participation at Expo '92?

3) Will the Minister provide a report outlining the expenses and revenues for NWT participation at Expo '86 in Vancouver, along with a report outlining the benefits that resulted in our participation there?

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Item 6, written questions. Item 14, motions.

Item 15, first reading of bills.

Item 16, second reading of bills. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and

other matters: Ministers' Statement 2-12(1), Living Within Our Means; Ministers' Statement 5-12(1), Community Transfer Initiative; Tabled Document 3-12(1), Strength At Two Levels; Bill 4, Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act; Bill 1, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1991-92; Bill 2, Borrowing Authorization Act; Bill 3, Adoption of the French Version of the Statutes and Statutory Instruments Act, with Mr. Pudluk in the chair.

ITEM 17: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS AND OTHER MATTERS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The committee will come to order. What does the committee wish to do this afternoon? Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, we would like to proceed with Bills 4, 1, 2 and 3.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Does the government agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Private Members' Bill 4: Legislative Assembly And Executive Council Act

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. This is a private Members' public bill, An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act. Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In respect to Bill 4, the bill will disallow increases to certain indemnities paid to Members under the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, only for the period beginning April 1, 1992 and ending March 31, 1993. In essence, Mr. Chairman, we are requesting that there be a freeze on Members' salaries, base salaries and indemnities paid to Members for this time period. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): General comments. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, before we go clause by clause, I would like to make a comment in regard to this Private Members' Bill 4. All financial bills, Mr. Chairman, are usually referred to the standing committee on finance. This particular bill has financial implications and it is a financial bill and I am just wondering why this particular bill was not referred to the finance committee.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. The Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did not request this bill to go to the standing committee on finance, I agree, because I did not feel - I was under the impression

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that bills which requested more funding and had financial implications would require to be pursued through the standing committee on finance. But since this funding is expended and basically what I have, what I am indicating in my bill, is that the funds for base salaries remain at the same, no additional funding required. I did not feel a need for it to go through the standing committee on finance. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD: I just want to make some general comments as chairman of the standing committee on finance. I would think the bill is obvious; there is a need for restraint. The cabinet has demonstrated that; other members of the government have demonstrated that; we should demonstrate that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. General comments? Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think that is a noble gesture always, you know, when you say, "Look, we are going to lead by example" and that is the way it should be done. But what the government did when it tabled all these proposed cuts, was to omit, omit to indicate how much money was being saved. That was left to somebody else, I believe, to figure out exactly what the savings would be. I would be very interested to know exactly how much money is going to be saved as a result of passing this motion. Because if it is the intent of the motion to show, by example, how much money this group of people here is prepared to contribute, you know, to the deficit, then I think that it would help the public to understand how much we are hurting ourselves, how much injury, if you like, is being done to each individual Member by this huge contribution we are making toward reducing the deficit. I would like to have that kind of figure. I mean, we would have got that if it was down to the standing committee on finance. That kind of information would have been revealed, if it had gone to that appropriate committee, because it is not just a matter of spending more

money, that is not the issue, it is a financial issue and it would be very, very good if we were, not only prepared to indicate how much more money we want to spend, but also how much less money we are prepared to spend, and the public should know that. It has a right to know it, and it would only happen if this bill went to the standing committee on finance. You got the analysis to look at, figure out exactly how much it is going to be worth and it would be a great contribution, I think, to the public knowledge of how committed this government is towards restraint. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. General comments? Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I just want to give a point of clarification in respect to the amount of funding to be saved. It would be difficult to assess at this moment, because our base salary increases would depend on the COLA, cost of living allowance, for 1991, and the COLA does not come out until after December 1991, so it would be difficult to assess the estimated amount.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. General comments. Does the committee wish to go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Alright. Clause 1. Mr. Gargan, did you wish to make an amendment? Mr. Gargan.

Motion To Amend Clause 1, Bill 4

MR. GARGAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, be amended by striking out "25(1), 26(2), 27(1) and 28(1)" and substituting a period for the comma immediately following subsection 23(1).

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, the reason why I would like to get those deleted is that I believe the intent is to put a cap on salaries, but it would make it very difficult for Members to function as Members if we start restricting them based on what they have for their constituencies and also to do committee work and that. I think the principle is to put a cap on or else to cut back, and in this case I think we are, as 18 Members, not increasing our salaries but keeping it the same.

