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Hon. Titus Alooloo, Mr. Antoine, Mr. Arngha'naaq, Mr. Arvaluk, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Mr. Bernhardt, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Dent, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Koe, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, Ms. Mike, Hon. Don Morin, 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 Wednesday, March 4, 1992. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Kakfwi.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 25-12(2): Aboriginal Affairs Meeting

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I have returned from attending a two-day meeting in Toronto of Ministers responsible for aboriginal affairs, along with leaders and representatives of aboriginal organizations.

The meeting was a good opportunity to build relationships between governments and aboriginal leaders, aboriginal organizations, and to discuss issues of long-standing concern. Those issues included self-government and improved delivery of services to or by aboriginal people.

All provinces, except Quebec, were represented at the meeting. Representatives from the Assembly of First Nations, the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, the Metis National Council and the Native Council of Canada also attended. The federal Minister was invited, but he declined at the last minute.

Mr. Speaker, presentations and discussions at the conference focused on a number of items. For instance: the need for the federal government to meet its constitutional, treaty and legislative responsibilities in negotiations and financial arrangements with aboriginal people; responsibilities for off-reserve aboriginal people; and ways to deal with potential conflict of laws in respect to federal, provincial and aboriginal governments.

We also focused on a couple of other items: the need for the federal government to carry out its jurisdictional authority for Indian, Inuit and Metis peoples and lands reserved for them; and the powers required for aboriginal self-government.

Mr. Speaker, on the matter of self-government it was interesting to note that in their opening remarks seven of the nine provinces and both territories stated their support for the entrenchment of an inherent right to self-government in the Canadian Constitution.

As a matter of fact, delegates later supported the need for a seminar that would investigate various self-government arrangements. It was agreed that a meeting would take place in Whitehorse this summer. The seminar would be followed by a second Ministers' conference this fall in Alberta. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Ministers' statements. Ministers' statements. Mr. Whitford.

Ministers' Statement 26-12(2): Nutrition Month 1992

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 10th anniversary of Nutrition Month. The campaign is intended to promote the importance of good eating habits. Evaluation results indicate that the campaign is effective in increasing nutrition awareness.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Even though March is traditionally recognized as Nutrition Month, the department feels that good nutrition needs to be promoted throughout the year. We have, therefore, produced a special 10th anniversary nutrition calendar. This is displayed in the foyer of the Legislative Assembly all of this week.

Mr. Speaker and honourable Members, the resource kits on display have been provided to schools, health centres and other organizations charged with the responsibility to encourage and influence positive eating habits in children.

The kits include a colourful nutrition calendar, nutrition tips and facts, a resource booklet, and the "Grab a bite that's right!" fridge magnets. The magnets I am circulating to the honourable Members -- I think you should all have them by now -- represent the four food groups from the Northwest Territories food guide. Stickers in most of the northern languages were included in the kits, and those can be added to the

calendar for the title, days of the week and months of the year, as needed.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to invite all Members of the Assembly, as well as visitors, to view the display out here in our lobby. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Ministers' statements. Ms. Cournoyea.

Ministers' Statement 27-12(2): New Deputy Commissioner

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Helen Maksagak of Cambridge Bay on her appointment as Deputy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories. Ms. Maksagak was sworn into office last night during a special ceremony in her home community. Over 200 attended the community-organized event.

Our new Deputy Commissioner is highly respected for her active participation on several boards and her service to the public. She has been a member of the social assistance appeals committee, the housing association, and the drug and alcohol board of directors, and numerous community support groups. Ms. Maksagak will be visiting Yellowknife within the next few days to familiarize herself with her duties, and we will get a chance to meet her then.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to take the opportunity to express the appreciation of cabinet and the Legislative Assembly for the services provided by the former Deputy Commissioner, Ann Hanson of Iqaluit. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Ministers' statements. Ministers' statements.

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Members will join me in welcoming to the Assembly today nine young men and women participating in the 1991 Ontario Legislature internship program. The interns are visiting our Legislature to broaden their understanding of parliamentary institutions. Accompanying the interns is Professor Graham White of the University of Toronto.

