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

ITEM 1: PRAYER

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MR. SPEAKER: Good afternoon. Orders of the day for Monday, March 2, 1992. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Allooloo.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 22-12(2): Settlement Of Dispute In Inuvik

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mahsi cho, Mr. Speaker. The Inuvik Community Education Council met on Friday, February 28, and recommended a compromise that will provide teachers in both schools in Inuvik with one-half day for in-service training. They also recommended that teachers at both schools be allowed to dismiss classes early in the afternoon on two other days to complete their in-service training.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to welcome to the Assembly, Mrs. Colbourne and her grade 10 class, from Sir John Franklin High School.

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

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Sobriety Requirements For Alcohol And Drug Workers

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to talk about an issue that was raised on several occasions by the honourable Member for Baffin Central regarding the sobriety requirements for alcohol and drug workers in the Northwest Territories.

After listening to the debate in question period last Friday, I became very concerned with the approach taken by the Minister of Social Services. Essentially the Minister has told dissenting alcohol and drug groups that it is "my way or the highway."

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the sobriety requirement is to be included in all contribution agreements between the GNWT and local boards for the provision of alcohol and drug treatment programs. To me, a contribution agreement means exactly that, an accommodation negotiated between two parties. It does not mean, "Here is the agreement; sign on the bottom line." My question to the Minister would be: Where is the agreement in the current process?

The second concern I have, Mr. Speaker, is the Minister's attitude toward communities who have chosen not to adhere to the sobriety requirement as arbitrarily implemented by the Minister. In the unedited Hansard on February 28 the Minister stated, "I am contemplating very seriously that as the door closes on the acceptance of some of these resources, that I redistribute them to the communities that are showing active participation and support the intent and spirit of the program."

Mr. Speaker, in the Minister's world only communities that adhere to his policy will get funding for drug and alcohol treatment. I hope this is not a typical attitude of this government. I wonder if we will be negotiating community transfer agreements in a similar manner.

Mr. Speaker, this approach and attitude, to me, is clearly unacceptable. No matter what the advantages or disadvantages of a sobriety requirement are, the process used by the Minister of Social Services to implement this requirement is heavy-handed at best. I hope the Minister would reconsider his intransigent approach to this issue, sit down and negotiate with all parties concerned. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Members' statements. Ms. Mike.

Member's Statement On Implementation Of Sobriety Clause For Alcohol And Drug Workers

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have already voiced my concerns about the decision made by the Department of Social Services which tries to force alcohol and drug project employees to abstain from any use of alcohol. Today I would like to raise

additional concerns about the way the Minister of Social Services has gone about implementing the decision. I am very unhappy with the Minister's unwillingness to listen seriously to the concerns that have been raised about this policy. I do not believe the Minister understands our Eastern Arctic communities, and I know he does not understand the role of alcohol and drug counsellors at the local level. It troubles me and my constituents that the Minister has not respected the opinions of people who do not understand these things; people like our elders, the community members who sit on our alcohol and drug committees, and skilled addiction counsellors who work in the Baffin Region.

The recommendation to develop this policy was apparently made by the board of management for alcohol and drug services. This board meets in secret and does not make its minutes available for public review. I am shocked to learn that there is currently no representation from either the Baffin Region or the Keewatin Region on the board. The decision to implement this policy has not been re-evaluated since the election to determine whether it conforms with the

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community self-initiatives about which the Government Leader has been telling us. The concept has never been debated fully in this House.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister is fond of pointing out that only two alcohol and drug projects in the Northwest Territories have refused to sign the contribution agreement which includes the Minister's sobriety clause. But we should make no mistake, there is very little support for this policy in the Eastern Arctic. There is resentment over the disrespect this Minister has shown to our regional council, and there is concern over his disregard for the views of alcohol and drug workers in my region. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Members will join me in welcoming Mr. Mark Evaloarjuk, a former MLA, presently speaker of the Baffin Regional Council and a member of the board of directors of TFN.

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Members' statements. Mr. Gargan.

Member's Statement On Report Of Special Joint Committee On A Renewed Canada

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am making this statement as a private Member. My

comments may not necessarily reflect the views of my honourable colleagues on the special committee on constitutional reform. The report of the Special Joint Committee on a Renewed Canada carries important applications for all Canadians, and for aboriginal Canadians in particular. I am gratified by the joint committee's position that "after 125 years the time has come to bring aboriginal people into the constitution with equality and respect." Members of the joint committee have proven their commitment to this ideal by proposing entrenchment of aboriginals' inherent right to self-government. This is a significant development in terms of this country's constitutional evolution. I am impressed that the committee chose to overlook those people who, in an attempt to further their selfinterest, argued that an inherent right to self-government should not or could not exist.

I am referring to the submission made by Mr. Bob MacQuarrie of Yellowknife and certain others across the country. Mr. Speaker, the joint committee did not hear any evidence during the public meetings on whether the entrenchment of aboriginal self-government would affect land claims, but it did consider this to be an important issue which deserves further study. This is a question of significant importance to the Dene of Deh Cho. Our people had the courage to resist political pressures to proceed with a comprehensive Dene/Metis regional claim. They did this because of the federal government's insistence on the extinguishment of treaty rights. I believe that the entrenchment of inherent right to self-government may affect this federal position.

Time has now proved that the stance of Deh Cho and South Slave chiefs has been the correct one. They are to be commended for their patience in waiting to see the outcome of the national constitutional process, and for their reluctance to be hurried into a deal that would not have been in the best interests of the region.

Mr. Speaker, this is a critical time in the history of the South Slave people. I assure this House that I will be working closely with my honourable colleague for Nahendeh, as well as with the Deh Cho Regional Council, to examine the implication of our inherent right on the land claims process. I will be urging the territorial government to support us in these efforts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Members' statements. Mr. Patterson.

Member's Statement On Establishment Of Upassuraakut

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform Members of this Assembly that as a result of a lot of hard work on the part of many concerned citizens in Iqaluit last week and this past weekend, a new group, which call themselves "Upassuraakut," which means "a place for people to go," has established itself to provide a drug and alcohol education and counselling service for Iqaluit. Joe Adla Kunuk will chair the group, assisted by Alicy Joamie, vice-chairperson, and Bill McConkey, secretary-treasurer. The other seven members of the board reflect a good mix of elders and young people, all of whom have experienced first hand the effects of alcohol and drug abuse on people's lives. They are determined that the counselling service they establish will reflect this life experience of the board members.

The board intends to form a society which will apply for funding from the Government of the Northwest Territories' Department of Social Services to deliver a drug and alcohol education and counselling service for Iqaluit. Mr. Kunuk has emphasized that any program endorsed by the group will have spiritual, emotional, physical and mental components. He also noted at a public meeting held on this subject last week that members of the community stressed the importance of the land in developing a recovery program.

Mr. Kunuk also stated that the so-called abstinence policy of the territorial government is not an issue with the new board, which is comprised of abstainers. Mr. Kunuk stated that the main concern of the board is to provide a drug and alcohol education and counselling service which is badly needed in Iqaluit. Qujannamiik.

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

Member's Statement On Praise For Hardworking Staff On Redknife Highway

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to tell people here that I drove back to Fort Simpson over the weekend. I thought the highway was fairly good all the way to Simpson, and I made good time. I was lucky I did not encounter any highway patrol, like my colleague here, so I made very good time.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: What about buffalo?

MR. ANTOINE: When I got to the Redknife Highway maintenance camp, I could not continue because they had just cooked some moose ribs over the fire. I could not say, "No," because I had been eating restaurant food here all week, so it was a good treat for me.

What I found out was that they closed the road to Trout Lake. Apparently they had four days of good weather in the plus eight and plus nine area, and one day at plus 15 degrees Celsius. What happened is that the winter road had thawed out and four tanker fuel trucks were stuck on the road into Trout Lake. It was inconvenient for the people of Trout Lake to get in and out of the community. I know the people that work on the highways are helping to try to open the road. They are working over the weekend, and I want to mention that there are people that work hard and try to do their job right. I want them to be recognized. Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

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ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O212-12(2): Status Of Community Hall For Sanikiluaq

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Sanikiluaq has requested funding for a gym. They have been requesting a community hall for quite a long time. I would like to know what the status is on their application for a gym or community hall. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I guess I am learning in this job that you no sooner get one project completed than another pops up. I am delighted that the capital budget for my department includes a new arena for Sanikiluaq in the coming year.

---Applause

But I see the community is already turning toward their next requirement. Mr. Speaker, I do not have the information at hand to answer the Member's question. We are concentrating on the arena right now, so I will take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being taken as notice. Mr. Pudlat. New question.

Question O213-12(2): Implementation Of Grade 11 In Sanikiluaq

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) I have a question to the Minister of Education. Sanikiluaq has been trying to get grade 11 in the community for some time. They had conferences in Sanikiluaq about this. Students come home before the end of the school year because they are getting homesick. For that reason they would like to have grade 11 in the community. What is the status of that request?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

Return To Question O213-12(2): Implementation Of Grade 11 In Sanikiluaq

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr .Speaker. Last Thursday as the Minister of Education I presented the budget for education for grades being upgraded to grade 11 in Sanikiluaq. When the main estimates are approved, the grade 11 that they are requesting will be implemented. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question O214-12(2): Mistakes In Beatty Report Re Health Service In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health. Over the past several weeks I have asked the Minister of Health about the Fort Simpson hospital. They are going through the Strength at Two Levels report. I have to make some corrections in that. We do not have a regional board of health for the Mackenzie as indicated in the Beatty report. As well, we have only one contract position in the Fort Simpson hospital, rather than two as stated in that report. There are some mistakes in the report, and recognizing that this Strength at Two Levels report's strategic division of the Department of Health is based on information that is incorrect, how can the Minister have confidence in the recommendations in it, especially regarding the Fort Simpson hospital? Mahsi.

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

Return To Question O214-12(2): Mistakes In Beatty Report Re Health Service In Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We recognize, as well, that there are some areas in the Strength at Two Levels report that may not reflect the situation at the current time. I believe that at the time the research was done this may have been the situation. We are not basing our decisions or anything that we do totally on the figures in any report. I have explained to the Member that we are going to go to revisit these facilities and review the current status, review some of the historical figures that were there, to ensure that our figures are correct when we discuss anything that may be of a statistical nature. I want to assure the Member that we are not basing anything that we are doing strictly on the figures that he may have seen in this report.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

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Beatty Report Re Health Service In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Appendix 11, Strength at Two Levels report, recommends that the Fort Simpson hospital should be transformed into a modern health centre with no elective birthing, and long-term care being moved to the community through home care and other non-institutional community health care. My question is, what is the Minister's definition of a "modern health centre"?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O214-12(2): Mistakes In Beatty Report Re Health Service In Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess it is a fairly broad question, and I am not sure whether or not my interpretation of what it says in the report would be what a modern concept is. I think that we are looking to ensure that adequate health services are delivered to communities based on need and based on the availability of that particular type of service. We want to ensure that communities and regions get good health treatment at an economical price.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question O214-12(2): Mistakes In Beatty Report Re Health Service In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the 1990-91 fiscal year the contract physician at the Fort Simpson hospital saw 2220 patients, including one or two life-threatening emergencies, per month. Can the

Minister assure the House that regardless of what the department is going to do, according to this Beatty report recommendation, he will not take any steps to eliminate the funding arrangements that allow us to have a medical doctor available in Fort Simpson? Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I want to review the question a little bit more in depth and come back with a better answer, so I would like to take that question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The question has been taken as notice. Oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

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Question O215-12(2): Tabling Of "NWT Way" Model For Health Delivery

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Health. The Minister of Health often refers to a document called the NWT Way model for health delivery in respect to addressing health care concerns across the Territories. Will he consider tabling that particular document in this House for discussion?

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

Return To Question O215-12(2): Tabling Of "NWT Way" Model For Health Delivery

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will.

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

Supplementary To Question O215-12(2): Tabling Of "NWTWay" Model For Health Delivery

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, can the Minister give me some indication as to when he will be able to table the document in this House? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O215-12(2): Tabling Of "NWTWay" Model For Health Delivery

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will endeavour to comply with the request of the honourable Member. For information,

Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the Ordinary Members have agreed to a presentation by the Department of Health dealing with many of the concerns that some of the Members have with the NWT Way, and direction and interpretations of Strength at Two Levels, so there will be a briefing for Ordinary Members tomorrow on that.

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

Supplementary To Question O215-12(2): Tabling Of "NWT Way" Model For Health Delivery

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister clarify for me, once he can obtain translation of this document will he take it upon himself to table the document in the House for further discussion? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O215-12(2): Tabling Of "NWT Way" Model For Health Delivery

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is the intention, to have the document translated so that all Members will be able to read what it is.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Social Services has been fond of pointing out that only two alcohol and drug projects have refused to sign the contribution agreement which includes the sobriety clause. He has implied that there is great support for his abstinence policy in all other alcohol and drug projects across the Northwest Territories. In fact, this policy is not widely supported in the Baffin Region, and

I suspect that it lacks support elsewhere as well. My question is for the Minister of Social Services. Can the Minister advise the House whether he bothered to canvass the opinions of alcohol and drug workers and their community-based supervisors before deciding to follow through with the implementation of this policy?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Social Services, Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are some 42 programs across the Territories that deliver alcohol and drug treatment and help people in need in that area. No, I have not consulted each and every one. I have received a number of letters from some of the centres in support of it. As I said yesterday, or Friday, some 36 of the committees have already submitted their proposals for the 1992-93 budget. So there seems to be good response to our program.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, is the Minister willing to admit that some organizations may well oppose and ridicule this policy but have been forced to agree with it only under the threat of funding cutbacks?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I know of only one alcohol and drug committee that has ridiculed it, but we have had very good support from the majority.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

MS. MIKE: Would the Minister of Social Services be willing to put his convictions to the test by conducting and then tabling a Territories-wide survey which asks all members of alcohol and drug committees and all the professional addiction counsellors in the NWT to indicate whether they support this abstinence policy?

Further Return To Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we are flogging a dead horse here. It seems to have taken on a bit of a personality thing, this whole issue. It is me and them or them and I. Mr. Speaker, I would be willing to take direction from this House. I would like to know if it could be moved into committee of the whole and discussed right here in the House. If the House is in favour of dealing with the sobriety clause in some manner, I will take direction from that.

MR. SPEAKER: Final supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Social Services did not answer my question. Can your

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department conduct a study as to whether this abstinence clause is supported by both the alcohol and drug workers and the counsellors?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

HON. TONY WHITFORD: No, Mr. Speaker, I will not, but I would like to see this moved into committee of the whole and we will debate it right on the floor.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question O217-12(2): Sobriety For Northwest Territories Teachers

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Government Leader. The Department of Social Services has introduced this policy of a sobriety clause through the government cabinet on the basis that the principle is to have employees who work directly with the clients set an example. To have consistency in their policy, would the Government Leader introduce this same thing to the teachers of the Northwest Territories, because they have to set an example to the students of the schools?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Government Leader, Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O217-12(2): Sobriety For Northwest Territories Teachers

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I cannot answer that question. I know in the abstinence question that we are spending a great deal of time on, that it was first introduced by the drug and alcohol committee. We have been given a clear statement that the membership on that has not been fully instituted, and some parts of the Northwest Territories are not on the committee. I would like to take up the offer from Mr. Whitford, the Minister of Social Services, to put a paper forward for debate in the

House. We can have that prepared in the next couple of days and move it into committee of the whole so that everyone can have the opportunity to speak. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question O218-12(2): Problem Behind Sobriety Clause

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Social Services. Last week, the subject of the sobriety clause took up a lot of our time. I am concerned about it. I would like to know, in your opinion, what the problem is with the clause. You are the one dealing with this situation. Can you tell this House what the real problem is behind this policy? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: It is not normal to ask opinions of Ministers but, with that, Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O218-12(2): Problem Behind Sobriety Clause

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I could give this a short answer by saying there are a number of different concerns about it. I would certainly like to bring forward a paper to discuss this matter in the House rather than express my own opinion. It appears that it is narrowing down to my opinion versus other people's opinions. I would be willing to do that.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

Question O219-12(2): Abstention By Departmental Staff

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Social Services. Regarding the sobriety policy that is to be passed, if it is passed, will your departmental staff be able to hire people that do not drink? Perhaps, right now, it is only for staff of the alcohol and drug program. The next step might be for all of your departmental staff to abstain from alcohol. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O219-12(2): Abstention By Departmental Staff

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, the abstinence clause applies only to the signatories of the contribution agreement. It is a condition that is

attached to the funding for this particular program, and it does not go beyond that. It deals only with the contribution agreement and persons working within that agreement.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Dent.

Question O220-12(2): Fire At Expo Site In Seville

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. Speaker, I heard recently that there was a major fire at the Expo site in Seville. I am wondering if the Minister could advise the House if this fire may have saved the Government of the Northwest Territories a considerable amount of money by creating a situation where we would not have to go forward with our participation at Expo?

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MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O220-12(2): Fire At Expo Site In Seville

HON. JOHN POLLARD: I must admit, Mr. Speaker, that when I heard the news that the Expo site was on fire, my hopes were raised, but they were dashed, Mr. Speaker. It was not our building, and there was no damage to our building. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question O220-12(2): Fire At Expo Site In Seville

MR. DENT: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. Speaker, on February 13 of this year, the Minister advised this House that he would provide us with a report done by Mr. Fred Abbott on our participation at Expo as soon as it was received. Can the Minister advise me whether or not he has received this report?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O220-12(2): Fire At Expo Site In Seville

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, the report was received by Mr. Alvarez on Saturday, I believe, and I have not yet received it, but I will make it available to the House this week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

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Question O221-12(2): Definition Of Modern Health Centre

MR. ANTOINE: I had my hand up, Mr. Speaker, for an oral question. It is to the Minister of Health again, regarding the hospital in Simpson. Last year we heard there were rumours that the Department of Health was thinking about down-sizing the present hospital. This has caused a lot of concern in Simpson and the region, and that is the reason I am asking you these questions. I asked you earlier what your definition of a modern health centre was, and I was not really satisfied with your answer, so I want to know if it is a nursing station, or is it our present hospital improved with service and programs and the addition of modern equipment? Is it one or the other?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O221-12(2): Definition Of Modern Health Centre

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question is a good question. There is no doubt about it that they may be concerned with what has been heard, but it is not the department's intention or policy to downgrade anything that is being used. Perhaps more in line with the policy would be to try to install programs, equipment, personnel and services that are needed in a community wherever resources and the need warrant them.

I think that the definition of a modern facility would reflect, I guess, the needs coupled with the ability to provide a service in that area, of that nature. There was some mention a while ago about having an operating theatre, but if you have an operating theatre and you only use the operating theatre once every two or three months, the people who do the operations do not get the type of practice and amount of work that keeps them in good shape, so to speak. It is like anything else. If you do not keep continuously at it, you are not going to be up to standard. So I think what we are looking at is balancing the need of an area with the ability to provide services at a reasonable cost and having reasonable access to the type of specialty services that we can provide.

On the other hand, we also have to balance that with alternates as well. If a service is not available there, there is some program in place that makes that kind

of service accessible to the public. That will reflect the up-to-date, modern type of facility. It will utilize whatever technology is available within reasonable costs and need for that area.

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

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I like what the Minister is saying, and that is basically exactly what we have been saying in Simpson all these years; that from April 1, 1990 to March 31, 1991, the hospital in Simpson recorded dealing with over 8000 outpatients. This year they have already seen about 6000 from April 1, 1991 to the end of February, 1992. At present, the hospital in Simpson is very under staffed. The head nurse works sometimes 18 hours a day, and she is run off her feet. We are also badly in need of equipment, and we have said that many times. There were a lot of patients sent out because we did not have the type of equipment there that was required to deal with them. If we do not have the equipment, then the patients will be sent to Yellowknife; we have a facility there, but we do not have the resources to deal with the patients right in Simpson; so, of course, they get sent over here.

What we have been saying is what you are saying: that if we had the resources to take care of our patients in our region, then certainly the place would be more utilized. I would like the Minister to take note of what I was saying, and if the department could get back to me on this as soon as they could. I will have some written questions to you later on. Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: I did not hear a question in that rather long statement, Mr. Antoine. Oral questions. Mr. Pudluk.

Question O222-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education. In the past, the Baffin Divisional Board of Education had concerns regarding the funding they will be receiving. This is a big concern for the Baffin Divisional Board of Education, and there are changes being made. I would like to ask the Minister about the changes. The Baffin Divisional Board of Education is against the changes that will be made.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Education, Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O222-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Canadian government has informed us that the Auditor General informed the Canadian government that the funding that is given out every three months -- they follow the policies of the Canadian government, and we were informed that we were not following the policies that were made by the Canadian government, so we were informed that the funding that is given out to the divisional boards has to be given out monthly. Starting in April, the funding will be given out monthly. Before we go about doing it in that way, we will be meeting with the divisional boards with regard to the interest dollars and how they will have to be handled. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Pudluk.