At the same time, I think it is important that the Members realize that you do have a certain amount for your constituency work, and I hate to see gasoline, air fares and everything else increase and these do not. We might be limiting ourselves in our capacity as Members, so this is the reason why I would like to make a motion to delete those and I hope to get the Members' support on that. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the amendment. Mr. Dent.

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am opposed to the amendment. I think that we need to show the type of fiscal restraint that shows that we are serious about it, and I suspect that what Mr. Lewis was alluding to was that it would be a somewhat small foregone increase, if you will. I think it is important that we be seen to be taking steps that we recognize how difficult the financial situation is in the NWT and be willing to make the sacrifices involved to make substantial cuts in our own salaries and benefits. I would urge the other Members to consider that, in fact, we are probably not talking about a whole bunch of money and I think that we should demonstrate a real commitment to fiscal restraint and agree to include our allowances and other tax-free benefits in the bill not to be increased. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the amendment. Mr. Arngna'naaq.

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did not get a copy of the amendment so I am not quite sure what is being discussed at this point. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Copies were sent out. To the amendment, Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just quickly, in calculating, I have a difficult time supporting this amendment because when I calculated last year the percentage of the COLA that was given to MLAs there was a five per cent cost of living allowance, and with that they received a five per cent cost of living allowance to their base salary and also in the indemnity funding.

With our budget of \$1.6 million for this portion, both salaries and indemnities, if we take, for example, last year -- based on last year's figures of the cost of living allowance, we would actually be saving \$83,600. Taking into consideration our base salary and all of our living allowance, I do not think it is much to ask of

the Members, to save somewhere in the tune of \$84,000. I think it will show good leadership and I want to remind Members that next year this government is going to be going into negotiations with different unions and I think it is fairly unfair for us to ask them to consider wage restraints for civil servants and other boards and agencies when we are going to be self righteous and keep our salary the same, or our expenses the same. I think we really have to show leadership and be the first ones to take a cut -- I am saying

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keep our salaries the same. There is nothing wrong with asking Members to request this. I have a difficult time supporting the amendment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the amendment. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just for the record, the deletion of clause 25(1) refers to the \$65 that is being paid to the Deputy Speaker and the deputy chairmen of committee of the whole. That is not very much money, \$65 a day, and if you look at the Speaker, the Speaker's salary has gone up, I believe, to the tune of about 200 per cent. Even with the cut, it is still a large increase. In the presiding officers' indemnities there is not that much of an increase, \$65 a day, keeping that the same and not increasing it, I find this could be difficult because I know, Mr. Chairman. I have been the Deputy Speaker for the last eight years and it does not pay to be a presiding officer, as far as I am concerned. I think it is really unfair to the presiding officers, once we get them, to let them know that they have to put a cap on their honorariums, if you want to call it that, to keep them in the chair.

The other comment is with regard to section 26(2). This section refers to when you are serving on a special or standing committee and the honorarium for that is \$190 a day. I only serve on two committees and whenever the opportunity arises for those people to meet that is the only time that the Members actually get paid that indemnity. A lot of meetings occur without the indemnities being paid. When you are in session, for example, the committees meet and the people do not get the extra for meeting in the evenings or before 9:00 a.m., because the day is filled with other agendas. The dedication is there to work outside normal working hours, and it is difficult for Members. I do not know whether restricting them from this is fair, when you have to travel to

Yellowknife most of the time for committee meetings as opposed to going to other communities, but I would think it is fair.

The other one is with regard to section 28(1) where a Member gets a 90-day indemnity or else they get an indemnity when they start travelling between their residence and communities. It is either one, either you could delete the indemnity you pay Members when they leave their community. For example, I travel to Yellowknife in one day, a few hours, I do not benefit from this. But I certainly could feel that the Members from the Eastern Arctic are going to be put in a bad position if we start not paying them that part of the indemnity. I know accommodation is pretty high in the Eastern Arctic and some Members take as long as a week to get here. So not compensating them and having them pay out of their own pocket is unfair, as opposed to Members that live in the West. Most of the western Members could make it here in one day. So they do not have to make those kinds of sacrifices.