Sitting in the Speaker's gallery visiting us today are 15 first-year Canadian foreign service officers who work in the Department of External Affairs and International Trade and are visiting Yellowknife as part of a tour to

familiarize themselves with the various regions of Canada.

And we also have today, in the gallery, a group from the management studies course from Arctic College in Iqaluit, with their course instructor, John Matthews.

Members will find interesting that a study of the Northwest Territories Legislature is included in the course curriculum, and this is the fourth successive year that we have welcomed representatives from this group to our House. We are exceedingly popular today.

--- Applause

Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Lewis.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On "Grab A Bite That's Right" Logo

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, we are very often given things to put on the fridge, and I have in front of me, like all other Members, a small decal of a green and white fish with a blue parka, a carrot in a green parka, and a bannock with a blue parka, and what looks like a garbage can with a toque on it. What I find oppressive, Mr. Speaker, is the phrase "Grab a bite that's right," because I have brought up four kids, I and my wife, over the last 30, years and if there is one thing we are fed up listening to, it is the phrase "Grab a bite."

I believe one of the greatest inventions we have is a table and a chair where you can sit down and have a good meal. I would like to tell Members of this government that they come up with all kinds of cute ideas in order to convince us that we should eat right, but the worst thing you can put on a fridge is the phrase "Grab a bite." I was sick for four months, Mr. Speaker, as the result of a long campaign where I never sat down to have a proper meal, where I was always grabbing a bite on the run, and I feel very strongly that if you want to keep your family together you do not let them sit in front of the TV with a bite. You do not give them a sandwich to eat in the car on the way to work. You tell them, "Sit down; eat your food, and let's do it as a family." And if you feel like it, even say a prayer before you eat it. But "Grab a bite that's right" is terrible. Do not grab a bite, sit down and have a proper meal. Thank you.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: You would find fault with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Member's Statement On Consensus Government

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a short statement to make on consensus government, and the events that transpired in the House yesterday. As all Members are aware, there were a number of controversial votes yesterday that saw the defeat of a government bill and the deletion of a portion of the Department of Education's capital budget. Mr. Speaker, I can tell you that I was surprised at the reaction of the honourable Members on the other side of the House. I was left with the impression that Members should not oppose the initiatives of government and that there was no room for disagreement once a matter reaches the floor of the House.

Mr. Speaker, I do not know what the practice was in previous Legislatures, but I feel confident that this will not be the practice in this Legislature.

---Applause

Times have changed. I sincerely believe that all Members of this House can work together...

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: It works both ways.

MR. TODD: ...to ensure this government meets the needs of all our citizens. But to make this happen, adequate consultation must take place between cabinet and ordinary Members. To me, the essence of consensus government is adequate consultation. I think the message is clear that Members on this side of the House will not rubber-stamp government initiatives.

---Applause

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

Member's Statement On Denial Of Inuit Aspirations On Boundary Plebiscite

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to respond to public comments about the boundary plebiscite that have been attributed in the eastern media to the honourable Member for Iqaluit. The honourable Member has reportedly stated publicly that if the Dene want to deny Inuit aspirations, if the western business community wants to be seen as killing the Inuit land claims, they better be prepared for the consequences.

AN HON. MEMBER: Shame, shame!

MS. MIKE: I want to be on record, Mr. Speaker, that I do not support this sort of heavy-handed message which appears to underline this statement. I believe this is the same antagonistic tone we heard in this House during the honourable Member's reply to the Opening Address on December 18, 1991, when he stated, "Perhaps we will never be able to satisfy Mr. Erasmus unless Baffin Island became part of the Dene land claim..." Last week, he was also reported to have stated that if the West votes "No" on the boundary, the Inuit land claim is gone.

Mr. Speaker, these comments reflect on us, them and their mentality and accomplish nothing. Throughout history, aboriginal people of the North -- Inuit and Dene -- have proven time and again that problems can only be resolved when we take the time to communicate. We have made decisions by listening to views which may be different from our own, expressing our thoughts respectfully. Eventually, we come to agreement.