Supplementary To Question O222-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Baffin Divisional Board of Education is putting out materials, and we are very pleased with the Inuktitut materials that were produced. I would like to know if they will be stopping them from producing materials. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O222-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (No translation) (Translation) We will be meeting with them regarding the monthly funding that they will be receiving. For example, in the past, the Baffin Divisional Board of Education used to get \$600,000 to \$700,000, and that was given to the divisional board. If we are going to be giving them monthly funding - we will be speaking with them with regard to this. We will inform them on how the funding will be used and we will (No translation)

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Question O233-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

MS. MIKE: (Translation) I have a question for the Minister of Education. It is on the same subject. The Baffin Divisional Board of Education was able to

produce some Inuktitut books. In Yellowknife, I used to work for the Department of Education as a program

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specialist for Inuktitut classes. I was responsible for producing the Inuktitut material, and it is very difficult for one person to be responsible for this. The Baffin Divisional Board of Education has produced some very good materials in Inuktitut, and they are not misusing the funds that they have. This was tried by the territorial government. He told you that if the funding were be given on a monthly basis, they will no longer receive the money they receive from the interest, and the Baffin Divisional Board of Education will not be able to produce such material in Inuktitut.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Education, Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O223-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will try and provide funding to produce native language materials to be used in schools, in Inuktitut and other aboriginal languages such as Dene. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O223-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

MS. MIKE: (Translation) Would it not be cheaper if the Baffin Divisional Board of Education produced the material instead of the territorial government?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O223-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not quite certain if it would be cheaper for the Baffin Divisional Board of Education. For example, for the material that they can use in the Baffin Region, the Baffin Divisional Board of Education has set out a curriculum program only for the Baffin Region, and also in the Keewatin. We are going to try and work with the divisional boards on how the curriculum program can be used the best, whether it is in Yellowknife or in the different regions. I

believe that the divisional boards would do their job better in places other than Yellowknife. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O223-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

MS. MIKE: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If you find out that it would be cheaper for the territorial government, or the Baffin Divisional Board of Education, to produce the material, then would they go back to the funding that they used to receive?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O223-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The funding that was given was from the interest, and it was also used for other things. I know that in the Baffin Region it was used to hire casual teachers. We will try and work with the Baffin Divisional Board of Education to produce teaching material, in the future, and on how we will be able to produce that material. I am pretty sure that they are more aware of what kind of material should be in the Baffin Region. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O223-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question was, in the event that you find it is more cost effective to be funding the divisional boards on a quarterly basis, would you consider going back to that instead of monthly payments?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O223-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry I did not get the question before. It is the Auditor General directing the Government of the NWT to fund divisional boards by the month. It is not coming from the GNWT to fund these boards on a monthly basis. But whether it is cost effective or not, it is not up to us.

We have been told that the financial arrangements that were made between our government and the federal government is that we cannot fund these boards on a quarterly basis. The cost effectiveness in funding these boards does not come into play. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Antoine.

Question 0224-12(2): Elective Birthing In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think this time I have a question that you might be able to hear. The last statement I made was to the Minister of Health, and I asked him if he could look into my concerns and he said "yes" -- off the record, I think I heard that. My question again is for the Minister of Health. In Fort Simpson we have been providing elective birthing, and to consider eliminating this service would be very unpopular. I do not think it would necessarily be cost efficient because in 1990-91 there were 11 births in Simpson, and if you consider the expense of sending these women to Yellowknife two or three weeks prior to due date, this would accumulate expenses and could probably pay for a good portion of a doctor's or a professional midwife's wages in, Simpson. What is the government's position on elective birthing in Fort Simpson?

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

Return To Question O224-12(2): Elective Birthing In Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the referrals that the honourable Member mentioned are the opinion of the doctor who is there. I know the department has a policy that allows patients to go to the nearest service. I think in most cases what the honourable Member is referring to is something that the doctor has decided upon.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question O224-12(2): Elective Birthing In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to ask the Minister the question again. What is your position on elective birthing in Fort Simpson?

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether I am allowed to give my own opinion.

MR. SPEAKER: I thought the Member had asked for the Minister's position as opposed to opinion. Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O224-12(2): Elective Birthing In Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I am sure the matter of birthing in Fort Simpson is a matter that a doctor will have to make a decision on; it is not the Minister or this department. It is up to the doctor.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question O224-12(2): Elective Birthing In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is the Minister saying that if the doctor in Fort Simpson provides the decision that birthing take place in Simpson that the birthing will take place in Simpson?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O224-12(2): Elective Birthing In Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, there are probably a lot of medical things I do not really understand in operating a hospital. One of them that I do know and has been expressed to me is that there is a lot of back-up that is needed on the subject. I understand they need an operating room or an operating theatre in which the birthing can take place, and in order to facilitate that they need special staff to work there, anesthetists and medical back-up, certain types of nurses and things. So I think the doctor makes that decision whether or not they can deal with a particular type of birth. I think that has to be considered. I do not think I can answer in any other way.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lewis.

Question O225-12(1): Interest Dollars Accrued By Divisional Boards Of Education

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have financial problems all over the place, and the various school board have solved their problems by making use of interest gained on money that they get from this government to provide a service. Since the Minister has agreed that some provision can be made

in the Baffin for production materials and that people in the past have been doing this by using this interest money, is he also going to make provisions for the two Yellowknife boards, who use similar kinds of moneys to fund special needs programs?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

Return To Question O225-12(1): Interest Dollars Accrued By Divisional Boards of Education

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The two boards that exist in Yellowknife are a little different than that of other boards since Yellowknife is tax-based and they have their own autonomy. The school board in Yellowknife has to raise 25 per cent of their funding to operate the schools, and they have a latitude which is up to them to provide services. Generally there are programs in schools in Yellowknife that are not available in the communities which the school board has to fund within their own ability.

When it comes time to deal with divisional boards of education throughout the NWT, we will sit down with them and see how we could work things out to see that services that they have been providing, using the interest dollars, could be continued. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Question O226-12(2): Auditor General's Ruling On Use Of Interest Money

MR. LEWIS: On the same subject of interest dollars, Mr. Speaker, supplementary to the Minister of Finance. For as long as I can remember the Auditor General has told us we cannot do this. What is the implication of this government's not changing things according to his direction but still continuing to allow those transfers of money so that people can use the interest money?

MR. SPEAKER: This is a question to a new Minister; therefore it is a new question. Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O226-12(2): Auditor General's Ruling On Use Of Interest Money

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Auditor General is saying that there are public funds being used that have not been appropriated by this House and in that respect those public funds should have come through this House for voting. We intend to comply with the Auditor General's recommendations because as you well know, Mr.

Speaker, to be responsible means that every dollar voted should go through this Legislative Assembly. I think I made a commitment at the last session that if this was going to cause hardship to boards, then we would be willing to sit down with those boards and see what areas we are spending that money in and see if we could work it out with them. So we certainly intend to comply with the Auditor General's recommendation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Question O227-12(2): Expansion Of Kitikmeot Boarding Home To Accommodate Keewatin Patients

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is to the Minister responsible for Health. Can the Minister confirm or deny that negotiations are currently under way to expand the Kitikmeot boarding home to accommodate Keewatin patients, which is contrary to the Keewatin Health Board's and my own position with respect to referrals?

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

Return To Question O227-12(2): Expansion Of Kitikmeot Boarding Home To Accommodate Keewatin Patients

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

Question O228-12(2): Contribution Agreements To Communities

MR. GARGAN: I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. What arrangements now exist between the hamlets and municipal councils with regard to contribution agreements? Are the contribution agreements giving one lump sum for the operations for one year?

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MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I think I know the answer but I am not sure, so I think I had better take it on notice. Thank you.

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

Question O229-12(2): Effect Of New Budget On Employees

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct this question to the Minister of Education. I used to be a member of the divisional board, and we used to handle the budget. We used to work on the interest rates that were coming in, and it used to help pay for the employees as well as supplying education centres with money, and it was very helpful toward the budget. For these programs to have a better operating budget, they seem to be able to handle their affairs pretty well. But now it seems that the new organization is going to be set up, the people that are working for us using the money that they had -- is the change-over of employees going to be affected by the new budget? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Education, Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O229-12(2): Effect Of New Budget On Employees

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The budget of the divisional board will be decided after consulting with the divisional board. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question O230-12(2): Home Care Services, Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is again to the Minister of Health. In Fort Simpson we have long-term care in the hospital. We have some elders and some people that have been hurt and are disabled, and we are concerned there, too, with the whole question of the hospital being considered for down-sizing. I wonder if you could tell me if there was any formal assessment done by your department of the resources in Simpson for the delivery of home care services.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O230-12(2): Home Care Services, Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: No, Mr. Speaker, I do not believe we are thinking of doing anything differently than we are doing now with our long-term care.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr Antoine.

Supplementary To Question O230-12(2): Home Care Services, Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In 1985-86, there was a joint assessment project done for the Department of Health and Social Services called "The Aged, Disabled and Chronically Ill," and in there there were a number of different recommendations made to identify communities to have home care programs established. Also, there was supposed to be some development implementation of a model for a homecare program delivered in small communities. Does the Minister know if discussions have been held in this regard? Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to be very cautious on this, and so I do not give the wrong answer I will find out the answer for the Member, so I will take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is taken as notice. The time period for oral questions has expired. Written questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W13-12(2): Government Housing For Sale, Fort Smith

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question for the Minister of Personnel. Would the Minister of Personnel provide to this House the following:

- 1) a list of the 49 units in Fort Smith intended for sale to government employees;
- 2) the length of employment of each employee who is given the opportunity to purchase or lease the units, or lease/purchase the units;
- 3) the location and lot numbers of each of the 49 units in Fort Smith. Thank you.

I have an additional written question for the Minister of DPW, if I may proceed. Thank you.

Question W14-12(2): Annual Operation And Maintenance Costs, Fort Smith Regional Building

Would the Minister of DPW provide to this House the heating and maintenance costs per year for the regional building in Fort Smith. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Mr. Dent.

Question W15-12(2): Contributions By The Northwest Territories Development Corporation

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Would the Minister please table a list showing all contributions by the NWT Development Corporation from its inception to the present, including equity injections and purchases of companies?

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Ms. Mike.

Question W16-12(2): Trip By Department Of Public Works Staff

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, I have a written question for the Minister of Public Works. Would the Minister please provide the House with a summary of the reason for duty travel of each member of the Department of Public Works personnel who travelled from Iqaluit to Broughton Island by air charter on February 24 and returned on February 25?

Mr. Speaker, I have three other written questions.

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed with your questions.

Question W17-12(2): Trip By Department Of Education Staff

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question for the Minister of Education. Would the

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Minister please provide the House with a summary of the reason for duty travel of any member of the Department of Education personnel and/or Baffin Divisional Board of Education personnel who travelled from Iqaluit to Broughton Island by aircharter on February 24 and returned on February 25?

Question W18-12(2): Trip By Department Of Health Staff

Mr. Speaker, I have a written question for the Minister of Health. Would the Minister please provide the House with a summary of the reason for duty travel of any member of the Department of Health personnel and/or Baffin Regional Health Board personnel who travelled from Iqaluit to Broughton Island by air charter on February 24 and returned on February 25?

Question W19-12(2): Trip By Department Of Economic Development And Tourism Staff

Mr. Speaker, I have a written question for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Would the Minister please provide the House with a summary of the reason for duty travel of any member of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism personnel who travelled from Iqaluit to Broughton Island by air charter on February 24 and returned on February 25? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Written questions. Mr. Nerysoo,

Question W20-12(2): Concerns Over Administration And Management Of Inuvik Regional Hospital

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to ask the following written question regarding the questions and concerns raised relating to the management and administration of the Inuvik Regional Health Board and hospital. If I could ask the Minister of Health, could he indicate if any Member in this House has criticized or questioned the services being offered by the medical professionals and nursing staff? Have any Members in this House criticized or questioned the services of the administrative staff? Would the Minister indicate if any meetings have taken place in the Inuvik Regional Hospital where such concerns were raised by the staff or expressed by the management of the Inuvik Regional Health Board? If so, what was the basis for such concerns, and who raised such concerns?.

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question W21-12(2): Fort Simpson Health Care

MR. ANTOINE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. My written question is for the Minister of Health. Would the Minister please provide to this House: a) the format, time frame and/or terms of reference for the review his department is conducting on the Fort Simpson hospital; b) a summary of department plans for ensuring the continued delivery of services by a qualified medical practitioner at the Fort Simpson hospital; c) an outline of the government's position on delivery of elective birthing services within the local communities; d) the departmental strategy for transferring the delivery of long-term care services to home care model; e) a copy of the 1985-86 document titled, "Aged, Disabled and Chronically Ill," Prepared as a joint project with the Departments of

Health and Social Services; and f) a summary of all public discussions regarding the development and implementation of a model for home care delivery in small communities, pursuant to recommendation 22 of the document aforementioned? Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions.

Item 8, replies to Opening Address.

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

ITEM 10: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee Report 4-12(2): Report Of The Special Committee On Constitutional Reform

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to report on behalf of the special committee on constitutional reform. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the chairman and Members of our Legislature's special committee on constitutional reform, I would like to provide to the House our preliminary review of the report released on Sunday afternoon by the joint parliamentary committee, which is more commonly called the Beaudoin-Dobbie committee.

The Beaudoin-Dobbie report is 130 pages long and contains recommendations on the broadest package of constitutional reforms in Canada's history. For this reason our committee's comments today will be brief, saving for another day a more detailed analysis.

The parliamentary committee recommends, among other things, an amendment to the Constitution of Canada which recognizes the inherent right of aboriginal people to self- government within Canada. This is of enormous importance and would represent a key achievement in an area where the aboriginal rights conferences between 1983 and 1987 failed.

Included in the proposal is a commitment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to negotiate treaties, agreements or other arrangements by which self-government may be realized. Implementation of self-government will be through amendments to the Constitution of Canada, through laws of Canada, the provinces or territories, with constitution entrenchment clearly contemplated. These proposals appear to be headed in the right direction, but we would obviously want to hear the responses of the national aboriginal organizations as well as the spokespersons for

parallel processes such as the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Affairs.

One aspect of self-government which is not addressed in the recommended amendments to the constitution relates to the resource needs of self-governments, either through a land base, powers of taxation, equalization and so forth.

Amending Formula For Establishing New Provinces

Mr. Speaker, another constitutional matter of fundamental importance to the Territories is the amending formula as it relates to the establishment of new provinces from existing Territories. As you know, prior to 1982 this was a matter for Parliament and the territory concerned. Amendments were made in 1982 despite strong objections from the Territories, and an amending formula was entrenched which required the approval of two thirds of the provinces could be formed. The Beaudoin-Dobbie report discusses the amending formula in relation to the desire of Quebec to have a veto over fundamental changes to the Constitution.

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The committee proposes five different approaches, none of which are entirely satisfactory to the Territories. It also refers to remarks made by Premier Penikett of the Yukon and how he is prepared to contemplate the creation of new provinces which are not initially part of what he calls "the amending formula club."

Mr. Speaker, as Members know, there are six different existing amending formulas. Some provinces want to be able to control the creation of new provinces, as they believe increasing the number of provinces will affect the voting patterns in the so-called "seven and 50" formula. Also, some provinces would be concerned if a new, sparsely populated province in the North could veto future constitutional amendments in the range of matters currently covered by the unanimity formula.

We believe there are parts of the existing amending formulas that a new province should be able to exercise because they do not affect existing provincial constitutional rights or powers; for example, where an amendment only affects a new northern province. There are alternatives to address any legitimate concerns in those other parts of the amending formula where provinces show that their rights or powers

would be affected by the creation of new provinces. A special committee will be developing some of these alternatives for our government to pursue.

A third major area worth noting in the parliamentary committee's report concerns participation of territories in what I might call "the processes of confederation." We are pleased to note the consistent inclusion of territories in the recommendations respecting the social covenant and the economic union, the common market clauses and the nomination of candidates for appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada.

With that in mind, we must note the fact that the Beaudoin/Dobbie committee proposal for yearly First Ministers' conferences on the economy and social matters does not expressly provide for territorial participation. We believe our case for being there is a good one, so your special committee and the Government Leader and Ministers will continue pushing for full territorial participation in the process in the weeks and months ahead.

In recent months our Government Leader and Minister of Finance have consistently been invited to participate in First Ministers' meetings and conferences on the economy. Last week the Prime Minister wrote to Ms. Cournoyea asking her to name a delegation to meet in Ottawa on March 11th and 12th with the Hon. Joe Clark and provincial Ministers to discuss the next steps in the "renewed Canada" process. As Members well know, the Beaudoin-Dobbie report is just one such step among many ahead of us.

In summary, then, Mr. Speaker, our preliminary review of the report and recommendations of the joint parliamentary committee makes us generally optimistic that they are on the right track in some key areas and that we need to work through the report more comprehensively as it touches on other matters of enormous impact on those regions of the country, such as ours, which benefit from a strong central government able to provide equalization or transfer payments to ensure that we can meet the basic needs of all our citizens. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Motion To Adopt Committee Report 4-12(2), Carried

I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Deh Cho, that the report of the special committee on constitution form be received by the Assembly and adopted. Thank you.

--- Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Reports of standing and special committees.

Item 11, reports of committees on the review of bills.

Item 12, tabling of documents.

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

ITEM 14: NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 18: Young Offenders Act

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, March 4, 1992, I shall move that Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Young Offenders Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motions for first reading of bills.

Item 15, motions. Item 16, first reading of bills. Mr. Morin.

ITEM 16: FIRST READING OF BILLS

First Reading Of Bill 16: NWT Housing Corporation Act

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that Bill 16, An Act to Amend the NWT Housing Corporation Act, be read for the first time.

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

--- Carried

Bill 16 has had first reading. First reading of bills.

Item 17, second reading of bills. Item 18, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. Tabled Document 9-12(2), Strength at Two Levels; Tabled Document 10-12(2), Reshaping Northern Government; Tabled Document 12-12(2), Plebiscite Direction; Bill 14, Appropriation Act, No. 1,

1992-93; Committee Report 3-12(2), SCOF Review of 1992-93 Capital Estimates; Bill 8, Elections Act; Bill 10, Local Authorities Elections Act; Bill 11, Plebiscite Act, with Mr. Pudluk in the chair.

ITEM 18: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS AND OTHER MATTERS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The committee will come to order. On Friday we were dealing with Bill 14, Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1992-93. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would ask if we could consider Bills 8, 10 and 11 as the first item of business, with the approval of committee Members.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Does the committee agree that we go to Bill 8, 10 and 11 today?

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SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Before we get into that, we will take a 15 minute break.

--- SHORT RECESS

Bill 8, Elections Act

The committee will come to order. We are dealing with Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Elections Act. Mr. Pollard, would you like to make any opening remarks?

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, if I might request the permission of the committee to bring in two witnesses: Mr. David Hamilton, the chief plebiscite officer, and Diane Buckland, legislative counsel.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is the committee agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--- Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Proceed, Mr. Pollard. For the record, please introduce your witnesses.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, on my right is Diane Buckland, legislative counsel; and to my left a gentleman that you well-know, sir, the Clerk of the House, Mr. David

Hamilton, in his capacity as chief plebiscite officer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. I think I heard that name before. Mr. Minister do you want to make any opening remarks?

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With regard to Bill 8, Mr. Chairman, An Act to Amend the Elections Act, the purpose of this bill before you is to amend the Elections Act to lower the age at which a resident may vote at a territorial election for its Legislative Assembly, from 19 to 18 years of age.

Mr. Chairman, this amendment was a result of direction given to cabinet by Motion 31-12(1), which adopted the voting age at an election in the Northwest Territories be changed from 19 to 18 years of age. The motion was adopted unanimously by the Assembly, and it also requested that cabinet introduce the necessary amendments to the Local Authorities Elections Act and the Plebiscite Act. This is the reason for the amendment before you, as well as the amendments contained in Bills 10 and 11 which I understand we will be handling later, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Are there any general comments from the committee? Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I will deal with my comments from the standing committee on legislation as we get into the specific bills.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): My apology. Chairman of the standing committee on legislation, do you have any opening remarks?

MR. NERYSOO: As I indicated, Mr. Chairman, I will deal with making my general comments with each specific bill as we deal with them, and then with specific concerns that were raised in the standing committee on legislation that I believe the Minister may be prepared to address at that particular time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Nerysoo, if you have any comments on Bill 8, now is the time. Mr. Nerysoo.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on legislation reviewed Bill 8 at its

meeting on Thursday, February 27, 1992. Members of the standing committee appreciated the attendance of the Hon. John Pollard, his officials and the chief plebiscite officer, Mr. Hamilton, who introduced the bills and responded to any of the questions and comments that were raised by the standing committee Members.