I think it is really unfair if we have to restrict Members from the Eastern Arctic by limiting their indemnities in that area. I think most of the sections being deleted have to do with travel and accommodation. Things are going up and so is everything else when you travel. Limiting those indemnities would probably limit your function as a Member. So I would hope the Members could support my amendment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the amendment.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Amend Clause 1, Bill 4, Defeated

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The amendment is defeated.

---Defeated.

Clause 1. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The bill as a whole. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is Bill 4 ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Bill 1: Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1991-92

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Now we will go to Bill 1. Would the Minister like to introduce this bill.

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Bill 1, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1991-92. The purpose of this bill is to make supplementary appropriations for the Government of the NWT for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1992. Mr. Chairman, after the standing committee on finance has reported I would like permission to bring in a witness.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Todd, chairman of the standing committee on finance.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Finance

MR. TODD: Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on finance reviewed this bill extensively in its meetings on December 5th, 6th, 8th and 11th. The committee was pleased that the Minister of Finance and his staff were available to answer the many questions of the committee. Responses to our questions, although not always to our liking, were provided in a very efficient manner.

During our meeting on December 11th the committee agreed to recommend this bill to the House for consideration. The committee recognizes that the bulk of this bill was formulated by the previous administration. However the committee did have several concerns. I will speak to the major ones. Members of the committee may have comments on the detail of this bill during the discussions in committee of the whole.

The first concern of this committee was the short amount of time we had to review the bill. The committee received the details of this bill, the evening of December 2, just two days prior to our meeting. The committee recognizes the time constraints that all

Members have been under of late, including the Executive Council, but we stress that these bills must be received in ample time to allow for a full and comprehensive review.

Secondly, the committee was concerned about the size of the supplementary appropriations that are coming forward. If this bill is passed, the total supplementary appropriation for the current fiscal year will be over \$80 million and we still have three months left at the end of the fiscal year.

Finally, the committee is concerned about the use of special

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warrants. These expenditures are made without the prior approval of this House. The committee feels that special warrants should only be used in exceptional circumstances. I would like to point out that the former chairman of SCOF, now the Minister of Finance, had similar concerns with special warrants. This is an area we have only touched upon with the Minister of Finance, but one we will be giving close scrutiny to over the next four years.

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Does the committee agree that the Minister bring in his witness?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Proceed, Mr. Minister. Mr. Minister, would you like to introduce your witness for the record?

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, Members of the committee, joining me now is Mr. Lew Voytilla, the secretary to the Financial Management Board.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. The committee will go to details now. Page 5, Supplementary Appropriation No. 2.

Department Of Executive

Ministers' Offices, Total O And M

Executive, Total O and M, Ministers' offices, special warrant, \$90,000 not previously authorized \$72,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, we just passed a motion to not increase our travel or indemnities and here we have another to provide funding for the increased costs due to inflationary increases associated with Ministers' home air travel of \$72,000. I believe we did accept the principle of restraint. I would like to ask the Minister that the ordinary Members restrict themselves on the increase and the Minister's will get an increase. Perhaps the Government Leader may enlighten me on what this is for.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The previous Minister of Finance and the Financial Management Board had incorporated a supplementary reserve for inflationary increases into the fiscal framework of the Government of the NWT, and on September 11th when this was brought forward, it was merely seeking those inflationary increases from a reserve that had been set up for that specific purpose.

Mr. Chairman, there are no inflationary increases allowed in the budget or they were not allowed in the O and M, in this particular area, and in other areas of the budget at the last budget session. So it was merely using up reserves that had been allowed for. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Could the Minister enlighten me on the breakdown of the travel? I also wanted to mention that in light of the fact that we were anticipating a deficit, that because we were not aware of those costs or hidden costs, should the Executive realize that we might run into a deficit and practise restraint?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, we are, as much as possible, practising restraint, because we are aware of an impending deficit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Are we going to be in a deficit or not?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, when the main estimates came before the House last April they

were forecasting to be in a deficit position of some eight million dollars. That has increased and it will be in excess of \$30 million this year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister could provide to the committee, to other Members who are not Members of the standing committee on finance, is there a formula the Minister's office used to determine their ministerial home travel?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, it is in ministerial administrative procedures, section 12, the title is "home travel". Item 2 says, "A Minister's annual budget for home travel expenses is based on the estimated costs of 32 economy class return air trips between the Minister's home community in his or her electoral district and Yellowknife." Mr. Chairman, those costs have been pro-rated for the previous Executive and for the new Executive and if you wish I will read them into the record.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, I think it would be appropriate if the honourable Member would read it into the record.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: This is pro-rated, Mr. Chairman. The Government Leader, home travel, \$11,177; Mr. Allooloo, \$28,298; Mr. Kakfwi, \$8880; Mr. Morin, \$2088; Mr. Ningark, \$13,992; Mr. Patterson, \$17,168; Myself, \$3176; Mr. Whitford, no dollars.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, in regard to the home travel budget, could Ministers use other types of trips -- let me put it a different way. The Minister's ability to use the home travel budget for other types of trips, is that allowed? Is it strictly home travel? For instance Mr. Allooloo, if he did not utilize it to go home on duty, could he utilize it to go to Expo in Spain? That is an extreme, but is it strictly for home travel?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, it is limited only to Minister's home travel.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I do believe that most Members will be going home for Christmas, but other than that you have the winter session that starts in February, so from February right up to the end of the fiscal year, March 30th, there are about seven weeks we are going to be in session. But also you have to look at maybe we are not going to be in session for the next month and a half. Am I

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correct to assume that -- the Finance Minister has done an estimate on how many times a Minister is going to be travelling to their home community, back and forth -- for example in Mr. Allooloo's riding, for him to go back to this community it is going to be \$28,000. Are we assuming that Mr. Allooloo is going to be doing \$28,000 worth of travel between his home community and here? I would assume that every week he would be looking at travelling back to the home community.

When you say "home community" -- I know for myself my home community is Fort Providence because that is where I live. Do Ministers also have homes that they reside in? What you call "home" in this place and your constituency is where you come from. Maybe you could enlighten me on that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, the guideline specifically says "the Minister's home community in his/her electoral district and Yellowknife." So it is specifically saying the home community is in the electoral district where the Minister was elected. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Special warrant, \$90,000; not previously authorized \$72,000. Agreed? Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Looking through the document, and starting at this first page, the items under "not previously authorized" I see in the details the words "special warrants" right through this document. To me the words "not previously authorized" means that obviously these were not budgeted for and not authorized by anyone. My concern is with the special warrant. Who authorizes special warrants?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, Mr. Chairman, on the recommendation of the Financial Management Board. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: Is there any limitation as to what the Commissioner can authorize?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: There is no dollar limit, Mr. Chairman, to what the Commissioner may authorize upon the recommendation of the Financial Management Board. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: If there is no dollar limit, does he ever say no? Is every bill or document put forward to the Commissioner approved on the advice of the Financial Management Board?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, there are three criteria limiting a special warrant. It must be considered in the public interest and there must be insufficient funds available to cover that particular warrant, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: I am really confused now. If there are sufficient funds available, why are we projecting deficits? Or did I hear you wrong?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: My apologies. I said "insufficient funds," not enough funds. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: If the Commissioner approves this budget, is the Commissioner accountable? Who is accountable?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: The Government of the Northwest Territories through the Financial Management Board, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Ministers' offices, special warrant for \$90,000. Not previously authorized, \$72,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, the reasons for special warrants is if there are not enough moneys or if it is of an urgent nature. In the event that approval was given September 11, 1991 to provide funding for unanticipated costs associated with special purpose reviews, I would like to ask the Minister what the special purpose review is. Was this with regard to the funny things that were happening within the department?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, it was for social services review and for the POL review that was raised earlier today in question period. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: I do not see anything on the POL review. I only see special purpose reviews. What is the special purpose review?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, there was Financial Management Board approval for \$40,000 for the review of the Department of Social Services and \$50,000 for a review of the petroleum delivery contracts award process. The \$40,000 for the social services review was required to conduct a review of allegations of misconduct on the part of the Minister and senior officials. The \$50,000 for the petroleum delivery review was required to conduct the review of the awarding of fuel contracts. There was a concern expressed by the then standing committee on finance, Mr. Chairman, in that regard. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, the Minister gave us figures for the new Ministers' travel budget. Could I ask the Minister, if the \$72,000 is approved, what would the amount be for the Ministers' home travel portion of the budget?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, I do not have that number here at the present time, but I will endeavour to get it for the Member. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Take that question as notice. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: In the definition of a special warrant, a special warrant is an expenditure that is urgently needed, that is in the public interest and there is no appropriation to incur the expenditure, and there is no prior approval. Does a department just spend and spend, and hope that somewhere this Assembly is going to approve it?