Mr. Chairman, this bill is very straightforward. It would amend the Elections Act to lower the age at which a resident of the Northwest Territories can vote in a territorial election. Presently, the voting age is 19 years and this bill would change it to 18 years of age. Upon review, the standing committee on legislation voted to refer this bill without amendment to the committee of the whole for consideration today.

Mr. Chairman, I wish to note here that a concern was raised during the standing committee review which pertains to each of the bills which reduce the voting age. Honourable Members will be aware of the fact that less than a month ago a decision in the federal Court of Appeal drew attention to the constitutionality of legislative provisions which prohibit inmates from voting. Our Local Authorities Elections Act and Plebiscite Act all contain similar prohibitions. Particularly, given the impending date of the boundary plebiscite, Members of the standing committee on legislation were concerned about the implications of a Charter challenge related to the rights of inmates to vote. Such a challenge would affect all voters in the plebiscite, including people 18 years old, with which this bill is dealing. The standing committee wished to urge the government to complete its review of this matter at the earliest opportunity. Mr. Chairman, that concludes our introductory remarks with regard to Bill 8.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. General comments on Bill 8. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This particular bill, or the subject at that time, was discussed during the Nunavut Leadership Summit in Iqaluit. Historically, the voting age was 21, and then they lowered it to 19. First of all I should point out that the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut requested that the voting age -- the youth of the NWT requested the voting age be lowered to 16. However, we all know that this is a subject that cannot easily be drastically changed, in terms of lowering it or raising it. This is not only a legal question but it is a social question that is not easily, drastically changed. With that feeling of the people in general, especially the adult population, we felt that it was necessary to try to maintain the

responsible decision rather than making a drastic change and lowering it to less than age 18. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Are there any further general comments? Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, with regard to the statement that was made by Mr. Nerysoo, I would like to ask if there has been -- our legal counsel might know -- whether or not there has been an appeal launched by the federal government with regard to the ruling by the federal court?

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Law Clerk.

LAW CLERK (Ms. MacPherson): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As of last week no appeal had been launched, although the federal government is, I understand, considering appealing the decision.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. General comments, Does the committee agree that we go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 1. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 3. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now, is Bill 8 ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Bill 10, Local Authorities Elections Act

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To Bill 10, An Act To Amend The Local Authorities Elections Act. Opening remarks, Mr. Minister.

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The purpose of the bill before you is to amend the Local Authorities Elections Act to lower the age at which a resident may vote at a city, town, village, hamlet or settlement council election, from 19 to 18 years of age. Mr. Chairman, this amendment was a result of direction given to the cabinet by Motion 31-12(1) which adopted the voting age in an election in the Northwest Territories be changed from 19 to 18 years of age. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Does the chairman of the standing committee on legislation have any opening remarks? Mr. Nerysoo.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Local Authorities Elections Act deals with the election of community members to municipal councils, settlement councils, and local education authorities, and as the Minister indicated, the bill would lower the voting age in these local elections from 19 years to 18 years of age. The standing committee on legislation reviewed this bill on Thursday, February 27, 1992, and generally, the standing committee was supportive of this amendment; however, further questions were raised about the extent of consultation which had taken place when these changes were being considered. The standing committee voted to refer this bill without amendment to the committee of the whole for consideration today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. General comments or questions. Does this committee agree that we go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Clause 1. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 3. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is Bill 10 ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Bill 11, Plebiscite Act

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Now we will go on to Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Plebiscite Act. I wonder if the Minister has any opening remarks.

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the purpose of this bill is to amend the Plebiscite Act to lower the age at which a resident may vote at a plebiscite, from 19 to 18 years. Mr. Chairman, this amendment was also a result of direction given to the cabinet by Motion 31-12(1) which adopted that the voting age at a plebiscite in the Northwest Territories be changed from 19 to 18 years of age. This motion was adopted unanimously by the Assembly, and it also requested that the cabinet introduce the necessary amendments to the two previous bills.

Mr. Chairman, since the act was being amended, and on the advice and request of the chief plebiscite officer, it had been noticed during his preparation for

the May 4 plebiscite, that there was a need to make two other amendments. The first amendment is to

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give power to the chief plebiscite officer to adapt the regulation for certain circumstances. The other amendment is to set out when a voter may be required to take an oath. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Does the chairman of the standing committee on legislation have any opening remarks? Mr. Nerysoo.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This bill would amend the Plebiscite Act to lower the voting age in territorial plebiscites from 19 to 18 years. It would also accord certain latitude to the chief plebiscite officer to take actions necessary to ensure the smooth operation of a plebiscite. The standing committee on legislation recognized that this bill was brought forward in response to a formal motion passed by the Legislative Assembly on December 13, 1991. This bill was reviewed at the standing committee's meeting on Thursday, February 27, 1992, as per the new legislative process passed earlier by this House. The review meeting was open to the public. The standing committee was grateful to the Government House Leader, Mr. Pollard, and his officials for attending the meeting and responding to questions and comments on the bill, and the standing committee also appreciated the attendance of the chief plebiscite officer of the Northwest Territories.

Members of the standing committee on legislation had no real difficulty with the content of this bill, Mr. Chairman. However, some honourable Members raised concern over the suitability of residency requirements in the Plebiscite Act. The standing committee urges the government to examine this issue with reference to section 25 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as a priority item. Notwithstanding this concern, the standing committee voted to refer Bill 11 without amendment to the committee of the whole for consideration today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. General comments or questions from this committee. Do you want to go through Bill 11 clause by clause now?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Clause 1. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 3. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 4. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 5. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Bill as a whole? Is Bill 11 ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. We now have Tabled Documents 9-12(2), 10-12(2), 12-12(2), 14-12(2) and Committee Report 3-12(2). What is the committee's wish? Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, we would like to go back to Bill 14.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Does the committee agree that we go back to Bill 14?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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**Bill 14, Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1992-93 And
Committee Report 3-12(2)**

Department Of Education

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. We are on the capital estimates, 1992-93, Department of Education. We are still on general comments. Are there any further general comments? Mr. Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With your permission I would like to bring in some witnesses.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Does this committee agree that the Minister bring in witnesses at this time?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Go ahead, Mr. Minister. For the record, could you please introduce your witnesses?

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my left is my deputy minister, Hal Gerein and to my right is the manager of facility planning, Mr. Jim Moffat.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Any further general comments? Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to make one additional general comment. I believe I got the matter cleared up in respect to the applied arts building for Thebacha Campus. However, I did want to make a comment on something that seems somewhat misleading and I would like to get clarification. The Department of Education submitted to all Members of this House, the Department of Education's capital planning report. It was prepared for the standing committee on finance, February 1992. In that report on page seven, second paragraph, it indicates, "A new school for the Yellowknife Separate School District and additions to schools in Pangnirtung and Pond Inlet were also delayed." However, if you go to the capital budget there is funding identified for a school in Pond Inlet. Why would the report indicate that the school was delayed when in actuality the funds are identified in the Education budget? Mr. Chairman, the report says

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one thing; however, our budget documents indicate otherwise.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Pond Inlet and Pangnirtung construction of schools has been delayed but the planning money is still there. Thank you.

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

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps going line by line on Education's budget, I wonder if you would allow us to indulge in a few general resolutions we would like to pass with respect to Education's budget.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Proceed, Mr. Todd.

Motion That Cabinet Carries Out Prior Capital Commitments In Education, Carried

MR. TODD: Mr. Chairman, I move that the committee recommends that cabinet lives up to its prior commitments in the Department of Education, prior to proposing any new initiatives.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. It has been circulated and translated. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am glad you understood my motion. The reason for this motion was that there were, in fact, previous commitments made by previous governments with respect to capital investments in existing facilities, and the concern of the standing committee on finance was that these commitments should have been kept rather than proceeding with new initiatives. It is fairly straight forward.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

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Are there any further general comments? Mr. Bernhardt.

Motion That Department Of Education Develop Five-Year Capital Plan, Carried

MR. BERNHARDT: Mr. Chairman, I move the following motion: I move that the committee

recommends that the Department of Education develop a credible five-year capital plan to be provided to the standing committee on finance prior to the presentation of the 1993-94 capital estimates.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. The copies have been circulated. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD: This motion is put forward, and it was felt that the Department of Education, in its presentation, did not appear to have a five-year strategy in place as it relates not only to the capital but how it relates to both enrolment, attainment and a way in which to quantify the success of the expenditures. We therefore felt that this resolution was essential for any planning of future expenditures that the department wants to come forward with. It is fairly straight forward I think. They seem to have problems with it.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Question has been called. Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

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General comments. Member for Thebacha.

Motion To Give Priority To Kindergarten To Grade 12 Levels, Carried

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to move that the committee recommends that the priority for educational needs be placed at the kindergarten to grade 12 levels; and further, that funding to provide the facilities for kindergarten to grade 12 levels be enhanced.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Your motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

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Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In my travels in my constituency -- there is need for some new schools. I know there is some initiative by the department to take care of that need. I just wanted to say for the record that in Jean Marie River there are plans for a school there. It is needed. They have an old log school that was built by the people there many years ago. The bottom couple of logs are rotten, and

the kids are still using it. They have students from kindergarten to grade nine in a one-room situation. It is very crowded, and I do not think any of the Members here would want to have such a school in their own constituency, but this has been going on for many years. I was told it was supposed to be built this year, but it was bumped back another year. There is money in there for planning it this year. I just wanted to let the Minister know that I am concerned it should have been done sooner.

My other concern is in Trout Lake. There, too, the school is very old. I was there in January and had a meeting with the community, and I was told that they are definitely in need of a better school there because the people of the community made a log school there years ago. I do not know exactly what condition it was in, but they tell me some logs are rotten in there and they have ants crawling out of the logs in the summer. It is not a very good building, so I would just like to put the department on notice that this is what I am going after.

As for Fort Simpson, I know there are a lot of discussions going on with regard to the high school in Yellowknife, and so forth. There is a grade extension to grade 12 being provided, and I certainly hope that it is an advanced level of grade 12. Last year we had up to grade 10 in Simpson, and we had 21 students. This year we extended to grade 11, plus there was a new grade 10 alternative introduced in Simpson, and the figure jumped from 21 students last year to 60. With the grade extension it is going to be even higher. This is a reflection of a new school in Fort Liard, a new school in Nahanni Butte, and a new school being built in Wrigley. I know the students in Wrigley are very excited about a new school coming into Wrigley, and with the new facilities this will increase the student population and, therefore, the concern is that we need better facilities in Fort Simpson.

Fort Simpson is a regional centre for the five communities in the region, and what happens to students from the very small communities is that they make two trips now, as they try to get to grade 12.

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From Trout Lake they make a trip to Simpson to go to grade 10. If they want to go to grade 12 they have to come here. So they are twice removed from their homes. If it was just one trip to Simpson, that is what we want. I do not know how it is in the other regions of the North, but in the Simpson area, the parents, the teachers, and the people involved in education have

been very enthusiastic and very keen on having grade 12 and a good quality of education in our communities, and we have been asking that for so many years. I think we are in a position in Simpson to provide that service now if we had the facilities and the resources. This is what I am asking for right now.

I am told that there is a plan to retrofit the Thomas Simpson School, which is a 32-year-old school. I was told that there was new equipment going into the school, such as computers and so forth, and they could not plug them in because the electrical system is obsolete, so they cannot use some of this equipment to teach the students. What is needed there is more retrofitting and renovation of the existing school in Fort Simpson to take up the type of courses that are required for an advanced level of grade 12.

Another concern is that when you go to high school and you eventually want to go to university, you need to take courses in physics and chemistry, and so forth, and there is no science lab in the school. There is a need to put in a science lab in that school. Last year, as you recall, when Stephen Kakfwi was Minister of Education, he said there was not going to be grade 11 in Simpson and there was a demonstration in Simpson, I remember, and the students wanted to remain in Simpson. I think it was in the papers. The same attitude still exists in Simpson. They would prefer to stay in Simpson to go to high school and complete their high school in Simpson. These are my concerns and general comments, Mr. Chairman. Mahsi.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Are there any further general comments? Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: I need some guidance here. In my general comments here can I ask a question of the Minister responsible now?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Yes, Mr. Arvaluk, you can ask a question; and if you want to make some general comments, now is the time.

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My general comments, as you heard already, I will just mention the overcrowding situation in Coral Harbour. The Minister has been looking into this, and I was informed by his staff that they are looking into this, and they have some information on it now. I have not received any kind of material regarding it. Can the Minister tell me what he has found about the situation in Coral Harbour?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have received some information regarding the Coral Harbour school just today. We are going to have to review the information, and, from the information we have received, we are going to have to put some money into planning for 1993-94. Thank you.

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

MR. ZOE: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I want to reiterate my standing committee on finance comment in regard to the budget for the Department of Education. I agree with all the points that were already made. Mr. Chairman, during the fall the Dogrib Divisional Board of Education, with support from the Department of Education, undertook to develop a regional high school in Rae-Edzo, but the cabinet, or FMB, refused to fund grade extensions. The divisional board and the Rae school society decided to go ahead on their own to implement the high school program, because of the expectations raised in the community among a large number of young people.

Grade Extensions And Retrofit At Chief Jimmy Bruneau School, Rae-Edzo

Mr. Chairman, the program has succeeded beyond all expectations as there are now 115 full-time students enrolled in the grade 10 program. The divisional board is requesting that the government recognize their responsibility to provide equal access to high school programs for the Dogrib people by funding grade extensions in the Chief Jimmy Bruneau School, particularly in 1992-93. Grade extensions, Mr. Chairman, for Chief Jimmy Bruneau School requires that the government fund a retrofit of the building and undertake a number of outstanding maintenance problems that we have with that facility. This is essential for the continued development and success of a high school program in the Dogrib area. The Dogrib divisional board has asked me to ensure that the Department of Education remains committed to the retrofit of this facility and not delay or remove it from their capital plan.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on finance recommended that we concentrate our funding efforts to the K to 12 facilities, and that we have cabinet live up to their prior commitments in education before proposing new initiatives. I agree with the comments

that were made by Mr. Todd, our chairman of finance. Mr. Chairman, we know the problems that Yellowknife is encountering in terms of students enrolled here in the city. My region has been proposing grade extensions. They were trying to phase it in over the next three years so that we can have a grade 12 regional high school in Rae-Edzo. Some Members have indicated that may not be the best way to go, but in my view, Mr. Chairman, I believe that implementing this type of initiative is going to benefit my whole region and also alleviate some of the problems that the school boards are encountering here in the city of Yellowknife. My colleague from Nahendeh also expressed that same concern, and we are both supporting our divisional boards' requests.

Mr. Chairman, the divisional board also expressed some concern in regard to a gymnasium for the community of Snare Lake. I believe the Department of Education does not have in their capital plan plans to build a gymnasium for this particular community. This was raised in a letter to the Minister. The Minister responded by saying the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs also had a facility planned to go into that community. Mr. Chairman, I would like to request the Minister to co-ordinate between his department and the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs so that they can best utilize the funds. A gymnasium is required; it could be cost shared or one or the other could do it, as long as the community gets a gymnasium.

On the other issues, Mr. Chairman, in regard to prior commitments. I think my colleague from Thebacha has expressed that prior commitments should be adhered to, and I agree. Not only for this particular department but the government as a whole. Later on, when we get into details of the budget, I will be proposing two motions to this effect. Mahsi cho.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Any further general comments? Is this committee now ready to go into details? Is it agreed? Member for Kitikmeot.

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Kitikmeot Students Should Graduate With Matriculation

MR. BERNHARDT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have not said much because I feel, being a product of the residential school system and some of the school systems that I went to, I have a responsibility to speak on behalf of the people who put me here.

In regard to education, I think it is the key that holds the future for our children, particularly in my region, the Kitikmeot. I understand we will be implementing grade 10 in both Coppermine and Cambridge in 1992, but when it comes down to regional high schools, I think it would be only fair to have one high school in our region. We cannot have two because we have Coppermine, Cambridge Bay, Pelly Bay, Spence Bay and Gjoa Haven, and we already send our school children down here for higher education. So I am in favour of grade 10 in Coppermine and Cambridge, but I really do not know if we should have two high schools within the Kitikmeot Region. If we do, I think we will have difficulty filling both high schools. So, to save the government money, I think I would have to make a choice where we want the high school, either in Coppermine or Cambridge Bay or Pelly Bay, Spence Bay or Gjoa Haven.

When the day comes that we will receive a high school, I would like to see our students from the Kitikmeot Region have the same quality of education as what is presently being offered in larger communities such as Inuvik, Fort Smith and Yellowknife. We cannot have a watered-down version of grades 11 and 12. I would like to see our students graduate with matriculation meaning math 10, 20 and 30; English 10,20 and 30; and science 10, 20 and 30. I think from there we could sort of lead the child in what kind of professional field they want to follow, be it a lawyer, doctor or a teacher.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): General comments. Does this committee wish to go to details now?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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**Schools, Buildings And Works, Headquarters
Total Capital**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): We started on page 18.10. Schools, buildings and works, headquarters total region,\$4,834,000. Mr. Minister.

**Motion To Delete Addition/Renovation,
Sir John Franklin School, Carried**

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, I move that the 1992-93 capital estimates for the Department of Education, under the activity "schools," for the project addition/renovation Sir John Franklin, Yellowknife, in the amount of \$3,634,000, be deleted.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Copies of the motion have been circulated. Your motion is in order. To the motion, Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In working with the finance committee we have come up with a plan to put some planning into Yellowknife schools, as well as the extension of grades in certain communities, as I stated in my opening remarks.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to move two other motions which would take care of the school requirements in Yellowknife, as well as the school requirements for additional classrooms in Yellowknife you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Minister.

**Motion To Increase 1992-93 Capital Estimates For
Education To Add School Planning, Yellowknife**

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I move that the 1992-93 capital estimates for the Department of Education, under the activity of "schools," be increased in the amount of \$400,000 to add the project "schools planning, Yellowknife."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The copies have been circulated. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you. This \$400,000 would allow three boards in Yellowknife to plan for school requirements in Yellowknife for 1992-93.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe I could ask the Minister to clarify this for me. Is this \$400,000 considered enough to take this project through design, tender, to contract documents within the next fiscal year?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, no.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

MR. DENT: Mr. Chairman, I guess I am going to have to speak in opposition to this motion. I think it is extremely important that the government and the department move ahead in a manner which was proposed by the two Yellowknife School Districts, No. 1 and No. 2, and that we deal with the situation in Yellowknife to make sure that the whole problem is fast-tracked and solved within the next couple of years. That means that we have to move ahead with design, tender and contract documents within the next fiscal year in order to be able to achieve the construction in the 1993-94 year.

I am also somewhat concerned with the Minister when he talks about the three boards planning. I think it is very important that we get to a point in Yellowknife where we have two school boards dealing with kindergarten to grade 12 in a comprehensive fashion. When the Minister is proposing this motion, saying that he is going to have planning money for the three school boards to deal with the problem, it does not satisfy me. It does not deal with the problem the way I see it, and that means that Sir John Franklin has to become a school that is part of the Yellowknife system, not part of the territorial system. Mr. Chairman, I am afraid that I would have to urge people to vote against this motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What this \$400,000 would allow us to do is do a proper planning for Yellowknife needs in terms of schools. We will work with the school boards to do

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some planning. In 1993-94 we will go into a design and possibly construction of the new school, depending on the plan that we will be working on with the boards of Yellowknife. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I have one comment. I would like to ask the Minister if they have looked at any other alternatives to address the

overcrowding at Yellowknife schools; whether they considered other options such as using schools either south of the lake, or other schools that do have grade 12 available, to alleviate the pressure from Yellowknife schools, which includes Inuvik also.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Are you ready for the question? Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: If you will pardon me, Mr. Chairman, I will try to answer the Member's question. The answer is, we have tried to look for some solutions, including an extension to Sir John School. Our preliminary findings were that you would have to come up with \$6.6 million to address the overcrowding, and the independent report told us that we need \$13 million to address the Sir John if we are going to continue to use it as a regional high school for taking students from the Sahtu, Kitikmeot, and surrounding communities of the Western Arctic. We have not gone so far as to look for other places, such as Hay River and Fort Smith, although we have looked at Inuvik for an alternative highschool for some communities. But Inuvik alone would not take care of the problem if we do not extend grades in certain communities. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I recognize we have a motion on the floor, but I would like to know if I could ask your indulgence to have a five-minute break.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Do you agree that we take a five minute break?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. We will recess for 10 minutes. We will ring the bell when you should be back here.