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, when a department realizes it is going to require funds that would be classified for a special warrant, it has to go before the Financial Management Board and seek approval from the FMB prior to expending the funds. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Ministers' Offices, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Page 5, Ministers' offices. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Executive Council Secretariat, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Executive Council Secretariat. Special warrant for \$180,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Aboriginal Rights And Constitutional Development, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development. Special warrant for \$75,000, not previously authorized, \$735,000. Agreed? Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, the special warrant that was issued for \$75,000 indicates in the detail that someone was doing the work for us. Could I ask who we had a contract with?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: It was Mr. Robert DeLury, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD: Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on finance did agree to recommend that the \$735,000 in not previously authorized funding proceed. I would like to caution cabinet and the Minister of Finance that before any further funds are expended, we want a full report provided to the House in April.

Aboriginal Rights And Constitutional Development, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, special warrant, \$75,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Not previously authorized, \$735,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Regional Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Regional operations, not previously authorized, \$25,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Highway Transport Board/Public Utilities Board, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Highway Transport Board/Public Utilities Board, not previously authorized, \$436,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Executive, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Total department, special warrants, \$345,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Not previously authorized, \$396,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Finance

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): We will go to Finance, operations and maintenance, directorate, special warrant, \$489,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, almost half a million dollars for Finance, operations and maintenance, directorate. For half a million dollars -- if we could get a little more explanation from the honourable Member for Hay River, the Minister of Finance. If he could give us more detail as to what is happening here.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, on July 24, 1991, the Financial Management Board approved a request for the Department of Government Services to revise computer service chargeback rates, and that was because Government Services had upgraded their computers. The Department of Finance advised at that time that insufficient funds were available to meet the increased commitment required as a result of the revised computer chargeback rates. As the continued operation of a highly sophisticated financial system is mandatory in order to meet the complex accounting control and reporting requirements of the government, the request for \$489,000 was granted. Government Services upped its rates, Mr. Chairman, and we pay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Directorate, \$489,000, special warrant. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Government Accounting, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Government accounting, not previously authorized, \$15,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: With regard to "Funding transferred from the Department of Education to the Department of Finance to reverse an earlier transfer which provided funding for payroll processing costs for Arctic College. Payroll processing is now provided by the Department of Finance at no cost to Arctic College...." Is that \$15,000 taken back since the Department of Finance now is doing it? They have taken that money back from the Department of Education. Is that correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, this has always been done. There was a memorandum of agreement between the Minister of Finance and Arctic College, and that was terminated on March 31, 1988, Mr. Chairman. The Department of Finance has provided payroll processing services to the college. The agreement that we previously had has been superseded by the GNWT transfer policy, under which payroll processing services are provided by the Department of Finance at no cost to the college. We used to bill them, and we do not bill them any more, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: That would be since 1988, then?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: This just came into effect this year, Mr. Chairman. I did mention, though, that there was an earlier memorandum of agreement between the Minister of Finance and Arctic College which was terminated on March 31, 1988. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, presumably in 1988 there was an agreement between the Department of Education and the Department of Finance which allowed Arctic College to do their own accounting and financing, et cetera. That was terminated in 1988, but I do not know what that has to do with this \$15,000. I am not too clear on that, Mr. Chairman. Exactly what does that mean? The agreement was terminated in 1988, but what does that have to do with that \$15,000?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister, would you like to explain that?

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This may sound a little strange, but we performed the services for Arctic College. We would give them the \$15,000, then we would send them a bill for the \$15,000 and get it back again as payment for the services that we provided them in the payroll area. Now we are eliminating that \$15,000. We are taking it back, and there will be no bills sent and no paper moving around, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Government Accounting, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Are you happy now, Mr. Gargan? Government accounting, \$15,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed

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Department of Finance, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total department, \$489,000, special warrants, and \$15,000, not previously authorized. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Culture And Communications

Library Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): On page 8, Culture and Communications, operations and maintenance, library services, not previously authorized, \$74,000. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, on the first \$30,000 of the \$74,000 which is for wage parity between our government and municipal local librarians, could I ask the Minister which communities are receiving the benefits of wage parity arrangements?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, they are Arviat, one person -- and I am not sure if they are full-time or part-time -- one person in Baker Lake, one in Cambridge Bay, one in Clyde River, one in Coppermine, one in Fort Norman, three in Igloodik, five in Inuvik, two in Norman Wells, one in