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To the motion. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, in regard to this \$400,000 for the school planning in Yellowknife. I believe when we met with the Minister in our finance committee, we expressed a concern with regard to the overall project for the city of Yellowknife. I want to know how the project is going to proceed. I know there is planning

money, but is it anticipated that the school is going to go ahead in the following year or over the next two years? What type of plan is the department contemplating? I wonder if the Minister could speak to the motion and clarify my concerns,

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What this \$400,000 would allow us to do is to do some proper assessment and also planning with the Yellowknife boards to come up with a school in Yellowknife. Our tentative plan is to design a school that will be acceptable to the boards of Yellowknife in the following fiscal year, but we will do everything in our power to meet the requests to have a school completed in the 1994 school year.

So in essence, Mr. Chairman, for the design of the school we anticipate that we will be requesting for 1993-94, but if the design and construction could start the same year, we would try to meet that requirement. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Based on the Minister's explanation, I will now support this motion.

--- Applause

Motion To Increase 1992-93 Capital Estimates For Education To Add School Planning, Yellowknife, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk):

Thank you. To the motion, Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just in order to provide even more certainty in terms to how the process will go, I would like to propose a motion that will deal with the Yellowknife situation and also community grade extensions.

Motion To Provide Grade Extensions In Various Communities And Fast-Track New High School In Yellowknife, Carried

I move that the committee recommends that grade extensions to grade 12 be provided to the communities of Cambridge Bay, Fort Franklin, Fort Simpson and Edzo and to grade 10 in Coppermine; and further that the funding for grade extensions be taken from other projects contained in the 1992-93 capital estimates; and further that the need to address the overcrowding in Yellowknife schools be planned for immediately, based on the proposals of the Yellowknife School Districts No. 1 and 2; and further that the design and construction of the planned new high school in Yellowknife be fast-tracked to the 1993-94 capital estimates.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Before I rule on this motion, my copy here is not quite the same as the way you read it. We will take a two-minute break and then come back to it.

--- SHORT RECESS

I will call the committee back to order. Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Although the Minister has indicated that he was going to move toward implementing the grade extensions and dealing with the overcrowding in Yellowknife, I thought it was important to have a motion approved by the House setting out the direction that we would like to see things go. So this is really just for further certainty and confirming what we have already heard in statements in the House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Schools, buildings and works, headquarters, total region, \$4,834,000, as amended. Mr. Minister.

Motion To Increase 1992-93 Capital Estimates To Add Additional Classrooms, Yellowknife, Carried

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the 1992-93 capital estimates for the Department of Education, under the activity schools,

be increased in the amount of \$750,000 to add a project, additional classrooms, Yellowknife.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed. The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Schools, Buildings And Works, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed portable units. I am just concerned about how we spend money on those kinds of units if they are not going to be used for other purposes in future. If the intention is for us to build a new high school, then I hope we can utilize those particular buildings for other purposes or for other communities, if that is possible, because it just seems that we expend a great deal of money on units of that type and not have any additional or future uses for them. I think we should be more cautious about the idea of using portables if the option is a long-term facility. I just wanted to make that particular comment, because I do not want anyone to get the impression that even though I support the efforts and considerations for Yellowknife, that it should be at additional expense to future governments.

**Buildings And Works, Headquarters,
Total Capital, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. We are still on schools, buildings and works, headquarters. Total region as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Fort Smith, total region, \$1,929,000, Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, under Fort Smith region, earlier on under general comments my colleague passed a motion Page 18.10, schools, buildings and works, total region as pertaining to prior commitments.amended.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Fort Smith, total region, \$1.929 million. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, with regard to headquarters I would like to ask the Minister whether or not there are any long range plans with regard to -- I believe there are about 700 students from out of Yellowknife residing here in Yellowknife and going to school. I think about half of those come from the Eastern and High Arctic. With the creation of Nunavut and the development of Nunavut, there is a movement to start looking at the capital infrastructure for the students of Nunavut to be going to school in the Eastern Arctic. Is there any move in that area? I realize that we are looking at a large capital amount for Yellowknife, but I would like to know whether or not -- I know Mr. Patterson wants a nice high school in Iqaluit, I believe, or even Rankin, and whether we want it or not, it is going to be a reality eventually-- we are planning with regard to that in mind.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, there is a total of 735 students attending Sir John currently. Of those 735 students, 253 are regional students, and there are four students coming in from the Eastern Arctic. The rest of them are from Deh Cho, Dogrib, Sahtu, South Slave, and Kitikmeot. Through grade extensions into communities, we would hope that we would take care of a need to educate our students in a regional type setting. Thank you.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, if I could make a couple of comments in this particular area because of the overall total expenditures, and it deals with the matter of the department and this government continuing to provide

**Motion To Honour Prior Commitments For
Renovations To Fort Smith And
Hay River Schools, Carried**

Under Fort Smith, I would like to propose a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move that this committee strongly recommends to the Department of Education that the capital estimates be amended to honour prior commitments to renovate J.B.T. Elementary School in Fort Smith and Diamond Jenness Secondary School in Hay River.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, as I indicated earlier a general motion was passed to this effect but these are being specific to these two particular schools in the Fort Smith Region. These projects are needed, and commitments have been made by prior governments. The department, we feel, should live up to these commitments prior to proceeding with new initiatives, particularly the Pond Inlet enhancement and also the renovations plan to the old school in Pangnirtung. Those are just a couple we found were new initiatives. So we strongly recommend that all Members support our motion to recommend to the department to honour prior commitments. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion, Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Fort Smith, total region. Mr. Minister.

**Motion To Renovate Thomas Simpson School,
Fort Simpson, Carried**

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the 1992-93 capital estimates for the Department of Education under the activity schools, be increased in the amount of \$400,000 for the project to renovate Thomas Simpson School, Fort Simpson.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Fort Smith, total region, as amended. Mr. Minister.

**Motion To Add 12-Bed Student Hostel,
Fort Simpson**

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the 1992-93 capital estimates for the Department of Education under the activity schools, be increased in the amount of \$800,000 to add the project, a 12-bed student hostel, Fort Simpson.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: That is our average family in the Eastern Arctic, 12 people, 12 beds in one five-bedroom house for \$80,000. Why a 12-bed hostel? It would be nine times more expensive. Is there something wrong with the design? Can it not be constructed a little cheaper?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the advice of the Department of Public Works, that is the amount we are told we would spend in order to construct this hostel. It is a 12-bed hostel that would include the hostel parents. We agree we will look at the project. I will work with the Minister of DPW to see if he can cut expenditures in this project.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Gargan.

**Moving Away From Hostels And More Into Home
Boarding Concept**

MR. GARGAN: During the last Assembly there was a direction implemented by the former government in regard to trying to get away from having student hostels and to go into the home boarding concept. I believe it was on that basis that some initiatives in some regions were dropped and this whole new concept was accepted. Is this government again changing its direction with regard to student hostels? Are we looking at this all over and going to move in that direction regardless of the cost factor, whether it is cheaper to homeboard students as opposed to building these expensive facilities?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Since the government started to use home parents as an alternative to hostels, that has been most successful in most cases. In Fort Simpson, unfortunately, we are at the capacity to use the home boarding. Whenever possible we will try to use the home boarding as a way to educate kids that are not from that particular community. At the current time in Fort Simpson we are at our limits.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: So this is a whole new facility being built? We are no longer looking at using the existing hostel.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, we will use both methods, hostel and home boarding.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Is that a new facility we are building?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, is the government going to review the home boarding program or the hostel program that, I guess, many of us were persuaded to oppose support of a home boarding program, and whether or not the communities are going to have an opportunity to indicate whether or not they support that particular program, and whether or not they would like to change direction. I guess I am making mention of this because a few years ago I was convinced by the Minister at that time, I guess it was Mr. Patterson, to go the home boarding route and to cancel two 10-bed hostels in my community of Fort McPherson, so I am just kind of curious as to the direction you want to take us now, or whether or not the communities could influence the policy in changing it into this type of initiative.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our preference is to go in the route of home boarding. Yes, in some ways I suppose the communities could be part of the decision of whether they have home boarding or we would have to build a hostel. If there is nobody in the community that wants to take in students, then we would ultimately have to build hostels. Our first preference is to go home boarding, and then if there is no more capacity, such as is the case in Fort Simpson I am told, we have to build hostels. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Member for Aivilik.

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Do not get me wrong. I am not against having the government build a hostel in Fort Simpson. I understand that some students cannot adapt very well to a new home, and the hostel sometimes is better suited, especially for counselling and adaptation. But I am having a real problem with it. The government must have a design, then, to be able to come up with

this figure of \$800,000 to have a hostel. Are they talking about the hostel, Mr. Chairman, or are they talking about a 12-unit apartment? Instead of talking about a 12-bed can he talk about how many bedrooms are being designed here?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, we are talking about one building, two students per room, and one small suite for hostel parents.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a couple of questions in respect to the idea of placing money in for a hostel and trying to address the whole student hostel this year, as opposed to over a two-year plan as they had initially wanted to address it. I recall a couple of years ago the hostel in Simpson was closed down. I think it was by the Fire Marshal, due to requirements that needed to be done. I do not recall the amount with respect to the deficiencies that would have had to be addressed, but I am wondering whether these deficiencies exceed the allotted amount of \$800,000 that is now in the

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budget. Can the Minister advise me? It is the same department, even though I recognize it is a different Minister.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The old hostel is being used as an office. The Member stated the Fire Marshal told the government that the old hostel cannot be used as a 24 hour facility, but could only be used in the daytime. So the old hostel is being used for offices, an educational facility and library and social services.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, the Minister still did not answer my question that I posed to him.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am told that in order to renovate the old hostel, in terms of electrical, plumbing, heating and bringing it up to standards, it will cost more than the current plan we have for building a hostel. A similar type structure

in Inuvik cost the government four million dollars to upgrade it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Can the Minister advise us as to how much the deficiencies were that had to be addressed in respect to that hostel. Were they four million, one million or \$800,000? Something in my mind tells me it was under \$500,000 and that is why I am trying to get an answer.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, we do not have the figures at this moment. I would have to get back to the Member.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, I am having a little difficulty with this particular motion. It is a new activity called 12-bed student hostel for Fort Simpson to the tune of \$800,000. Now that is being added to the current budget. We also have a student hostel, Fort Simpson, for a total of \$340,000. Does that mean the overall cost is \$1,140,000 ?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is two separate hostels. This one for \$800,000 is one hostel. The one he is talking about is a hostel that is already under construction.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Member for Nahendeh.

Fort Simpson Hostel

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to say something about the situation of the hostel in Fort Simpson. For many years there was a student hostel in Simpson, and back around 1988, I think, there was a Fire Marshal's inspection of the place and at that time the Deh Cho Regional Council had the contract with the government to run that facility. I was involved as an interim executive director at that time, and I remember Stephen Kakfwi was the Minister of Education at that time, and what happened there is that the department, at that time, wanted to shut the place down. Their excuse is that they did not have enough money to renovate that facility. My recollection is that the figure was around \$500,000 to

upgrade the facility to meet the standards of the Fire Marshal. It did not have proper material in the walls and the doors, and the electrical was not up to code.

We had to shut the place down and it sat vacant for a couple of years. The Department of Education renovated a certain part of it. Social Services is in the senior boys' section, for people who understand that hostel, and the other part is for the adult education section. There is a library in one section of the school; the resource room for education is in there; the special language people; and Deh Cho Divisional board is in there. The whole hostel is used at the present time.

I recall, as interim executive director, we did have a plan and we proposed, at that time, to build three small hostel units which will be run by the regional council. We were turned down at this time. When the plan for this hostel was coming up, I wondered if there was any long-term strategy plan back in 1988 on the Department of Education's part. The fact is that presently we have students from the surrounding communities living in home boarding, but we are at capacity and we need more places for students to go to. Maybe we need more HAP units in there so we can accommodate the students. But that is a different issue.

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At the present time, I am told that we have about 27 grade 12 and senior students away from the community, and if we bring them back into Simpson we need additional places. My understanding of this motion is that for 1992-93 there was a hostel in the capital estimates, a 10-room hostel in the capital estimates, and the \$800,000 extra is for another 12-unit hostel. That was my understanding of the motion, and I do not see how some of my colleagues would think it is something new. It is in the documents that I have received, and I thought everybody understood that. Mahsi.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, we just passed a motion on having high schools in Cambridge Bay, Fort Simpson, and Rae-Edzo. Mr. Chairman, is it the plan by the department that eventually we are going in the direction of having residences for students who are from outside the community? Cambridge Bay would probably have a structure like that built, as well

as other communities who are moving in the high school direction. Is that correct, Mr. Minister?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to hostels, I would like to state that the Deh Cho Divisional Board of Education told us that they needed this hostel to take in the students that are coming in from the small communities. Yes, Mr. Chairman, we are planning to have a hostel in Kitikmeot Region, either in Coppermine or Cambridge Bay. We would have to consult with the community or divisional board prior to putting it into a community. Currently, in our budget we are planning to put a hostel in Cambridge Bay, but we would have to do some proper planning with the divisional board as well as the government and the MLA affected.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, the Minister indicated that it was determined by the Deh Cho Regional Council, and in light of that, he has made some

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changes to the amount of the 12-bed student hostel. Was that based on the January meeting? In the first week of January the Deh Cho Regional Council met, and I have got the minutes of that meeting. Was it based on that request?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Deh Cho Divisional Board requested a grade extension last fall. That grade extension will be in Fort Simpson. They also stated that home boarding is at capacity, and they were concerned that the community will not be able to take care of the students coming to Fort Simpson. They raised it with the department last fall, that they need to have a hostel as an alternative to home boarding, or in addition to home boarding.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Gargan, to the motion.

MR. GARGAN: So it was determined by the department that the forecast was for a couple of years down the road. Is that in the Deh Cho Region, not including Fort Providence, you are going to have all the students filling all the home boarding, and on top of that you have extra students for the 12-bed hostel?

This is a forecast, right? You have determined that by a study of sorts, and you have determined that you do have, right now in 1992, as much as maybe 50 potential students that are going to be graduating grade nine, and that the forecast seems to be that in 1994 numbers will warrant such a facility. Has there been a study done to determine that?

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

Community Extension Program

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you. Yes, through our community extension program. Let me bring the Member up-to-date on what has been happening as recently as December, when we met with the standing committee on finance. Our plan was to bring all the students to Yellowknife and expand the capacity of Akaitcho and expand the capacity of Sir John, but we are talking about lots of money -- money that my department and the government of the Northwest Territories were not able to meet. As you know, there is overcrowding in Sir John, and Akaitcho is at capacity currently. So we had two options. On the advice of the standing committee on finance, we agreed that the best way to deal with the students was to deal with them at the community level. We thought that for the coming year, if we want to extend the grades in Fort Simpson, we would have to build a hostel. Prior to our decision, it was raised by the Deh Cho Divisional Board -- yes, if you are going to use Fort Simpson as a regional highschool for surrounding communities, we need a hostel because we are at capacity with home boarding. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Nerysoo.

Policy Of Grade Extensions In Relation To Student Residences

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to ask the Minister if he is considering a review of the student residence policy for all grades and all circumstances in each particular community, because I do not think you should tie the whole question of student residences to the matter or the policy of grade extensions. The fact is that students that require a residence are not necessarily in grades 10, 11 and 12, and so I ask you if you could consider that particular matter.

I am not going to oppose what Mr. Antoine wants for his particular constituency, but the fact is that if you do not have a policy that addresses the needs of the

students, whether or not they are in kindergarten or grade 12, the fact is that you are not going to be clear about the direction that you want to take. So I would ask the Minister if, in addressing this particular motion, you could also address the matter of the policy and possibly report back during the next session so that we are clear about what direction we are going to take.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to know if the Minister would be able to provide to this House the amount that was initially requested to renovate the old student hostel in Fort Simpson back in 1988.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thought we had already agreed to that, and I would provide the committee with the numbers.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, with regard to the motion itself, there has been a directive or a motion passed by the finance committee, which Mr. Antoine is part of, with regard -- the government incorporating result measures into the capital and main estimates. I am just wondering whether or not that has been considered by the department with regard to that particular motion passed. I do not know if it is too soon to determine that, but I would think that when the finance committee made this motion it was on the understanding that we do not go making motions on an increase in the budget without having some kind of a result measurement system.

I spoke against the motion, but I do not see anything wrong with the way the motion has been presented, but I would think that would be something that the government has looked at and that the finance committee has considered in order for it to make that kind of a thing, because obviously the \$800,000 -- I do not know where the numbers come from, or the 12-bed facility, where that comes from. I am unclear as to whether or not when we make motions, we are bound by them and we should follow them, or, in the case of some Members on the finance committee,

they will make an exception and waive that motion in order to have a capital project implemented in their constituency. Maybe I could get clarification on that, Mr. Chairman.

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

Plan For Measurement Of Results In Main Estimates

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With the measurement for an output, we are going to put a plan in place when we are dealing with the main estimates sometime this spring. Yes, we will be putting that forward in the main estimates. Mr. Chairman, I guess this motion would allow us, the department, to put \$800,000 into this activity, and then, as I said earlier, I will be working with the Minister of DPW to see if he could find a way that we could be more cost effective, or to find a way that would cost less than \$800,000 to put in a hostel. I will try everything we can to see if we could do it cheaper. Thank you.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I do not wish to give the impression that I am against the motion itself. The motion I support, and I also support the Member for Nahendeh in regard to having such a facility, because it does benefit my constituency. The thing I do not understand is that we make motions in this House in regard to result measures and I do not see it with regard to this motion that the Minister presented, because if you read the motion, it is quite clear what the intent of it is -- result measures in the capital plans. The situation right now, Mr. Chairman, is that we realize a motion was passed and supported, but at this point in time we cannot respond to the motion until maybe the new fiscal year. That is it, basically. So while the getting is good, get it. I just wanted to mention that, Mr. Chairman, but I would like to get some numbers on how they came up with these figures and I would appreciate it if the Minister provides that. For this reason, Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that we report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Not debatable? All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is defeated. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I request you recognize the clock.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I still cannot recognize the clock at this moment. To the motion. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: I would like to move that...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion.

MR. ARVALUK: I am making a motion, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Arvaluk.

Motion To Defer Motion To Add 12-bed Student Hostel, Fort Simpson

MR. ARVALUK: Mr. Chairman, thank you very much. If I have to be ruled out, I would like to be ruled out of the chair. Thank you. I would like to move that we defer the motion that is on the floor right now until we get information on the previous plan's costs for renovations to the old hostel from the Minister. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): This motion to defer this motion for more clarification is in order. To the motion. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There were very good questions asked by the Members to the Minister respecting the comparable costs to the previous plan or idea to renovate the old one, which apparently holds more beds, and how much it would have cost to renovate it. Would it have been more than \$800,000, or less? These questions have not been answered by the Minister.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I am sorry, as chairman of the committee of the whole, at this time I recognize the clock and I will report progress.

Speaker's Ruling On Point Of Order Raised By Mrs. Marie- Jewell On February 28, 1992

MR. SPEAKER: Good afternoon. I wish to provide my ruling on the point of order raised by the honourable Member for Thebacha during question period on Friday, February 28. The point of order was raised that the Minister of Social Services, in responding to questions, should not be permitted to refer to the former government or Minister. The point was also made that ordinary Members are not permitted to ask questions of a Minister who held a former portfolio or of the former government.

Although the rules and precedents are clear on the matter of a Member asking a Minister a question, I quote Beauchesne's 409(6): "A question must be within the administrative competence of the government. The Minister to whom the question is directed is responsible to the House for his or her present ministry and not for any decisions taken in a previous portfolio." The rules and precedents are not clear that the same restriction applies to a Minister in answering a question if the Minister can make comment on a former Minister or actions of a former government. To the matter before us, I would suggest that the Minister of Social Services in this case was referring to actions of a former Minister and government that he is supporting and is the present policy of this government. On this particular matter, the Member for Thebacha does not have a point of order. I will ensure that all Members of the House are given every opportunity within the rules and precedents when asking and replying to questions.

Item 18, report of the committee of the whole. Mr. Chairman.

ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bills 8, 10, 11 and 14, and the committee wishes to report progress with nine motions being adopted. Bills 8, 10 and 11 are ready for third reading, and Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole be concurred with. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Seconder to that motion. Mr. Dent. The motion is in order. All those in favour? Opposed? 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, meetings for tomorrow: at 9:00 a.m. of the full caucus; and at 10:30 of the ordinary Members' caucus.