Pangnirtung, one in Pond Inlet, two in Yellowknife and on the Hay River Reserve, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Any more on library services, \$74,000, not previously authorized? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Cultural Affairs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Cultural affairs, not previously authorized, \$32,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total department, \$106,000. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, on the activity of cultural affairs not previously authorized of \$32,000, I assume, Mr. Chairman, that this money is not spent yet and they are now asking us to approve it for the Metis Elders Advisory Council to meet in Simpson and Fort Smith. Now, in the time of restraint, Mr. Chairman, has not the government considered taking a look at this particular item? Also, my other question to the Minister is, why is the government giving funding to one particular group only, one aboriginal group?

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Because they are pitiful.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister, do you want to answer that, or do you want someone else to answer it? Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, this was approved, I think, or looked at, on July 8th. It was authorized, \$32,000, dollars to the Metis Heritage Association with respect to the Metis Elders Advisory Council. We ratified that on November 27, 1991.

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Mr. Chairman. The Metis Heritage Association is part of the Metis Nation, which is not affiliated with the Dene Cultural Institute in any way. As a separate organization their funding requests are handled on a basis equivalent to other organizations requesting

funding. So we believe that they have been treated fairly along with everybody else. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, my other question that the Minister did not really answer, did we expend this money without having approval of the Legislature? If you did, what manner did we use -- why did you not use a special warrant if it is already spent?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, I do not think that it fit into the category of a special warrant, but it was deemed necessary. It is being done by not previously authorized expenditure. I do believe, sir, that the money has been spent, and in the event that the Legislative Assembly should deny the \$32,000, the department would have to fund it from within, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, so that money has been expended without any form of approval. Now, how could one department not seek approval from FMB before expending money?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, the Financial Management Board authorized the expenditure of the money on the understanding with the department that if the Legislative Assembly did not allow the \$32,000 the department would have to fund it from within. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Cultural Affairs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Cultural affairs, \$32,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Culture And Communications, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Total department, \$106,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Museums/Heritage, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Okay, on page 9, Culture and Communications. Capital, not previously authorized, museums/heritage, \$40,600. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Gargan.

Motion To Reduce Museums/Heritage By \$25,000

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that the 1991-92 supplementary estimates for the program Culture and Communications under the subject capital and activity museum/heritage be reduced by \$25,000 to \$15,600.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Gargan, your motion is in order and it is being circulated now. Mr. Gargan's motion is in order. To your motion, Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, this is money that in the year before, this money has been unspent on capital funding, so what the department is doing is using the \$40,600 for the expansion of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre project. I do not know whether or not a big building such as this would be able to use that \$40,600 for renovations, at such a small cost. This is money that was lapsed from the expansion of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

So what I am suggesting is that if you reduce it by \$25,000, then you still have a balance of \$15,600 that has not previously been authorized. My intention here, Mr. Chairman is that if the \$40,600 was reduced by \$25,000, then it still authorizes the department, I would think, to spend \$15,600.

I have a second motion regarding the intent of the authorization for expenditure -- then to go to the church in Fort Providence; that is my intent of the motion. So I would like to ask the Members to support the reduction by \$25,000 to \$15,600. It is not money that is allocated anywhere other than to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. I would think by doing that it may well free up at least some money.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): To the motion. Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD: Well, it seems to me that the original request, not that I am going to stand up for the Minister of Finance, is valid in a sense that there has been an increase in the collections that have been transferred from the South to the North. Mr. Gargan's

request to reassign this money, I think, at this particular juncture is inappropriate.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Perhaps if I could just explain to the committee, Mr. Chairman, this was a carry over, unspent capital funds from 1990 and 1991, and it was to provide a needs analysis study for the Prince of Wales Heritage Museum, and when the Financial Management Board approved that transfer carry-forward, Mr. Chairman, it directed that no detailed design or construction is to be undertaken in the 1991-92 fiscal year due to the high 1992-93 funding requirement associated with this request. But at the same time, the Financial Management Board felt that a needs assessment of that particular institution was required and would be a good thing to have on hand, because as the chairman of the standing committee on finance has mentioned, there are more artifacts coming into its possession and we did feel we needed to know what the needs were.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, the Minister of Finance made a statement regarding where the expenditures are going to be taking place. If you read the document, that is not what it says. All it says is that there is going to be an expansion of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage project. I am not on the finance committee, so I am not aware of the information provided to Members on the finance committee. For me it is appropriate. Perhaps Mr. Todd is aware, so it is inappropriate to him, but I do not know what happens in the finance committee. The only time I have is in this House. What I am doing here is -- money from last year have lapsed, money that has not been used up. For all intents and purposes, perhaps they wish to spend that money before the end of the year.

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What I am suggesting is that I think we could better utilize the expansion of the Prince of Wales Heritage Centre. The building is excellent. It is not deteriorating. It is not going to fall apart if this \$40,600 has not been spent. I am suggesting that I have a situation in which if I do not, on my own initiative, do something, then I could very well see a very historical building, which is part of my community's heritage, be deteriorated to a point of no return. So I think the Members might understand

where I am coming from. On the other hand, this would free up some money. There is no other avenue left.

I am sure the Members did hear me talk time and time again about the church in Fort Providence and the bad situation it is in. The Members must also realize that the longer we wait for a decision to be made, the possibility of its ever being restored is getting dimmer and dimmer. So I would think that this is my last effort in order to get something done for the old church in Fort Providence. And basically I would ask that the Members look at supporting this motion. The Prince of Wales will still have \$15,600 to play around with. So it is a reasonable motion. I think the Members realize the difficulty I am in. If the motion is defeated, I could live with that. But I am not going to go back to my community saying that I did not try. The whole purpose of being Members in this House is to represent your constituency. Never mind the government's agenda. If we keep rubber stamping....

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Gargan, can you try to speak to the motion.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I am just taking a position on what my right as a Member is with regard to introducing this motion. I would like to ask the Members and the Executive to support my motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Allooloo.

Rational Plan Needed For Expansion Of Prince Of Wales Northern Heritage Centre

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Gargan has done his bit to represent his constituency. I will try to represent my department and also to protect the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

What it is is that we need planning dollars. Up to this point we have been using ad hoc type of solutions to deal with space problems, to accommodate artifacts as well as the people. Since 1979 there have been increased personnel working in the Northern Heritage Centre -- from seven positions to 29 full-time and term positions. The number of individual program areas has grown from five to nine. Many of these program areas require specialized work; they need specialized spaces that a lot of times is not available. Over the years there has been a series of ad hoc conditions, as I stated earlier, and alterations to accommodate new programs and staff. But no rational plan for expansion has been undertaken. What we are trying to do is to utilize this money to come up with a rational

plan to take into consideration the overcrowding that exists for artifacts and personnel.

This situation of overcrowding will be compounded in two years. Trailers which have been added onto the centre must be vacated by order of the fire marshal. We need the money at this time to plan, not only to meet the requirement of space, but also to meet the requirement of the fire marshal.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Gargan has a point in the wording on page 9 of the supp document. It would indicate that to me that the expansion of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre -- as if we were looking for a physical expansion. I would concede that to the Member, and I apologize to the House for that misleading wording. I will try to ensure that those kinds of things do not happen again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Dent.

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MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. While I am sympathetic with Mr. Gargan and his desire for funding for his church, and I am glad to hear from the other side that he might expect some action from that side in finding a resolution, I am somewhat taken aback of being accused of being a rubber stamp for the government. I think the standing committee on finance spent a considerable amount of time reviewing this document before it came forward to the House, and we did in fact get explanations on everything that is in here. We were convinced, I think, that this was something that was necessary in order to protect the artifacts which are being transferred North. There is no point getting these artifacts in the North where they belong if they are going to have to be stored in cardboard boxes outside. These things are too important. Most of these artifacts will probably wind up being distributed among the regional museums throughout the North, so we have to be able to protect these until the regional museums throughout the North are able take them and display them in places where they should be seen.

I have to agree with Mr. Todd that this is not the appropriate place from which to take the \$25,000. I would hope that the government would find some other place.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): To the motion. Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What this motion does is to really destroy the capacity of this government to do things properly. I was very disappointed when I found that the museum had to get a bunch of trailers to protect a whole bunch of material they had no room for. I was particularly disappointed because I was on the original committee that was set up when the planning was being done for that museum. The feeling always was that if we do it, we are going to do it properly. We are going to do it right. So it is a disappointment to me to find out that we have Members that really want to continue with the use of trailers.