ITEM 21: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Tuesday, March 3, 1992:

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 1992.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ITEM 1: PRAYER

--- Prayer

MR. SPEAKER: Good afternoon. Orders of the day for Monday, March 2, 1992. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Allooloo.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 22-12(2): Settlement Of Dispute In Inuvik

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mahsi cho, Mr. Speaker. The Inuvik Community Education Council met on Friday, February 28, and recommended a compromise that will provide teachers in both schools in Inuvik with one-half day for in-service training. They also recommended that teachers at both schools be allowed to dismiss classes early in the afternoon on two other days to complete their in-service training.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to welcome to the Assembly, Mrs. Colbourne and her grade 10 class, from Sir John Franklin High School.

--- Applause

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

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Sobriety Requirements For Alcohol And Drug Workers

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to talk about an issue that was raised on several occasions by the honourable Member for Baffin Central regarding the sobriety requirements for alcohol and drug workers in the Northwest Territories.

After listening to the debate in question period last Friday, I became very concerned with the approach taken by the Minister of Social Services. Essentially the Minister has told dissenting alcohol and drug groups that it is "my way or the highway."

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the sobriety requirement is to be included in all contribution agreements between the GNWT and local boards for the provision of alcohol and drug treatment programs. To me, a contribution agreement means exactly that, an accommodation negotiated between two parties. It does not mean, "Here is the agreement; sign on the bottom line." My question to the Minister would be: Where is the agreement in the current process?

The second concern I have, Mr. Speaker, is the Minister's attitude toward communities who have chosen not to adhere to the sobriety requirement as arbitrarily implemented by the Minister. In the unedited Hansard on February 28 the Minister stated, "I am contemplating very seriously that as the door closes on the acceptance of some of these resources, that I redistribute them to the communities that are showing active participation and support the intent and spirit of the program."

Mr. Speaker, in the Minister's world only communities that adhere to his policy will get funding for drug and alcohol treatment. I hope this is not a typical attitude of this government. I wonder if we will be negotiating community transfer agreements in a similar manner.

Mr. Speaker, this approach and attitude, to me, is clearly unacceptable. No matter what the advantages or disadvantages of a sobriety requirement are, the process used by the Minister of Social Services to implement this requirement is heavy-handed at best. I hope the Minister would reconsider his intransigent approach to this issue, sit down and negotiate with all parties concerned. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Members' statements. Ms. Mike.

Member's Statement On Implementation Of Sobriety Clause For Alcohol And Drug Workers

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have already voiced my concerns about the decision made by the Department of Social Services which tries to force alcohol and drug project employees to abstain from any use of alcohol. Today I would like to raise

additional concerns about the way the Minister of Social Services has gone about implementing the decision. I am very unhappy with the Minister's unwillingness to listen seriously to the concerns that have been raised about this policy. I do not believe the Minister understands our Eastern Arctic communities, and I know he does not understand the role of alcohol and drug counsellors at the local level. It troubles me and my constituents that the Minister has not respected the opinions of people who do not understand these things; people like our elders, the community members who sit on our alcohol and drug committees, and skilled addiction counsellors who work in the Baffin Region.

The recommendation to develop this policy was apparently made by the board of management for alcohol and drug services. This board meets in secret and does not make its minutes available for public review. I am shocked to learn that there is currently no representation from either the Baffin Region or the Keewatin Region on the board. The decision to implement this policy has not been re-evaluated since the election to determine whether it conforms with the

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community self-initiatives about which the Government Leader has been telling us. The concept has never been debated fully in this House.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister is fond of pointing out that only two alcohol and drug projects in the Northwest Territories have refused to sign the contribution agreement which includes the Minister's sobriety clause. But we should make no mistake, there is very little support for this policy in the Eastern Arctic. There is resentment over the disrespect this Minister has shown to our regional council, and there is concern over his disregard for the views of alcohol and drug workers in my region. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Members will join me in welcoming Mr. Mark Evaloarjuk, a former MLA, presently speaker of the Baffin Regional Council and a member of the board of directors of TFN.

--- Applause

Members' statements. Mr. Gargan.

Member's Statement On Report Of Special Joint Committee On A Renewed Canada

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am making this statement as a private Member. My

comments may not necessarily reflect the views of my honourable colleagues on the special committee on constitutional reform. The report of the Special Joint Committee on a Renewed Canada carries important applications for all Canadians, and for aboriginal Canadians in particular. I am gratified by the joint committee's position that "after 125 years the time has come to bring aboriginal people into the constitution with equality and respect." Members of the joint committee have proven their commitment to this ideal by proposing entrenchment of aboriginals' inherent right to self-government. This is a significant development in terms of this country's constitutional evolution. I am impressed that the committee chose to overlook those people who, in an attempt to further their selfinterest, argued that an inherent right to self-government should not or could not exist.

I am referring to the submission made by Mr. Bob MacQuarrie of Yellowknife and certain others across the country. Mr. Speaker, the joint committee did not hear any evidence during the public meetings on whether the entrenchment of aboriginal self-government would affect land claims, but it did consider this to be an important issue which deserves further study. This is a question of significant importance to the Dene of Deh Cho. Our people had the courage to resist political pressures to proceed with a comprehensive Dene/Metis regional claim. They did this because of the federal government's insistence on the extinguishment of treaty rights. I believe that the entrenchment of inherent right to self-government may affect this federal position.

Time has now proved that the stance of Deh Cho and South Slave chiefs has been the correct one. They are to be commended for their patience in waiting to see the outcome of the national constitutional process, and for their reluctance to be hurried into a deal that would not have been in the best interests of the region.

Mr. Speaker, this is a critical time in the history of the South Slave people. I assure this House that I will be working closely with my honourable colleague for Nahendeh, as well as with the Deh Cho Regional Council, to examine the implication of our inherent right on the land claims process. I will be urging the territorial government to support us in these efforts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Members' statements. Mr. Patterson.

Member's Statement On Establishment Of Upassuraakut

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform Members of this Assembly that as a result of a lot of hard work on the part of many concerned citizens in Iqaluit last week and this past weekend, a new group, which call themselves "Upassuraakut," which means "a place for people to go," has established itself to provide a drug and alcohol education and counselling service for Iqaluit. Joe Adla Kunuk will chair the group, assisted by Alicy Joamie, vice-chairperson, and Bill McConkey, secretary-treasurer. The other seven members of the board reflect a good mix of elders and young people, all of whom have experienced first hand the effects of alcohol and drug abuse on people's lives. They are determined that the counselling service they establish will reflect this life experience of the board members.

The board intends to form a society which will apply for funding from the Government of the Northwest Territories' Department of Social Services to deliver a drug and alcohol education and counselling service for Iqaluit. Mr. Kunuk has emphasized that any program endorsed by the group will have spiritual, emotional, physical and mental components. He also noted at a public meeting held on this subject last week that members of the community stressed the importance of the land in developing a recovery program.

Mr. Kunuk also stated that the so-called abstinence policy of the territorial government is not an issue with the new board, which is comprised of abstainers. Mr. Kunuk stated that the main concern of the board is to provide a drug and alcohol education and counselling service which is badly needed in Iqaluit. Qujannamiik.

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

Member's Statement On Praise For Hardworking Staff On Redknife Highway

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to tell people here that I drove back to Fort Simpson over the weekend. I thought the highway was fairly good all the way to Simpson, and I made good time. I was lucky I did not encounter any highway patrol, like my colleague here, so I made very good time.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: What about buffalo?

MR. ANTOINE: When I got to the Redknife Highway maintenance camp, I could not continue because they had just cooked some moose ribs over the fire. I could not say, "No," because I had been eating restaurant food here all week, so it was a good treat for me.

What I found out was that they closed the road to Trout Lake. Apparently they had four days of good weather in the plus eight and plus nine area, and one day at plus 15 degrees Celsius. What happened is that the winter road had thawed out and four tanker fuel trucks were stuck on the road into Trout Lake. It was inconvenient for the people of Trout Lake to get in and out of the community. I know the people that work on the highways are helping to try to open the road. They are working over the weekend, and I want to mention that there are people that work hard and try to do their job right. I want them to be recognized. Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

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ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O212-12(2): Status Of Community Hall For Sanikiluaq

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Sanikiluaq has requested funding for a gym. They have been requesting a community hall for quite a long time. I would like to know what the status is on their application for a gym or community hall. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I guess I am learning in this job that you no sooner get one project completed than another pops up. I am delighted that the capital budget for my department includes a new arena for Sanikiluaq in the coming year.

---Applause

But I see the community is already turning toward their next requirement. Mr. Speaker, I do not have the information at hand to answer the Member's question. We are concentrating on the arena right now, so I will take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being taken as notice. Mr. Pudlat. New question.

Question O213-12(2): Implementation Of Grade 11 In Sanikiluaq

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) I have a question to the Minister of Education. Sanikiluaq has been trying to get grade 11 in the community for some time. They had conferences in Sanikiluaq about this. Students come home before the end of the school year because they are getting homesick. For that reason they would like to have grade 11 in the community. What is the status of that request?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Alloo.oo.

Return To Question O213-12(2): Implementation Of Grade 11 In Sanikiluaq

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last Thursday as the Minister of Education I presented the budget for education for grades being upgraded to grade 11 in Sanikiluaq. When the main estimates are approved, the grade 11 that they are requesting will be implemented. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question O214-12(2): Mistakes In Beatty Report Re Health Service In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health. Over the past several weeks I have asked the Minister of Health about the Fort Simpson hospital. They are going through the Strength at Two Levels report. I have to make some corrections in that. We do not have a regional board of health for the Mackenzie as indicated in the Beatty report. As well, we have only one contract position in the Fort Simpson hospital, rather than two as stated in that report. There are some mistakes in the report, and recognizing that this Strength at Two Levels report's strategic division of the Department of Health is based on information that is incorrect, how can the Minister have confidence in the recommendations in it, especially regarding the Fort Simpson hospital? Mahsi.

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

Return To Question O214-12(2): Mistakes In Beatty Report Re Health Service In Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We recognize, as well, that there are some areas in the Strength at Two Levels report that may not reflect the situation at the current time. I believe that at the time the research was done this may have been the situation. We are not basing our decisions or anything that we do totally on the figures in any report. I have explained to the Member that we are going to go to revisit these facilities and review the current status, review some of the historical figures that were there, to ensure that our figures are correct when we discuss anything that may be of a statistical nature. I want to assure the Member that we are not basing anything that we are doing strictly on the figures that he may have seen in this report.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

--- Applause

Beatty Report Re Health Service In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Appendix 11, Strength at Two Levels report, recommends that the Fort Simpson hospital should be transformed into a modern health centre with no elective birthing, and long-term care being moved to the community through home care and other non-institutional community health care. My question is, what is the Minister's definition of a "modern health centre"?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O214-12(2): Mistakes In Beatty Report Re Health Service In Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess it is a fairly broad question, and I am not sure whether or not my interpretation of what it says in the report would be what a modern concept is. I think that we are looking to ensure that adequate health services are delivered to communities based on need and based on the availability of that particular type of service. We want to ensure that communities and regions get good health treatment at an economical price.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question O214-12(2): Mistakes In Beatty Report Re Health Service In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the 1990-91 fiscal year the contract physician at the Fort Simpson hospital saw 2220 patients, including one or two life-threatening emergencies, per month. Can the

Minister assure the House that regardless of what the department is going to do, according to this Beatty report recommendation, he will not take any steps to eliminate the funding arrangements that allow us to have a medical doctor available in Fort Simpson? Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I want to review the question a little bit more in depth and come back with a better answer, so I would like to take that question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The question has been taken as notice. Oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

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Question O215-12(2): Tabling Of "NWT Way" Model For Health Delivery

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Health. The Minister of Health often refers to a document called the NWT Way model for health delivery in respect to addressing health care concerns across the Territories. Will he consider tabling that particular document in this House for discussion?

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

Return To Question O215-12(2): Tabling Of "NWT Way" Model For Health Delivery

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will.

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

Supplementary To Question O215-12(2): Tabling Of "NWTWay" Model For Health Delivery

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, can the Minister give me some indication as to when he will be able to table the document in this House? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O215-12(2): Tabling Of "NWTWay" Model For Health Delivery

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will endeavour to comply with the request of the honourable Member. For information,

Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the Ordinary Members have agreed to a presentation by the Department of Health dealing with many of the concerns that some of the Members have with the NWT Way, and direction and interpretations of Strength at Two Levels, so there will be a briefing for Ordinary Members tomorrow on that.

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

Supplementary To Question O215-12(2): Tabling Of "NWT Way" Model For Health Delivery

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister clarify for me, once he can obtain translation of this document will he take it upon himself to table the document in the House for further discussion? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O215-12(2): Tabling Of "NWT Way" Model For Health Delivery

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is the intention, to have the document translated so that all Members will be able to read what it is.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Social Services has been fond of pointing out that only two alcohol and drug projects have refused to sign the contribution agreement which includes the sobriety clause. He has implied that there is great support for his abstinence policy in all other alcohol and drug projects across the Northwest Territories. In fact, this policy is not widely supported in the Baffin Region, and

I suspect that it lacks support elsewhere as well. My question is for the Minister of Social Services. Can the Minister advise the House whether he bothered to canvass the opinions of alcohol and drug workers and their community-based supervisors before deciding to follow through with the implementation of this policy?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Social Services, Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are some 42 programs across the Territories that deliver alcohol and drug treatment and help people in need in that area. No, I have not consulted each and every one. I have received a number of letters from some of the centres in support of it. As I said yesterday, or Friday, some 36 of the committees have already submitted their proposals for the 1992-93 budget. So there seems to be good response to our program.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, is the Minister willing to admit that some organizations may well oppose and ridicule this policy but have been forced to agree with it only under the threat of funding cutbacks?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I know of only one alcohol and drug committee that has ridiculed it, but we have had very good support from the majority.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

MS. MIKE: Would the Minister of Social Services be willing to put his convictions to the test by conducting and then tabling a Territories-wide survey which asks all members of alcohol and drug committees and all the professional addiction counsellors in the NWT to indicate whether they support this abstinence policy?

Further Return To Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we are flogging a dead horse here. It seems to have taken on a bit of a personality thing, this whole issue. It is me and them or them and I. Mr. Speaker, I would be willing to take direction from this House. I would like to know if it could be moved into committee of the whole and discussed right here in the House. If the House is in favour of dealing with the sobriety clause in some manner, I will take direction from that.

MR. SPEAKER: Final supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Social Services did not answer my question. Can your

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department conduct a study as to whether this abstinence clause is supported by both the alcohol and drug workers and the counsellors?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O216-12(2): Opinions Of Alcohol And Drug Workers On Sobriety Clause

HON. TONY WHITFORD: No, Mr. Speaker, I will not, but I would like to see this moved into committee of the whole and we will debate it right on the floor.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question O217-12(2): Sobriety For Northwest Territories Teachers

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Government Leader. The Department of Social Services has introduced this policy of a sobriety clause through the government cabinet on the basis that the principle is to have employees who work directly with the clients set an example. To have consistency in their policy, would the Government Leader introduce this same thing to the teachers of the Northwest Territories, because they have to set an example to the students of the schools?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Government Leader, Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O217-12(2): Sobriety For Northwest Territories Teachers

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I cannot answer that question. I know in the abstinence question that we are spending a great deal of time on, that it was first introduced by the drug and alcohol committee. We have been given a clear statement that the membership on that has not been fully instituted, and some parts of the Northwest Territories are not on the committee. I would like to take up the offer from Mr. Whitford, the Minister of Social Services, to put a paper forward for debate in the

House. We can have that prepared in the next couple of days and move it into committee of the whole so that everyone can have the opportunity to speak. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question O218-12(2): Problem Behind Sobriety Clause

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Social Services. Last week, the subject of the sobriety clause took up a lot of our time. I am concerned about it. I would like to know, in your opinion, what the problem is with the clause. You are the one dealing with this situation. Can you tell this House what the real problem is behind this policy? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: It is not normal to ask opinions of Ministers but, with that, Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O218-12(2): Problem Behind Sobriety Clause

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I could give this a short answer by saying there are a number of different concerns about it. I would certainly like to bring forward a paper to discuss this matter in the House rather than express my own opinion. It appears that it is narrowing down to my opinion versus other people's opinions. I would be willing to do that.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

Question O219-12(2): Abstention By Departmental Staff

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Social Services. Regarding the sobriety policy that is to be passed, if it is passed, will your departmental staff be able to hire people that do not drink? Perhaps, right now, it is only for staff of the alcohol and drug program. The next step might be for all of your departmental staff to abstain from alcohol. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O219-12(2): Abstention By Departmental Staff

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, the abstinence clause applies only to the signatories of the contribution agreement. It is a condition that is

attached to the funding for this particular program, and it does not go beyond that. It deals only with the contribution agreement and persons working within that agreement.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Dent.

Question O220-12(2): Fire At Expo Site In Seville

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. Speaker, I heard recently that there was a major fire at the Expo site in Seville. I am wondering if the Minister could advise the House if this fire may have saved the Government of the Northwest Territories a considerable amount of money by creating a situation where we would not have to go forward with our participation at Expo?

--- Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O220-12(2): Fire At Expo Site In Seville

HON. JOHN POLLARD: I must admit, Mr. Speaker, that when I heard the news that the Expo site was on fire, my hopes were raised, but they were dashed, Mr. Speaker. It was not our building, and there was no damage to our building. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question O220-12(2): Fire At Expo Site In Seville

MR. DENT: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. Speaker, on February 13 of this year, the Minister advised this House that he would provide us with a report done by Mr. Fred Abbott on our participation at Expo as soon as it was received. Can the Minister advise me whether or not he has received this report?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O220-12(2): Fire At Expo Site In Seville

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, the report was received by Mr. Alvarez on Saturday, I believe, and I have not yet received it, but I will make it available to the House this week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

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Question O221-12(2): Definition Of Modern Health Centre

MR. ANTOINE: I had my hand up, Mr. Speaker, for an oral question. It is to the Minister of Health again, regarding the hospital in Simpson. Last year we heard there were rumours that the Department of Health was thinking about down-sizing the present hospital. This has caused a lot of concern in Simpson and the region, and that is the reason I am asking you these questions. I asked you earlier what your definition of a modern health centre was, and I was not really satisfied with your answer, so I want to know if it is a nursing station, or is it our present hospital improved with service and programs and the addition of modern equipment? Is it one or the other?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O221-12(2): Definition Of Modern Health Centre

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question is a good question. There is no doubt about it that they may be concerned with what has been heard, but it is not the department's intention or policy to downgrade anything that is being used. Perhaps more in line with the policy would be to try to install programs, equipment, personnel and services that are needed in a community wherever resources and the need warrant them.

I think that the definition of a modern facility would reflect, I guess, the needs coupled with the ability to provide a service in that area, of that nature. There was some mention a while ago about having an operating theatre, but if you have an operating theatre and you only use the operating theatre once every two or three months, the people who do the operations do not get the type of practice and amount of work that keeps them in good shape, so to speak. It is like anything else. If you do not keep continuously at it, you are not going to be up to standard. So I think what we are looking at is balancing the need of an area with the ability to provide services at a reasonable cost and having reasonable access to the type of specialty services that we can provide.

On the other hand, we also have to balance that with alternates as well. If a service is not available there, there is some program in place that makes that kind

of service accessible to the public. That will reflect the up-to-date, modern type of facility. It will utilize whatever technology is available within reasonable costs and need for that area.

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

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I like what the Minister is saying, and that is basically exactly what we have been saying in Simpson all these years; that from April 1, 1990 to March 31, 1991, the hospital in Simpson recorded dealing with over 8000 outpatients. This year they have already seen about 6000 from April 1, 1991 to the end of February, 1992. At present, the hospital in Simpson is very under staffed. The head nurse works sometimes 18 hours a day, and she is run off her feet. We are also badly in need of equipment, and we have said that many times. There were a lot of patients sent out because we did not have the type of equipment there that was required to deal with them. If we do not have the equipment, then the patients will be sent to Yellowknife; we have a facility there, but we do not have the resources to deal with the patients right in Simpson; so, of course, they get sent over here.

What we have been saying is what you are saying: that if we had the resources to take care of our patients in our region, then certainly the place would be more utilized. I would like the Minister to take note of what I was saying, and if the department could get back to me on this as soon as they could. I will have some written questions to you later on. Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: I did not hear a question in that rather long statement, Mr. Antoine. Oral questions. Mr. Pudluk.

Question O222-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education. In the past, the Baffin Divisional Board of Education had concerns regarding the funding they will be receiving. This is a big concern for the Baffin Divisional Board of Education, and there are changes being made. I would like to ask the Minister about the changes. The Baffin Divisional Board of Education is against the changes that will be made.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Education, Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O222-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Canadian government has informed us that the Auditor General informed the Canadian government that the funding that is given out every three months -- they follow the policies of the Canadian government, and we were informed that we were not following the policies that were made by the Canadian government, so we were informed that the funding that is given out to the divisional boards has to be given out monthly. Starting in April, the funding will be given out monthly. Before we go about doing it in that way, we will be meeting with the divisional boards with regard to the interest dollars and how they will have to be handled. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Pudluk.