I had occasion today to support a motion to take kids out of a trailer in Kakisa because it was not right. It was not done properly. I would hate to think that we continue to do things which are ad hoc, messy and not really done according to the standards that we have established for our building program. I think this is the wrong way of going about solving a completely different problem, Mr. Chairman. I think we should take a different approach to it than simply cutting here and there.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): To the motion. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, after listening to a number of people speak on this particular motion, I see where Mr. Gargan is coming from. After listening to a number of people, this is the only way Mr. Gargan can pursue to

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preserve the church that needs fixing up in Fort Providence. He tried a number of ways to convince the Executive that this church has to be fixed. In his view, the church is a priority and it falls under this particular activity -- the museum and heritage. This money is not approved yet. What Mr. Gargan is doing is deleting \$25,000...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Zoe, I have to let you know that Mr. Gargan was talking about introducing another motion later in relation to that. I will ask you to speak about it at that time. To the motion.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, I thought I was speaking to the motion. I was talking about the \$25,000 reduction that the motion called for. It is deleting \$25,000. The \$25,000 that Mr. Gargan is trying to delete would prove his point in that the church is a priority. He tried

a number of ways today and yesterday to try to convince the Executive that something has to be done. This is his last opportunity while we are dealing with money under this particular activity. So for those reasons, Mr. Chairman, although the project for the museum is important, I am leaning more to support Mr. Gargan. I will be voting in favour of Mr. Gargan's motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): To the motion. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There has been some concern from committee Members or different Members with respect to the Minister prioritizing and placing the Prince of Wales Museum over other community projects. I recognize that this motion is requesting the funding in the amount of \$25,000 be deleted from this amount. My question to the Minister of Culture and Communications through the Minister of Finance, would be why the Minister prioritized and placed the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre project before considering other projects in other communities? Mr. Chairman, I would like that answered first, and then I can go on with my other comments.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, just to let Members realize, with regard to some of the statements made on artifacts, that the artifacts are being stored in a heated storage area. Whether the artifacts are stored here or in Ottawa or wherever they should be stored, they are still being preserved. They will not deteriorate because the conditions are right. The same thing could be said about the church in Fort Providence which is, as far as I am concerned, an artifact. Members have to realize that you have a situation where the church has not been heated, and while you have artifacts that have not been heated, you also have a situation in Fort Providence where the church is being weather-beaten by the cold and heat and rain and snow and everything else. And also it is a tourist attraction too, just as much as it is over here.

So the point I am trying to make, Mr. Chairman, is by reducing this \$40,600 by \$25,000 to \$15,600, it is not very much, if you look at your appropriation of \$55 million. That is very little. So I do not see where the big problem is. I just cannot see it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Member referred to \$25,000 is not a large amount of money. But it is to my department. My department is very small.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I did want clarification for some of my comments, but looking at the time I would like to recognize the clock.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Gargan, she is asking for a point of clarification. I am trying to deal with Mr. Gargan's motion here. We have been shifting toward the Finance Minister's budget proposals rather than the motion. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move we report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): The motion is not debatable. Those in favour of the motion? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried. Excuse me, I have nays. I am sorry it was not carried because I forgot to look at the other side. I do not know if they are important or not. However, it is now 6:30, and I will have to report progress.

ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. SPEAKER: The House will come to order. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 4 and Bill 1 and wishes to report progress, and that Bill 4 is ready for third reading. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole be concurred with.

MR. SPEAKER: Is there a seconder to the motion? Mr. Dent. The motion is in order. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Item 19, third reading of bills. Item 20, Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, there will be a meeting of the Nunavut caucus after adjournment this evening. Meetings for tomorrow: at 8:30 a.m., a meeting of the ordinary

Members' caucus; at 10:30 a.m., the standing committee on rules, procedures and privileges; and at 12:00 noon, a meeting of the full caucus.

ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Tuesday, December 17, 1991.

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18. Report of Committee of the Whole
19. Third Reading of Bills: Bill 4
20. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 17, 1991.

---ADJOURNMENT