Supplementary To Question O222-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Baffin Divisional Board of Education is putting out materials, and we are very pleased with the Inuktitut materials that were produced. I would like to know if they will be stopping them from producing materials. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O222-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (No translation) (Translation) We will be meeting with them regarding the monthly funding that they will be receiving. For example, in the past, the Baffin Divisional Board of Education used to get \$600,000 to \$700,000, and that was given to the divisional board. If we are going to be giving them monthly funding - we will be speaking with them with regard to this. We will inform them on how the funding will be used and we will (No translation)

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Question O233-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

MS. MIKE: (Translation) I have a question for the Minister of Education. It is on the same subject. The Baffin Divisional Board of Education was able to

produce some Inuktitut books. In Yellowknife, I used to work for the Department of Education as a program

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specialist for Inuktitut classes. I was responsible for producing the Inuktitut material, and it is very difficult for one person to be responsible for this. The Baffin Divisional Board of Education has produced some very good materials in Inuktitut, and they are not misusing the funds that they have. This was tried by the territorial government. He told you that if the funding were be given on a monthly basis, they will no longer receive the money they receive from the interest, and the Baffin Divisional Board of Education will not be able to produce such material in Inuktitut.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Education, Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O223-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will try and provide funding to produce native language materials to be used in schools, in Inuktitut and other aboriginal languages such as Dene. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O223-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

MS. MIKE: (Translation) Would it not be cheaper if the Baffin Divisional Board of Education produced the material instead of the territorial government?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O223-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not quite certain if it would be cheaper for the Baffin Divisional Board of Education. For example, for the material that they can use in the Baffin Region, the Baffin Divisional Board of Education has set out a curriculum program only for the Baffin Region, and also in the Keewatin. We are going to try and work with the divisional boards on how the curriculum program can be used the best, whether it is in Yellowknife or in the different regions. I

believe that the divisional boards would do their job better in places other than Yellowknife. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O223-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

MS. MIKE: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If you find out that it would be cheaper for the territorial government, or the Baffin Divisional Board of Education, to produce the material, then would they go back to the funding that they used to receive?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O223-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The funding that was given was from the interest, and it was also used for other things. I know that in the Baffin Region it was used to hire casual teachers. We will try and work with the Baffin Divisional Board of Education to produce teaching material, in the future, and on how we will be able to produce that material. I am pretty sure that they are more aware of what kind of material should be in the Baffin Region. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O223-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question was, in the event that you find it is more cost effective to be funding the divisional boards on a quarterly basis, would you consider going back to that instead of monthly payments?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O223-12(2): Funding For Baffin Divisional Board Of Education To Produce Inuktitut Materials

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry I did not get the question before. It is the Auditor General directing the Government of the NWT to fund divisional boards by the month. It is not coming from the GNWT to fund these boards on a monthly basis. But whether it is cost effective or not, it is not up to us.

We have been told that the financial arrangements that were made between our government and the federal government is that we cannot fund these boards on a quarterly basis. The cost effectiveness in funding these boards does not come into play. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Antoine.

Question 0224-12(2): Elective Birthing In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think this time I have a question that you might be able to hear. The last statement I made was to the Minister of Health, and I asked him if he could look into my concerns and he said "yes" -- off the record, I think I heard that. My question again is for the Minister of Health. In Fort Simpson we have been providing elective birthing, and to consider eliminating this service would be very unpopular. I do not think it would necessarily be cost efficient because in 1990-91 there were 11 births in Simpson, and if you consider the expense of sending these women to Yellowknife two or three weeks prior to due date, this would accumulate expenses and could probably pay for a good portion of a doctor's or a professional midwife's wages in, Simpson. What is the government's position on elective birthing in Fort Simpson?

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

Return To Question O224-12(2): Elective Birthing In Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the referrals that the honourable Member mentioned are the opinion of the doctor who is there. I know the department has a policy that allows patients to go to the nearest service. I think in most cases what the honourable Member is referring to is something that the doctor has decided upon.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question O224-12(2): Elective Birthing In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to ask the Minister the question again. What is your position on elective birthing in Fort Simpson?

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether I am allowed to give my own opinion.

MR. SPEAKER: I thought the Member had asked for the Minister's position as opposed to opinion. Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O224-12(2): Elective Birthing In Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I am sure the matter of birthing in Fort Simpson is a matter that a doctor will have to make a decision on; it is not the Minister or this department. It is up to the doctor.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question O224-12(2): Elective Birthing In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is the Minister saying that if the doctor in Fort Simpson provides the decision that birthing take place in Simpson that the birthing will take place in Simpson?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O224-12(2): Elective Birthing In Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, there are probably a lot of medical things I do not really understand in operating a hospital. One of them that I do know and has been expressed to me is that there is a lot of back-up that is needed on the subject. I understand they need an operating room or an operating theatre in which the birthing can take place, and in order to facilitate that they need special staff to work there, anesthetists and medical back-up, certain types of nurses and things. So I think the doctor makes that decision whether or not they can deal with a particular type of birth. I think that has to be considered. I do not think I can answer in any other way.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lewis.

Question O225-12(1): Interest Dollars Accrued By Divisional Boards Of Education

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have financial problems all over the place, and the various school board have solved their problems by making use of interest gained on money that they get from this government to provide a service. Since the Minister has agreed that some provision can be made

in the Baffin for production materials and that people in the past have been doing this by using this interest money, is he also going to make provisions for the two Yellowknife boards, who use similar kinds of moneys to fund special needs programs?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooooloo.

Return To Question O225-12(1): Interest Dollars Accrued By Divisional Boards of Education

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The two boards that exist in Yellowknife are a little different than that of other boards since Yellowknife is tax-based and they have their own autonomy. The school board in Yellowknife has to raise 25 per cent of their funding to operate the schools, and they have a latitude which is up to them to provide services. Generally there are programs in schools in Yellowknife that are not available in the communities which the school board has to fund within their own ability.

When it comes time to deal with divisional boards of education throughout the NWT, we will sit down with them and see how we could work things out to see that services that they have been providing, using the interest dollars, could be continued. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Question O226-12(2): Auditor General's Ruling On Use Of Interest Money

MR. LEWIS: On the same subject of interest dollars, Mr. Speaker, supplementary to the Minister of Finance. For as long as I can remember the Auditor General has told us we cannot do this. What is the implication of this government's not changing things according to his direction but still continuing to allow those transfers of money so that people can use the interest money?

MR. SPEAKER: This is a question to a new Minister; therefore it is a new question. Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question O226-12(2): Auditor General's Ruling On Use Of Interest Money

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Auditor General is saying that there are public funds being used that have not been appropriated by this House and in that respect those public funds should have come through this House for voting. We intend to comply with the Auditor General's recommendations because as you well know, Mr.

Speaker, to be responsible means that every dollar voted should go through this Legislative Assembly. I think I made a commitment at the last session that if this was going to cause hardship to boards, then we would be willing to sit down with those boards and see what areas we are spending that money in and see if we could work it out with them. So we certainly intend to comply with the Auditor General's recommendation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Question O227-12(2): Expansion Of Kitikmeot Boarding Home To Accommodate Keewatin Patients

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is to the Minister responsible for Health. Can the Minister confirm or deny that negotiations are currently under way to expand the Kitikmeot boarding home to accommodate Keewatin patients, which is contrary to the Keewatin Health Board's and my own position with respect to referrals?

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

Return To Question O227-12(2): Expansion Of Kitikmeot Boarding Home To Accommodate Keewatin Patients

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

Question O228-12(2): Contribution Agreements To Communities

MR. GARGAN: I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. What arrangements now exist between the hamlets and municipal councils with regard to contribution agreements? Are the contribution agreements giving one lump sum for the operations for one year?

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MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I think I know the answer but I am not sure, so I think I had better take it on notice. Thank you.

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

Question O229-12(2): Effect Of New Budget On Employees

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct this question to the Minister of Education. I used to be a member of the divisional board, and we used to handle the budget. We used to work on the interest rates that were coming in, and it used to help pay for the employees as well as supplying education centres with money, and it was very helpful toward the budget. For these programs to have a better operating budget, they seem to be able to handle their affairs pretty well. But now it seems that the new organization is going to be set up, the people that are working for us using the money that they had -- is the change-over of employees going to be affected by the new budget? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Education, Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O229-12(2): Effect Of New Budget On Employees

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The budget of the divisional board will be decided after consulting with the divisional board. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question O230-12(2): Home Care Services, Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is again to the Minister of Health. In Fort Simpson we have long-term care in the hospital. We have some elders and some people that have been hurt and are disabled, and we are concerned there, too, with the whole question of the hospital being considered for down-sizing. I wonder if you could tell me if there was any formal assessment done by your department of the resources in Simpson for the delivery of home care services.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O230-12(2): Home Care Services, Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: No, Mr. Speaker, I do not believe we are thinking of doing anything differently than we are doing now with our long-term care.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr Antoine.

Supplementary To Question O230-12(2): Home Care Services, Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In 1985-86, there was a joint assessment project done for the Department of Health and Social Services called "The Aged, Disabled and Chronically Ill," and in there there were a number of different recommendations made to identify communities to have home care programs established. Also, there was supposed to be some development implementation of a model for a homecare program delivered in small communities. Does the Minister know if discussions have been held in this regard? Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to be very cautious on this, and so I do not give the wrong answer I will find out the answer for the Member, so I will take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is taken as notice. The time period for oral questions has expired. Written questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W13-12(2): Government Housing For Sale, Fort Smith

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question for the Minister of Personnel. Would the Minister of Personnel provide to this House the following:

- 1) a list of the 49 units in Fort Smith intended for sale to government employees;
- 2) the length of employment of each employee who is given the opportunity to purchase or lease the units, or lease/purchase the units;
- 3) the location and lot numbers of each of the 49 units in Fort Smith. Thank you.

I have an additional written question for the Minister of DPW, if I may proceed. Thank you.

Question W14-12(2): Annual Operation And Maintenance Costs, Fort Smith Regional Building

Would the Minister of DPW provide to this House the heating and maintenance costs per year for the regional building in Fort Smith. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Mr. Dent.

Question W15-12(2): Contributions By The Northwest Territories Development Corporation

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Would the Minister please table a list showing all contributions by the NWT Development Corporation from its inception to the present, including equity injections and purchases of companies?

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Ms. Mike.

Question W16-12(2): Trip By Department Of Public Works Staff

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, I have a written question for the Minister of Public Works. Would the Minister please provide the House with a summary of the reason for duty travel of each member of the Department of Public Works personnel who travelled from Iqaluit to Broughton Island by air charter on February 24 and returned on February 25?

Mr. Speaker, I have three other written questions.

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed with your questions.

Question W17-12(2): Trip By Department Of Education Staff

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question for the Minister of Education. Would the

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Minister please provide the House with a summary of the reason for duty travel of any member of the Department of Education personnel and/or Baffin Divisional Board of Education personnel who travelled from Iqaluit to Broughton Island by aircharter on February 24 and returned on February 25?

Question W18-12(2): Trip By Department Of Health Staff

Mr. Speaker, I have a written question for the Minister of Health. Would the Minister please provide the House with a summary of the reason for duty travel of any member of the Department of Health personnel and/or Baffin Regional Health Board personnel who travelled from Iqaluit to Broughton Island by air charter on February 24 and returned on February 25?

Question W19-12(2): Trip By Department Of Economic Development And Tourism Staff

Mr. Speaker, I have a written question for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Would the Minister please provide the House with a summary of the reason for duty travel of any member of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism personnel who travelled from Iqaluit to Broughton Island by air charter on February 24 and returned on February 25? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Written questions. Mr. Nerysoo,

Question W20-12(2): Concerns Over Administration And Management Of Inuvik Regional Hospital

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to ask the following written question regarding the questions and concerns raised relating to the management and administration of the Inuvik Regional Health Board and hospital. If I could ask the Minister of Health, could he indicate if any Member in this House has criticized or questioned the services being offered by the medical professionals and nursing staff? Have any Members in this House criticized or questioned the services of the administrative staff? Would the Minister indicate if any meetings have taken place in the Inuvik Regional Hospital where such concerns were raised by the staff or expressed by the management of the Inuvik Regional Health Board? If so, what was the basis for such concerns, and who raised such concerns?.

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question W21-12(2): Fort Simpson Health Care

MR. ANTOINE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. My written question is for the Minister of Health. Would the Minister please provide to this House: a) the format, time frame and/or terms of reference for the review his department is conducting on the Fort Simpson hospital; b) a summary of department plans for ensuring the continued delivery of services by a qualified medical practitioner at the Fort Simpson hospital; c) an outline of the government's position on delivery of elective birthing services within the local communities; d) the departmental strategy for transferring the delivery of long-term care services to home care model; e) a copy of the 1985-86 document titled, "Aged, Disabled and Chronically Ill," Prepared as a joint project with the Departments of

Health and Social Services; and f) a summary of all public discussions regarding the development and implementation of a model for home care delivery in small communities, pursuant to recommendation 22 of the document aforementioned? Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions.

Item 8, replies to Opening Address.

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

ITEM 10: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee Report 4-12(2): Report Of The Special Committee On Constitutional Reform

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to report on behalf of the special committee on constitutional reform. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the chairman and Members of our Legislature's special committee on constitutional reform, I would like to provide to the House our preliminary review of the report released on Sunday afternoon by the joint parliamentary committee, which is more commonly called the Beaudoin-Dobbie committee.

The Beaudoin-Dobbie report is 130 pages long and contains recommendations on the broadest package of constitutional reforms in Canada's history. For this reason our committee's comments today will be brief, saving for another day a more detailed analysis.

The parliamentary committee recommends, among other things, an amendment to the Constitution of Canada which recognizes the inherent right of aboriginal people to self- government within Canada. This is of enormous importance and would represent a key achievement in an area where the aboriginal rights conferences between 1983 and 1987 failed.

Included in the proposal is a commitment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to negotiate treaties, agreements or other arrangements by which self-government may be realized. Implementation of self-government will be through amendments to the Constitution of Canada, through laws of Canada, the provinces or territories, with constitution entrenchment clearly contemplated. These proposals appear to be headed in the right direction, but we would obviously want to hear the responses of the national aboriginal organizations as well as the spokespersons for

parallel processes such as the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Affairs.

One aspect of self-government which is not addressed in the recommended amendments to the constitution relates to the resource needs of self-governments, either through a land base, powers of taxation, equalization and so forth.

Amending Formula For Establishing New Provinces

Mr. Speaker, another constitutional matter of fundamental importance to the Territories is the amending formula as it relates to the establishment of new provinces from existing Territories. As you know, prior to 1982 this was a matter for Parliament and the territory concerned. Amendments were made in 1982 despite strong objections from the Territories, and an amending formula was entrenched which required the approval of two thirds of the provinces could be formed. The Beaudoin-Dobbie report discusses the amending formula in relation to the desire of Quebec to have a veto over fundamental changes to the Constitution.

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The committee proposes five different approaches, none of which are entirely satisfactory to the Territories. It also refers to remarks made by Premier Penikett of the Yukon and how he is prepared to contemplate the creation of new provinces which are not initially part of what he calls "the amending formula club."

Mr. Speaker, as Members know, there are six different existing amending formulas. Some provinces want to be able to control the creation of new provinces, as they believe increasing the number of provinces will affect the voting patterns in the so-called "seven and 50" formula. Also, some provinces would be concerned if a new, sparsely populated province in the North could veto future constitutional amendments in the range of matters currently covered by the unanimity formula.

We believe there are parts of the existing amending formulas that a new province should be able to exercise because they do not affect existing provincial constitutional rights or powers; for example, where an amendment only affects a new northern province. There are alternatives to address any legitimate concerns in those other parts of the amending formula where provinces show that their rights or powers

would be affected by the creation of new provinces. A special committee will be developing some of these alternatives for our government to pursue.

A third major area worth noting in the parliamentary committee's report concerns participation of territories in what I might call "the processes of confederation." We are pleased to note the consistent inclusion of territories in the recommendations respecting the social covenant and the economic union, the common market clauses and the nomination of candidates for appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada.

With that in mind, we must note the fact that the Beaudoin/Dobbie committee proposal for yearly First Ministers' conferences on the economy and social matters does not expressly provide for territorial participation. We believe our case for being there is a good one, so your special committee and the Government Leader and Ministers will continue pushing for full territorial participation in the process in the weeks and months ahead.

In recent months our Government Leader and Minister of Finance have consistently been invited to participate in First Ministers' meetings and conferences on the economy. Last week the Prime Minister wrote to Ms. Cournoyea asking her to name a delegation to meet in Ottawa on March 11th and 12th with the Hon. Joe Clark and provincial Ministers to discuss the next steps in the "renewed Canada" process. As Members well know, the Beaudoin-Dobbie report is just one such step among many ahead of us.

In summary, then, Mr. Speaker, our preliminary review of the report and recommendations of the joint parliamentary committee makes us generally optimistic that they are on the right track in some key areas and that we need to work through the report more comprehensively as it touches on other matters of enormous impact on those regions of the country, such as ours, which benefit from a strong central government able to provide equalization or transfer payments to ensure that we can meet the basic needs of all our citizens. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Motion To Adopt Committee Report 4-12(2), Carried

I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Deh Cho, that the report of the special committee on constitution form be received by the Assembly and adopted. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Reports of standing and special committees.

Item 11, reports of committees on the review of bills.

Item 12, tabling of documents.

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

ITEM 14: NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 18: Young Offenders Act

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, March 4, 1992, I shall move that Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Young Offenders Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motions for first reading of bills.

Item 15, motions. Item 16, first reading of bills. Mr. Morin.

ITEM 16: FIRST READING OF BILLS

First Reading Of Bill 16: NWT Housing Corporation Act

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that Bill 16, An Act to Amend the NWT Housing Corporation Act, be read for the first time.

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

--- Carried

Bill 16 has had first reading. First reading of bills.

Item 17, second reading of bills. Item 18, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. Tabled Document 9-12(2), Strength at Two Levels; Tabled Document 10-12(2), Reshaping Northern Government; Tabled Document 12-12(2), Plebiscite Direction; Bill 14, Appropriation Act, No. 1,

1992-93; Committee Report 3-12(2), SCOF Review of 1992-93 Capital Estimates; Bill 8, Elections Act; Bill 10, Local Authorities Elections Act; Bill 11, Plebiscite Act, with Mr. Pudluk in the chair.

ITEM 18: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS AND OTHER MATTERS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The committee will come to order. On Friday we were dealing with Bill 14, Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1992-93. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would ask if we could consider Bills 8, 10 and 11 as the first item of business, with the approval of committee Members.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Does the committee agree that we go to Bill 8, 10 and 11 today?

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SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Before we get into that, we will take a 15 minute break.

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Bill 8, Elections Act

The committee will come to order. We are dealing with Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Elections Act. Mr. Pollard, would you like to make any opening remarks?

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, if I might request the permission of the committee to bring in two witnesses: Mr. David Hamilton, the chief plebiscite officer, and Diane Buckland, legislative counsel.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is the committee agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Proceed, Mr. Pollard. For the record, please introduce your witnesses.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, on my right is Diane Buckland, legislative counsel; and to my left a gentleman that you well-know, sir, the Clerk of the House, Mr. David

Hamilton, in his capacity as chief plebiscite officer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. I think I heard that name before. Mr. Minister do you want to make any opening remarks?

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With regard to Bill 8, Mr. Chairman, An Act to Amend the Elections Act, the purpose of this bill before you is to amend the Elections Act to lower the age at which a resident may vote at a territorial election for its Legislative Assembly, from 19 to 18 years of age.

Mr. Chairman, this amendment was a result of direction given to cabinet by Motion 31-12(1), which adopted the voting age at an election in the Northwest Territories be changed from 19 to 18 years of age. The motion was adopted unanimously by the Assembly, and it also requested that cabinet introduce the necessary amendments to the Local Authorities Elections Act and the Plebiscite Act. This is the reason for the amendment before you, as well as the amendments contained in Bills 10 and 11 which I understand we will be handling later, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Are there any general comments from the committee? Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I will deal with my comments from the standing committee on legislation as we get into the specific bills.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): My apology. Chairman of the standing committee on legislation, do you have any opening remarks?

MR. NERYSOO: As I indicated, Mr. Chairman, I will deal with making my general comments with each specific bill as we deal with them, and then with specific concerns that were raised in the standing committee on legislation that I believe the Minister may be prepared to address at that particular time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Nerysoo, if you have any comments on Bill 8, now is the time. Mr. Nerysoo.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on legislation reviewed Bill 8 at its

meeting on Thursday, February 27, 1992. Members of the standing committee appreciated the attendance of the Hon. John Pollard, his officials and the chief plebiscite officer, Mr. Hamilton, who introduced the bills and responded to any of the questions and comments that were raised by the standing committee Members.

Mr. Chairman, this bill is very straightforward. It would amend the Elections Act to lower the age at which a resident of the Northwest Territories can vote in a territorial election. Presently, the voting age is 19 years and this bill would change it to 18 years of age. Upon review, the standing committee on legislation voted to refer this bill without amendment to the committee of the whole for consideration today.

Mr. Chairman, I wish to note here that a concern was raised during the standing committee review which pertains to each of the bills which reduce the voting age. Honourable Members will be aware of the fact that less than a month ago a decision in the federal Court of Appeal drew attention to the constitutionality of legislative provisions which prohibit inmates from voting. Our Local Authorities Elections Act and Plebiscite Act all contain similar prohibitions. Particularly, given the impending date of the boundary plebiscite, Members of the standing committee on legislation were concerned about the implications of a Charter challenge related to the rights of inmates to vote. Such a challenge would affect all voters in the plebiscite, including people 18 years old, with which this bill is dealing. The standing committee wished to urge the government to complete its review of this matter at the earliest opportunity. Mr. Chairman, that concludes our introductory remarks with regard to Bill 8.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. General comments on Bill 8. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This particular bill, or the subject at that time, was discussed during the Nunavut Leadership Summit in Iqaluit. Historically, the voting age was 21, and then they lowered it to 19. First of all I should point out that the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut requested that the voting age -- the youth of the NWT requested the voting age be lowered to 16. However, we all know that this is a subject that cannot easily be drastically changed, in terms of lowering it or raising it. This is not only a legal question but it is a social question that is not easily, drastically changed. With that feeling of the people in general, especially the adult population, we felt that it was necessary to try to maintain the

responsible decision rather than making a drastic change and lowering it to less than age 18. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Are there any further general comments? Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, with regard to the statement that was made by Mr. Nerysoo, I would like to ask if there has been -- our legal counsel might know -- whether or not there has been an appeal launched by the federal government with regard to the ruling by the federal court?

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Law Clerk.

LAW CLERK (Ms. MacPherson): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As of last week no appeal had been launched, although the federal government is, I understand, considering appealing the decision.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. General comments, Does the committee agree that we go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 1. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 3. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Now, is Bill 8 ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Bill 10, Local Authorities Elections Act

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To Bill 10, An Act To Amend The Local Authorities Elections Act. Opening remarks, Mr. Minister.

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The purpose of the bill before you is to amend the Local Authorities Elections Act to lower the age at which a resident may vote at a city, town, village, hamlet or settlement council election, from 19 to 18 years of age. Mr. Chairman, this amendment was a result of direction given to the cabinet by Motion 31-12(1) which adopted the voting age in an election in the Northwest Territories be changed from 19 to 18 years of age. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Does the chairman of the standing committee on legislation have any opening remarks? Mr. Nerysoo.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Local Authorities Elections Act deals with the election of community members to municipal councils, settlement councils, and local education authorities, and as the Minister indicated, the bill would lower the voting age in these local elections from 19 years to 18 years of age. The standing committee on legislation reviewed this bill on Thursday, February 27, 1992, and generally, the standing committee was supportive of this amendment; however, further questions were raised about the extent of consultation which had taken place when these changes were being considered. The standing committee voted to refer this bill without amendment to the committee of the whole for consideration today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. General comments or questions. Does this committee agree that we go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Clause 1. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 3. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Is Bill 10 ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Bill 11, Plebiscite Act

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Now we will go on to Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Plebiscite Act. I wonder if the Minister has any opening remarks.

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the purpose of this bill is to amend the Plebiscite Act to lower the age at which a resident may vote at a plebiscite, from 19 to 18 years. Mr. Chairman, this amendment was also a result of direction given to the cabinet by Motion 31-12(1) which adopted that the voting age at a plebiscite in the Northwest Territories be changed from 19 to 18 years of age. This motion was adopted unanimously by the Assembly, and it also requested that the cabinet introduce the necessary amendments to the two previous bills.

Mr. Chairman, since the act was being amended, and on the advice and request of the chief plebiscite officer, it had been noticed during his preparation for

the May 4 plebiscite, that there was a need to make two other amendments. The first amendment is to

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give power to the chief plebiscite officer to adapt the regulation for certain circumstances. The other amendment is to set out when a voter may be required to take an oath. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Does the chairman of the standing committee on legislation have any opening remarks? Mr. Nerysoo.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This bill would amend the Plebiscite Act to lower the voting age in territorial plebiscites from 19 to 18 years. It would also accord certain latitude to the chief plebiscite officer to take actions necessary to ensure the smooth operation of a plebiscite. The standing committee on legislation recognized that this bill was brought forward in response to a formal motion passed by the Legislative Assembly on December 13, 1991. This bill was reviewed at the standing committee's meeting on Thursday, February 27, 1992, as per the new legislative process passed earlier by this House. The review meeting was open to the public. The standing committee was grateful to the Government House Leader, Mr. Pollard, and his officials for attending the meeting and responding to questions and comments on the bill, and the standing committee also appreciated the attendance of the chief plebiscite officer of the Northwest Territories.

Members of the standing committee on legislation had no real difficulty with the content of this bill, Mr. Chairman. However, some honourable Members raised concern over the suitability of residency requirements in the Plebiscite Act. The standing committee urges the government to examine this issue with reference to section 25 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as a priority item. Notwithstanding this concern, the standing committee voted to refer Bill 11 without amendment to the committee of the whole for consideration today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. General comments or questions from this committee. Do you want to go through Bill 11 clause by clause now?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Clause 1. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 3. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 4. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Clause 5. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Bill as a whole? Is Bill 11 ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. We now have Tabled Documents 9-12(2), 10-12(2), 12-12(2), 14-12(2) and Committee Report 3-12(2). What is the committee's wish? Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, we would like to go back to Bill 14.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Does the committee agree that we go back to Bill 14?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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**Bill 14, Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1992-93 And
Committee Report 3-12(2)**

Department Of Education

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. We are on the capital estimates, 1992-93, Department of Education. We are still on general comments. Are there any further general comments? Mr. Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With your permission I would like to bring in some witnesses.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Does this committee agree that the Minister bring in witnesses at this time?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Go ahead, Mr. Minister. For the record, could you please introduce your witnesses?

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my left is my deputy minister, Hal Gerein and to my right is the manager of facility planning, Mr. Jim Moffat.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Any further general comments? Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to make one additional general comment. I believe I got the matter cleared up in respect to the applied arts building for Thebacha Campus. However, I did want to make a comment on something that seems somewhat misleading and I would like to get clarification. The Department of Education submitted to all Members of this House, the Department of Education's capital planning report. It was prepared for the standing committee on finance, February 1992. In that report on page seven, second paragraph, it indicates, "A new school for the Yellowknife Separate School District and additions to schools in Pangnirtung and Pond Inlet were also delayed." However, if you go to the capital budget there is funding identified for a school in Pond Inlet. Why would the report indicate that the school was delayed when in actuality the funds are identified in the Education budget? Mr. Chairman, the report says

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one thing; however, our budget documents indicate otherwise.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Pond Inlet and Pangnirtung construction of schools has been delayed but the planning money is still there. Thank you.

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

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps going line by line on Education's budget, I wonder if you would allow us to indulge in a few general resolutions we would like to pass with respect to Education's budget.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Proceed, Mr. Todd.

Motion That Cabinet Carries Out Prior Capital Commitments In Education, Carried

MR. TODD: Mr. Chairman, I move that the committee recommends that cabinet lives up to its prior commitments in the Department of Education, prior to proposing any new initiatives.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. It has been circulated and translated. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am glad you understood my motion. The reason for this motion was that there were, in fact, previous commitments made by previous governments with respect to capital investments in existing facilities, and the concern of the standing committee on finance was that these commitments should have been kept rather than proceeding with new initiatives. It is fairly straight forward.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

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Are there any further general comments? Mr. Bernhardt.

Motion That Department Of Education Develop Five-Year Capital Plan, Carried

MR. BERNHARDT: Mr. Chairman, I move the following motion: I move that the committee

recommends that the Department of Education develop a credible five-year capital plan to be provided to the standing committee on finance prior to the presentation of the 1993-94 capital estimates.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. The copies have been circulated. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD: This motion is put forward, and it was felt that the Department of Education, in its presentation, did not appear to have a five-year strategy in place as it relates not only to the capital but how it relates to both enrolment, attainment and a way in which to quantify the success of the expenditures. We therefore felt that this resolution was essential for any planning of future expenditures that the department wants to come forward with. It is fairly straight forward I think. They seem to have problems with it.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Question has been called. Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

General comments. Member for Thebacha.

Motion To Give Priority To Kindergarten To Grade 12 Levels, Carried

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to move that the committee recommends that the priority for educational needs be placed at the kindergarten to grade 12 levels; and further, that funding to provide the facilities for kindergarten to grade 12 levels be enhanced.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Your motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In my travels in my constituency -- there is need for some new schools. I know there is some initiative by the department to take care of that need. I just wanted to say for the record that in Jean Marie River there are plans for a school there. It is needed. They have an old log school that was built by the people there many years ago. The bottom couple of logs are rotten, and

the kids are still using it. They have students from kindergarten to grade nine in a one-room situation. It is very crowded, and I do not think any of the Members here would want to have such a school in their own constituency, but this has been going on for many years. I was told it was supposed to be built this year, but it was bumped back another year. There is money in there for planning it this year. I just wanted to let the Minister know that I am concerned it should have been done sooner.

My other concern is in Trout Lake. There, too, the school is very old. I was there in January and had a meeting with the community, and I was told that they are definitely in need of a better school there because the people of the community made a log school there years ago. I do not know exactly what condition it was in, but they tell me some logs are rotten in there and they have ants crawling out of the logs in the summer. It is not a very good building, so I would just like to put the department on notice that this is what I am going after.

As for Fort Simpson, I know there are a lot of discussions going on with regard to the high school in Yellowknife, and so forth. There is a grade extension to grade 12 being provided, and I certainly hope that it is an advanced level of grade 12. Last year we had up to grade 10 in Simpson, and we had 21 students. This year we extended to grade 11, plus there was a new grade 10 alternative introduced in Simpson, and the figure jumped from 21 students last year to 60. With the grade extension it is going to be even higher. This is a reflection of a new school in Fort Liard, a new school in Nahanni Butte, and a new school being built in Wrigley. I know the students in Wrigley are very excited about a new school coming into Wrigley, and with the new facilities this will increase the student population and, therefore, the concern is that we need better facilities in Fort Simpson.

Fort Simpson is a regional centre for the five communities in the region, and what happens to students from the very small communities is that they make two trips now, as they try to get to grade 12.

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From Trout Lake they make a trip to Simpson to go to grade 10. If they want to go to grade 12 they have to come here. So they are twice removed from their homes. If it was just one trip to Simpson, that is what we want. I do not know how it is in the other regions of the North, but in the Simpson area, the parents, the teachers, and the people involved in education have

been very enthusiastic and very keen on having grade 12 and a good quality of education in our communities, and we have been asking that for so many years. I think we are in a position in Simpson to provide that service now if we had the facilities and the resources. This is what I am asking for right now.

I am told that there is a plan to retrofit the Thomas Simpson School, which is a 32-year-old school. I was told that there was new equipment going into the school, such as computers and so forth, and they could not plug them in because the electrical system is obsolete, so they cannot use some of this equipment to teach the students. What is needed there is more retrofitting and renovation of the existing school in Fort Simpson to take up the type of courses that are required for an advanced level of grade 12.

Another concern is that when you go to high school and you eventually want to go to university, you need to take courses in physics and chemistry, and so forth, and there is no science lab in the school. There is a need to put in a science lab in that school. Last year, as you recall, when Stephen Kakfwi was Minister of Education, he said there was not going to be grade 11 in Simpson and there was a demonstration in Simpson, I remember, and the students wanted to remain in Simpson. I think it was in the papers. The same attitude still exists in Simpson. They would prefer to stay in Simpson to go to high school and complete their high school in Simpson. These are my concerns and general comments, Mr. Chairman. Mahsi.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Are there any further general comments? Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: I need some guidance here. In my general comments here can I ask a question of the Minister responsible now?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Yes, Mr. Arvaluk, you can ask a question; and if you want to make some general comments, now is the time.

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My general comments, as you heard already, I will just mention the overcrowding situation in Coral Harbour. The Minister has been looking into this, and I was informed by his staff that they are looking into this, and they have some information on it now. I have not received any kind of material regarding it. Can the Minister tell me what he has found about the situation in Coral Harbour?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have received some information regarding the Coral Harbour school just today. We are going to have to review the information, and, from the information we have received, we are going to have to put some money into planning for 1993-94. Thank you.

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

MR. ZOE: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I want to reiterate my standing committee on finance comment in regard to the budget for the Department of Education. I agree with all the points that were already made. Mr. Chairman, during the fall the Dogrib Divisional Board of Education, with support from the Department of Education, undertook to develop a regional high school in Rae-Edzo, but the cabinet, or FMB, refused to fund grade extensions. The divisional board and the Rae school society decided to go ahead on their own to implement the high school program, because of the expectations raised in the community among a large number of young people.

Grade Extensions And Retrofit At Chief Jimmy Bruneau School, Rae-Edzo

Mr. Chairman, the program has succeeded beyond all expectations as there are now 115 full-time students enrolled in the grade 10 program. The divisional board is requesting that the government recognize their responsibility to provide equal access to high school programs for the Dogrib people by funding grade extensions in the Chief Jimmy Bruneau School, particularly in 1992-93. Grade extensions, Mr. Chairman, for Chief Jimmy Bruneau School requires that the government fund a retrofit of the building and undertake a number of outstanding maintenance problems that we have with that facility. This is essential for the continued development and success of a high school program in the Dogrib area. The Dogrib divisional board has asked me to ensure that the Department of Education remains committed to the retrofit of this facility and not delay or remove it from their capital plan.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on finance recommended that we concentrate our funding efforts to the K to 12 facilities, and that we have cabinet live up to their prior commitments in education before proposing new initiatives. I agree with the comments

that were made by Mr. Todd, our chairman of finance. Mr. Chairman, we know the problems that Yellowknife is encountering in terms of students enrolled here in the city. My region has been proposing grade extensions. They were trying to phase it in over the next three years so that we can have a grade 12 regional high school in Rae-Edzo. Some Members have indicated that may not be the best way to go, but in my view, Mr. Chairman, I believe that implementing this type of initiative is going to benefit my whole region and also alleviate some of the problems that the school boards are encountering here in the city of Yellowknife. My colleague from Nahendeh also expressed that same concern, and we are both supporting our divisional boards' requests.

Mr. Chairman, the divisional board also expressed some concern in regard to a gymnasium for the community of Snare Lake. I believe the Department of Education does not have in their capital plan plans to build a gymnasium for this particular community. This was raised in a letter to the Minister. The Minister responded by saying the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs also had a facility planned to go into that community. Mr. Chairman, I would like to request the Minister to co-ordinate between his department and the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs so that they can best utilize the funds. A gymnasium is required; it could be cost shared or one or the other could do it, as long as the community gets a gymnasium.

On the other issues, Mr. Chairman, in regard to prior commitments. I think my colleague from Thebacha has expressed that prior commitments should be adhered to, and I agree. Not only for this particular department but the government as a whole. Later on, when we get into details of the budget, I will be proposing two motions to this effect. Mahsi cho.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Any further general comments? Is this committee now ready to go into details? Is it agreed? Member for Kitikmeot.

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Kitikmeot Students Should Graduate With Matriculation

MR. BERNHARDT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have not said much because I feel, being a product of the residential school system and some of the school systems that I went to, I have a responsibility to speak on behalf of the people who put me here.

In regard to education, I think it is the key that holds the future for our children, particularly in my region, the Kitikmeot. I understand we will be implementing grade 10 in both Coppermine and Cambridge in 1992, but when it comes down to regional high schools, I think it would be only fair to have one high school in our region. We cannot have two because we have Coppermine, Cambridge Bay, Pelly Bay, Spence Bay and Gjoa Haven, and we already send our school children down here for higher education. So I am in favour of grade 10 in Coppermine and Cambridge, but I really do not know if we should have two high schools within the Kitikmeot Region. If we do, I think we will have difficulty filling both high schools. So, to save the government money, I think I would have to make a choice where we want the high school, either in Coppermine or Cambridge Bay or Pelly Bay, Spence Bay or Gjoa Haven.

When the day comes that we will receive a high school, I would like to see our students from the Kitikmeot Region have the same quality of education as what is presently being offered in larger communities such as Inuvik, Fort Smith and Yellowknife. We cannot have a watered-down version of grades 11 and 12. I would like to see our students graduate with matriculation meaning math 10, 20 and 30; English 10,20 and 30; and science 10, 20 and 30. I think from there we could sort of lead the child in what kind of professional field they want to follow, be it a lawyer, doctor or a teacher.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): General comments. Does this committee wish to go to details now?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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**Schools, Buildings And Works, Headquarters
Total Capital**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): We started on page 18.10. Schools, buildings and works, headquarters total region,\$4,834,000. Mr. Minister.

**Motion To Delete Addition/Renovation,
Sir John Franklin School, Carried**

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, I move that the 1992-93 capital estimates for the Department of Education, under the activity "schools," for the project addition/renovation Sir John Franklin, Yellowknife, in the amount of \$3,634,000, be deleted.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Copies of the motion have been circulated. Your motion is in order. To the motion, Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In working with the finance committee we have come up with a plan to put some planning into Yellowknife schools, as well as the extension of grades in certain communities, as I stated in my opening remarks.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to move two other motions which would take care of the school requirements in Yellowknife, as well as the school requirements for additional classrooms in Yellowknife you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Minister.

**Motion To Increase 1992-93 Capital Estimates For
Education To Add School Planning, Yellowknife**

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I move that the 1992-93 capital estimates for the Department of Education, under the activity of "schools," be increased in the amount of \$400,000 to add the project "schools planning, Yellowknife."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The copies have been circulated. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you. This \$400,000 would allow three boards in Yellowknife to plan for school requirements in Yellowknife for 1992-93.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe I could ask the Minister to clarify this for me. Is this \$400,000 considered enough to take this project through design, tender, to contract documents within the next fiscal year?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, no.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

MR. DENT: Mr. Chairman, I guess I am going to have to speak in opposition to this motion. I think it is extremely important that the government and the department move ahead in a manner which was proposed by the two Yellowknife School Districts, No. 1 and No. 2, and that we deal with the situation in Yellowknife to make sure that the whole problem is fast-tracked and solved within the next couple of years. That means that we have to move ahead with design, tender and contract documents within the next fiscal year in order to be able to achieve the construction in the 1993-94 year.

I am also somewhat concerned with the Minister when he talks about the three boards planning. I think it is very important that we get to a point in Yellowknife where we have two school boards dealing with kindergarten to grade 12 in a comprehensive fashion. When the Minister is proposing this motion, saying that he is going to have planning money for the three school boards to deal with the problem, it does not satisfy me. It does not deal with the problem the way I see it, and that means that Sir John Franklin has to become a school that is part of the Yellowknife system, not part of the territorial system. Mr. Chairman, I am afraid that I would have to urge people to vote against this motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What this \$400,000 would allow us to do is do a proper planning for Yellowknife needs in terms of schools. We will work with the school boards to do

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some planning. In 1993-94 we will go into a design and possibly construction of the new school, depending on the plan that we will be working on with the boards of Yellowknife. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I have one comment. I would like to ask the Minister if they have looked at any other alternatives to address the

overcrowding at Yellowknife schools; whether they considered other options such as using schools either south of the lake, or other schools that do have grade 12 available, to alleviate the pressure from Yellowknife schools, which includes Inuvik also.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Are you ready for the question? Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: If you will pardon me, Mr. Chairman, I will try to answer the Member's question. The answer is, we have tried to look for some solutions, including an extension to Sir John School. Our preliminary findings were that you would have to come up with \$6.6 million to address the overcrowding, and the independent report told us that we need \$13 million to address the Sir John if we are going to continue to use it as a regional high school for taking students from the Sahtu, Kitikmeot, and surrounding communities of the Western Arctic. We have not gone so far as to look for other places, such as Hay River and Fort Smith, although we have looked at Inuvik for an alternative highschool for some communities. But Inuvik alone would not take care of the problem if we do not extend grades in certain communities. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I recognize we have a motion on the floor, but I would like to know if I could ask your indulgence to have a five-minute break.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Do you agree that we take a five minute break?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. We will recess for 10 minutes. We will ring the bell when you should be back here.

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To the motion. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, in regard to this \$400,000 for the school planning in Yellowknife. I believe when we met with the Minister in our finance committee, we expressed a concern with regard to the overall project for the city of Yellowknife. I want to know how the project is going to proceed. I know there is planning

money, but is it anticipated that the school is going to go ahead in the following year or over the next two years? What type of plan is the department contemplating? I wonder if the Minister could speak to the motion and clarify my concerns,

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What this \$400,000 would allow us to do is to do some proper assessment and also planning with the Yellowknife boards to come up with a school in Yellowknife. Our tentative plan is to design a school that will be acceptable to the boards of Yellowknife in the following fiscal year, but we will do everything in our power to meet the requests to have a school completed in the 1994 school year.

So in essence, Mr. Chairman, for the design of the school we anticipate that we will be requesting for 1993-94, but if the design and construction could start the same year, we would try to meet that requirement. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Based on the Minister's explanation, I will now support this motion.

--- Applause

Motion To Increase 1992-93 Capital Estimates For Education To Add School Planning, Yellowknife, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk):

Thank you. To the motion, Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just in order to provide even more certainty in terms to how the process will go, I would like to propose a motion that will deal with the Yellowknife situation and also community grade extensions.

Motion To Provide Grade Extensions In Various Communities And Fast-Track New High School In Yellowknife, Carried

I move that the committee recommends that grade extensions to grade 12 be provided to the communities of Cambridge Bay, Fort Franklin, Fort Simpson and Edzo and to grade 10 in Coppermine; and further that the funding for grade extensions be taken from other projects contained in the 1992-93 capital estimates; and further that the need to address the overcrowding in Yellowknife schools be planned for immediately, based on the proposals of the Yellowknife School Districts No. 1 and 2; and further that the design and construction of the planned new high school in Yellowknife be fast-tracked to the 1993-94 capital estimates.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Before I rule on this motion, my copy here is not quite the same as the way you read it. We will take a two-minute break and then come back to it.

--- SHORT RECESS

I will call the committee back to order. Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Although the Minister has indicated that he was going to move toward implementing the grade extensions and dealing with the overcrowding in Yellowknife, I thought it was important to have a motion approved by the House setting out the direction that we would like to see things go. So this is really just for further certainty and confirming what we have already heard in statements in the House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Schools, buildings and works, headquarters, total region, \$4,834,000, as amended. Mr. Minister.

Motion To Increase 1992-93 Capital Estimates To Add Additional Classrooms, Yellowknife, Carried

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the 1992-93 capital estimates for the Department of Education, under the activity schools,

be increased in the amount of \$750,000 to add a project, additional classrooms, Yellowknife.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed. The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Schools, Buildings And Works, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed portable units. I am just concerned about how we spend money on those kinds of units if they are not going to be used for other purposes in future. If the intention is for us to build a new high school, then I hope we can utilize those particular buildings for other purposes or for other communities, if that is possible, because it just seems that we expend a great deal of money on units of that type and not have any additional or future uses for them. I think we should be more cautious about the idea of using portables if the option is a long-term facility. I just wanted to make that particular comment, because I do not want anyone to get the impression that even though I support the efforts and considerations for Yellowknife, that it should be at additional expense to future governments.

**Buildings And Works, Headquarters,
Total Capital, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. We are still on schools, buildings and works, headquarters. Total region as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--- Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Fort Smith, total region, \$1,929,000, Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, under Fort Smith region, earlier on under general comments my colleague passed a motion Page 18.10, schools, buildings and works, total region as pertaining to prior commitments.amended.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--- Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Fort Smith, total region, \$1.929 million. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, with regard to headquarters I would like to ask the Minister whether or not there are any long range plans with regard to -- I believe there are about 700 students from out of Yellowknife residing here in Yellowknife and going to school. I think about half of those come from the Eastern and High Arctic. With the creation of Nunavut and the development of Nunavut, there is a movement to start looking at the capital infrastructure for the students of Nunavut to be going to school in the Eastern Arctic. Is there any move in that area? I realize that we are looking at a large capital amount for Yellowknife, but I would like to know whether or not -- I know Mr. Patterson wants a nice high school in Iqaluit, I believe, or even Rankin, and whether we want it or not, it is going to be a reality eventually-- we are planning with regard to that in mind.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, there is a total of 735 students attending Sir John currently. Of those 735 students, 253 are regional students, and there are four students coming in from the Eastern Arctic. The rest of them are from Deh Cho, Dogrib, Sahtu, South Slave, and Kitikmeot. Through grade extensions into communities, we would hope that we would take care of a need to educate our students in a regional type setting. Thank you.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, if I could make a couple of comments in this particular area because of the overall total expenditures, and it deals with the matter of the department and this government continuing to provide

**Motion To Honour Prior Commitments For
Renovations To Fort Smith And
Hay River Schools, Carried**

Under Fort Smith, I would like to propose a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move that this committee strongly recommends to the Department of Education that the capital estimates be amended to honour prior commitments to renovate J.B.T. Elementary School in Fort Smith and Diamond Jenness Secondary School in Hay River.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, as I indicated earlier a general motion was passed to this effect but these are being specific to these two particular schools in the Fort Smith Region. These projects are needed, and commitments have been made by prior governments. The department, we feel, should live up to these commitments prior to proceeding with new initiatives, particularly the Pond Inlet enhancement and also the renovations plan to the old school in Pangnirtung. Those are just a couple we found were new initiatives. So we strongly recommend that all Members support our motion to recommend to the department to honour prior commitments. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion, Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Fort Smith, total region. Mr. Minister.

**Motion To Renovate Thomas Simpson School,
Fort Simpson, Carried**

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the 1992-93 capital estimates for the Department of Education under the activity schools, be increased in the amount of \$400,000 for the project to renovate Thomas Simpson School, Fort Simpson.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Fort Smith, total region, as amended. Mr. Minister.

**Motion To Add 12-Bed Student Hostel,
Fort Simpson**

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the 1992-93 capital estimates for the Department of Education under the activity schools, be increased in the amount of \$800,000 to add the project, a 12-bed student hostel, Fort Simpson.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: That is our average family in the Eastern Arctic, 12 people, 12 beds in one five-bedroom house for \$80,000. Why a 12-bed hostel? It would be nine times more expensive. Is there something wrong with the design? Can it not be constructed a little cheaper?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the advice of the Department of Public Works, that is the amount we are told we would spend in order to construct this hostel. It is a 12-bed hostel that would include the hostel parents. We agree we will look at the project. I will work with the Minister of DPW to see if he can cut expenditures in this project.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Gargan.

**Moving Away From Hostels And More Into Home
Boarding Concept**

MR. GARGAN: During the last Assembly there was a direction implemented by the former government in regard to trying to get away from having student hostels and to go into the home boarding concept. I believe it was on that basis that some initiatives in some regions were dropped and this whole new concept was accepted. Is this government again changing its direction with regard to student hostels? Are we looking at this all over and going to move in that direction regardless of the cost factor, whether it is cheaper to homeboard students as opposed to building these expensive facilities?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Since the government started to use home parents as an alternative to hostels, that has been most successful in most cases. In Fort Simpson, unfortunately, we are at the capacity to use the home boarding. Whenever possible we will try to use the home boarding as a way to educate kids that are not from that particular community. At the current time in Fort Simpson we are at our limits.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: So this is a whole new facility being built? We are no longer looking at using the existing hostel.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, we will use both methods, hostel and home boarding.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Is that a new facility we are building?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, is the government going to review the home boarding program or the hostel program that, I guess, many of us were persuaded to oppose support of a home boarding program, and whether or not the communities are going to have an opportunity to indicate whether or not they support that particular program, and whether or not they would like to change direction. I guess I am making mention of this because a few years ago I was convinced by the Minister at that time, I guess it was Mr. Patterson, to go the home boarding route and to cancel two 10-bed hostels in my community of Fort McPherson, so I am just kind of curious as to the direction you want to take us now, or whether or not the communities could influence the policy in changing it into this type of initiative.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our preference is to go in the route of home boarding. Yes, in some ways I suppose the communities could be part of the decision of whether they have home boarding or we would have to build a hostel. If there is nobody in the community that wants to take in students, then we would ultimately have to build hostels. Our first preference is to go home boarding, and then if there is no more capacity, such as is the case in Fort Simpson I am told, we have to build hostels. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Member for Aivilik.

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Do not get me wrong. I am not against having the government build a hostel in Fort Simpson. I understand that some students cannot adapt very well to a new home, and the hostel sometimes is better suited, especially for counselling and adaptation. But I am having a real problem with it. The government must have a design, then, to be able to come up with

this figure of \$800,000 to have a hostel. Are they talking about the hostel, Mr. Chairman, or are they talking about a 12-unit apartment? Instead of talking about a 12-bed can he talk about how many bedrooms are being designed here?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, we are talking about one building, two students per room, and one small suite for hostel parents.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a couple of questions in respect to the idea of placing money in for a hostel and trying to address the whole student hostel this year, as opposed to over a two-year plan as they had initially wanted to address it. I recall a couple of years ago the hostel in Simpson was closed down. I think it was by the Fire Marshal, due to requirements that needed to be done. I do not recall the amount with respect to the deficiencies that would have had to be addressed, but I am wondering whether these deficiencies exceed the allotted amount of \$800,000 that is now in the

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budget. Can the Minister advise me? It is the same department, even though I recognize it is a different Minister.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The old hostel is being used as an office. The Member stated the Fire Marshal told the government that the old hostel cannot be used as a 24 hour facility, but could only be used in the daytime. So the old hostel is being used for offices, an educational facility and library and social services.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, the Minister still did not answer my question that I posed to him.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am told that in order to renovate the old hostel, in terms of electrical, plumbing, heating and bringing it up to standards, it will cost more than the current plan we have for building a hostel. A similar type structure

in Inuvik cost the government four million dollars to upgrade it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Can the Minister advise us as to how much the deficiencies were that had to be addressed in respect to that hostel. Were they four million, one million or \$800,000? Something in my mind tells me it was under \$500,000 and that is why I am trying to get an answer.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, we do not have the figures at this moment. I would have to get back to the Member.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, I am having a little difficulty with this particular motion. It is a new activity called 12-bed student hostel for Fort Simpson to the tune of \$800,000. Now that is being added to the current budget. We also have a student hostel, Fort Simpson, for a total of \$340,000. Does that mean the overall cost is \$1,140,000 ?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is two separate hostels. This one for \$800,000 is one hostel. The one he is talking about is a hostel that is already under construction.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Member for Nahendeh.

Fort Simpson Hostel

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to say something about the situation of the hostel in Fort Simpson. For many years there was a student hostel in Simpson, and back around 1988, I think, there was a Fire Marshal's inspection of the place and at that time the Deh Cho Regional Council had the contract with the government to run that facility. I was involved as an interim executive director at that time, and I remember Stephen Kakfwi was the Minister of Education at that time, and what happened there is that the department, at that time, wanted to shut the place down. Their excuse is that they did not have enough money to renovate that facility. My recollection is that the figure was around \$500,000 to

upgrade the facility to meet the standards of the Fire Marshal. It did not have proper material in the walls and the doors, and the electrical was not up to code.

We had to shut the place down and it sat vacant for a couple of years. The Department of Education renovated a certain part of it. Social Services is in the senior boys' section, for people who understand that hostel, and the other part is for the adult education section. There is a library in one section of the school; the resource room for education is in there; the special language people; and Deh Cho Divisional board is in there. The whole hostel is used at the present time.

I recall, as interim executive director, we did have a plan and we proposed, at that time, to build three small hostel units which will be run by the regional council. We were turned down at this time. When the plan for this hostel was coming up, I wondered if there was any long-term strategy plan back in 1988 on the Department of Education's part. The fact is that presently we have students from the surrounding communities living in home boarding, but we are at capacity and we need more places for students to go to. Maybe we need more HAP units in there so we can accommodate the students. But that is a different issue.

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At the present time, I am told that we have about 27 grade 12 and senior students away from the community, and if we bring them back into Simpson we need additional places. My understanding of this motion is that for 1992-93 there was a hostel in the capital estimates, a 10-room hostel in the capital estimates, and the \$800,000 extra is for another 12-unit hostel. That was my understanding of the motion, and I do not see how some of my colleagues would think it is something new. It is in the documents that I have received, and I thought everybody understood that. Mahsi.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, we just passed a motion on having high schools in Cambridge Bay, Fort Simpson, and Rae-Edzo. Mr. Chairman, is it the plan by the department that eventually we are going in the direction of having residences for students who are from outside the community? Cambridge Bay would probably have a structure like that built, as well

as other communities who are moving in the high school direction. Is that correct, Mr. Minister?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With respect to hostels, I would like to state that the Deh Cho Divisional Board of Education told us that they needed this hostel to take in the students that are coming in from the small communities. Yes, Mr. Chairman, we are planning to have a hostel in Kitikmeot Region, either in Coppermine or Cambridge Bay. We would have to consult with the community or divisional board prior to putting it into a community. Currently, in our budget we are planning to put a hostel in Cambridge Bay, but we would have to do some proper planning with the divisional board as well as the government and the MLA affected.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, the Minister indicated that it was determined by the Deh Cho Regional Council, and in light of that, he has made some

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changes to the amount of the 12-bed student hostel. Was that based on the January meeting? In the first week of January the Deh Cho Regional Council met, and I have got the minutes of that meeting. Was it based on that request?

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Deh Cho Divisional Board requested a grade extension last fall. That grade extension will be in Fort Simpson. They also stated that home boarding is at capacity, and they were concerned that the community will not be able to take care of the students coming to Fort Simpson. They raised it with the department last fall, that they need to have a hostel as an alternative to home boarding, or in addition to home boarding.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Gargan, to the motion.

MR. GARGAN: So it was determined by the department that the forecast was for a couple of years down the road. Is that in the Deh Cho Region, not including Fort Providence, you are going to have all the students filling all the home boarding, and on top of that you have extra students for the 12-bed hostel?

This is a forecast, right? You have determined that by a study of sorts, and you have determined that you do have, right now in 1992, as much as maybe 50 potential students that are going to be graduating grade nine, and that the forecast seems to be that in 1994 numbers will warrant such a facility. Has there been a study done to determine that?

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

Community Extension Program

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you. Yes, through our community extension program. Let me bring the Member up-to-date on what has been happening as recently as December, when we met with the standing committee on finance. Our plan was to bring all the students to Yellowknife and expand the capacity of Akaitcho and expand the capacity of Sir John, but we are talking about lots of money -- money that my department and the government of the Northwest Territories were not able to meet. As you know, there is overcrowding in Sir John, and Akaitcho is at capacity currently. So we had two options. On the advice of the standing committee on finance, we agreed that the best way to deal with the students was to deal with them at the community level. We thought that for the coming year, if we want to extend the grades in Fort Simpson, we would have to build a hostel. Prior to our decision, it was raised by the Deh Cho Divisional Board -- yes, if you are going to use Fort Simpson as a regional highschool for surrounding communities, we need a hostel because we are at capacity with home boarding. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Nerysoo.

Policy Of Grade Extensions In Relation To Student Residences

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to ask the Minister if he is considering a review of the student residence policy for all grades and all circumstances in each particular community, because I do not think you should tie the whole question of student residences to the matter or the policy of grade extensions. The fact is that students that require a residence are not necessarily in grades 10, 11 and 12, and so I ask you if you could consider that particular matter.

I am not going to oppose what Mr. Antoine wants for his particular constituency, but the fact is that if you do not have a policy that addresses the needs of the

students, whether or not they are in kindergarten or grade 12, the fact is that you are not going to be clear about the direction that you want to take. So I would ask the Minister if, in addressing this particular motion, you could also address the matter of the policy and possibly report back during the next session so that we are clear about what direction we are going to take.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. To the motion. Member for Thebacha.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to know if the Minister would be able to provide to this House the amount that was initially requested to renovate the old student hostel in Fort Simpson back in 1988.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thought we had already agreed to that, and I would provide the committee with the numbers.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, with regard to the motion itself, there has been a directive or a motion passed by the finance committee, which Mr. Antoine is part of, with regard -- the government incorporating result measures into the capital and main estimates. I am just wondering whether or not that has been considered by the department with regard to that particular motion passed. I do not know if it is too soon to determine that, but I would think that when the finance committee made this motion it was on the understanding that we do not go making motions on an increase in the budget without having some kind of a result measurement system.

I spoke against the motion, but I do not see anything wrong with the way the motion has been presented, but I would think that would be something that the government has looked at and that the finance committee has considered in order for it to make that kind of a thing, because obviously the \$800,000 -- I do not know where the numbers come from, or the 12-bed facility, where that comes from. I am unclear as to whether or not when we make motions, we are bound by them and we should follow them, or, in the case of some Members on the finance committee,

they will make an exception and waive that motion in order to have a capital project implemented in their constituency. Maybe I could get clarification on that, Mr. Chairman.

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

Plan For Measurement Of Results In Main Estimates

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With the measurement for an output, we are going to put a plan in place when we are dealing with the main estimates sometime this spring. Yes, we will be putting that forward in the main estimates. Mr. Chairman, I guess this motion would allow us, the department, to put \$800,000 into this activity, and then, as I said earlier, I will be working with the Minister of DPW to see if he could find a way that we could be more cost effective, or to find a way that would cost less than \$800,000 to put in a hostel. I will try everything we can to see if we could do it cheaper. Thank you.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I do not wish to give the impression that I am against the motion itself. The motion I support, and I also support the Member for Nahendeh in regard to having such a facility, because it does benefit my constituency. The thing I do not understand is that we make motions in this House in regard to result measures and I do not see it with regard to this motion that the Minister presented, because if you read the motion, it is quite clear what the intent of it is -- result measures in the capital plans. The situation right now, Mr. Chairman, is that we realize a motion was passed and supported, but at this point in time we cannot respond to the motion until maybe the new fiscal year. That is it, basically. So while the getting is good, get it. I just wanted to mention that, Mr. Chairman, but I would like to get some numbers on how they came up with these figures and I would appreciate it if the Minister provides that. For this reason, Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that we report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion. Not debatable? All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is defeated. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I request you recognize the clock.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I still cannot recognize the clock at this moment. To the motion. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: I would like to move that...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): To the motion.

MR. ARVALUK: I am making a motion, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Arvaluk.

**Motion To Defer Motion To Add 12-bed Student
Hostel, Fort Simpson**

MR. ARVALUK: Mr. Chairman, thank you very much. If I have to be ruled out, I would like to be ruled out of the chair. Thank you. I would like to move that we defer the motion that is on the floor right now until we get information on the previous plan's costs for renovations to the old hostel from the Minister. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): This motion to defer this motion for more clarification is in order. To the motion. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There were very good questions asked by the Members to the Minister respecting the comparable costs to the previous plan or idea to renovate the old one, which apparently holds more beds, and how much it would have cost to renovate it. Would it have been more than \$800,000, or less? These questions have not been answered by the Minister.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): I am sorry, as chairman of the committee of the whole, at this time I recognize the clock and I will report progress.

**Speaker's Ruling On Point Of Order Raised By
Mrs. Marie- Jewell On February 28, 1992**

MR. SPEAKER: Good afternoon. I wish to provide my ruling on the point of order raised by the honourable Member for Thebacha during question period on Friday, February 28. The point of order was raised that the Minister of Social Services, in responding to questions, should not be permitted to refer to the former government or Minister. The point was also made that ordinary Members are not permitted to ask questions of a Minister who held a former portfolio or of the former government.

Although the rules and precedents are clear on the matter of a Member asking a Minister a question, I quote Beauchesne's 409(6): "A question must be within the administrative competence of the government. The Minister to whom the question is directed is responsible to the House for his or her present ministry and not for any decisions taken in a previous portfolio." The rules and precedents are not clear that the same restriction applies to a Minister in answering a question if the Minister can make comment on a former Minister or actions of a former government. To the matter before us, I would suggest that the Minister of Social Services in this case was referring to actions of a former Minister and government that he is supporting and is the present policy of this government. On this particular matter, the Member for Thebacha does not have a point of order. I will ensure that all Members of the House are given every opportunity within the rules and precedents when asking and replying to questions.

Item 18, report of the committee of the whole. Mr. Chairman.

**ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE**

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bills 8, 10, 11 and 14, and the committee wishes to report progress with nine motions being adopted. Bills 8, 10 and 11 are ready for third reading, and Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole be concurred with. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Secunder to that motion. Mr. Dent. The motion is in order. All those in favour? Opposed? 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, meetings for tomorrow: at 9:00 a.m. of the full caucus; and at 10:30 of the ordinary Members' caucus.

ITEM 21: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Tuesday, March 3, 1992:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements

3. Members' Statements
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5. Oral Questions
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7. Returns to Written Questions
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19. Report of Committee of the Whole
20. Third Reading of Bills: Bills 8, 10 and 11
21. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 1992.

--- ADJOURNMENT