We Inuit have not believed in bullying others with suggestions that they better be prepared for the consequences, or personal comments about their leaders, or statements that all will be lost unless we get our own way.

I do not believe that remarks attributed to Mr. Patterson, nor the tone of his reply to the Opening Address last session, reflects the way the Inuit of the Eastern Arctic are viewing the boundary plebiscite and the creation of Nunavut. We do not want Nunavut to arise from the ashes of a bitter struggle with our Dene neighbours and the non-native people of the Western Arctic. We want this matter resolved in the spirit of mutual respect. I believe that poor

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tactics will discredit the evolution of Nunavut and that they are unbecoming of a Minister of this government. He does not speak for me. I hope the Government Leader will take steps to ensure that we will not see this trend continue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement On Planning Process For Department Of Education

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, we vote on issues that are on the floor. We knew that some motions were passed and some were defeated. I have just learned that some motions can be defeated

and that the Department of Education budget is very large. I understand that the capital budget for the Department of Education was not planned properly, and maybe this is the reason why the motion was passed to cut some of the Department of Education's budget. Maybe we should work toward more monthly statements that have been requested by the educational boards; then maybe the \$5000 would not have been deleted from the budget. I have just realized how a planning process should be set up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement On Baffin Resident's Death Due To AIDS

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay special tribute to a constituent who showed extreme courage and dedication toward others in the last year of her life. Last Friday, Ms. Leetia Geetah passed away in Iqaluit, even though she was only 31 years old. Her death was caused as a result of her having become infected with the AIDS virus.

Her parents, Charlie and Inuapik Sagiaktuk, and her two children, Oolooleaktuk and Audla, were very proud of her because during the last year of her life she dedicated herself to doing all she could to see that others did not become infected with this deadly killer.

Mr. Speaker, this message was not being delivered by a health professional or by someone who had read enough books to be called an expert. This was from a woman whose own life was becoming shorter with every day that passed. It must have taken every ounce of courage for her to stand up in front of others and tell her story.

Mr. Speaker, Leetia Geetah will not be remembered for her special works of art or her great political actions. However, she should, and will, be remembered as a brave and unselfish individual who tried to help her people with every ounce of strength left in her. I hope that her messages about this terrible disease will be remembered by everyone that her life has touched.

By this statement, Mr. Speaker, I am hoping that we in this Assembly will also do our part to help spread her messages as one way of saying "thank you" to this very special citizen. Qujannamiik.

---Applause

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

Member's Statement On Workers' Compensation For Hunters And Trappers

MR. GARGAN: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say something in regard to the Workers' Compensation Board. Up to recently, anybody that is hunting and fishing, if they do not make more than \$10,000, and if they are hurt on the job, they will not be given compensation. In 1979, when people were hunting, things that they trapped for, like lynx, were worth about \$1000. Whoever made this kind of money, at that time they would have been helped with compensation. This January, when people that were trapping sold some lynx, they were only worth \$100. Judging by that, if we trap a whole bunch of fur, we will be able to earn some compensation. For the Inuit, if they shoot one polar bear they can get \$1000. If they get two polar bears they would be able to get compensation.

I do not think it is right, Mr. Speaker. What I am saying is, we would have to trap a lot of fur-bearing animals to get compensation. I am just talking on behalf of the Dene and Inuit people that are trapping. If they want something, they have to hunt for it. For compensation I do not think it is working well for hunters and trappers. That is what I am talking about. The white man's law does not seem to be working well for the Dene.

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

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Return To Question O169-12(2): Allocation Of Staff Houses In Communities

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, this is in response to a question asked by Mr. Pudlat on February 26, following another question he asked earlier, O114-12(2), on February 26. If I understand the Member's question correctly, he is asking if there was any additional information he could be provided with as to why there were no new staff houses being built in the coming year.

Mr. Speaker, as we have indicated many times, there is only limited capital funding available for the coming year. There are many demands for capital projects, and as a government we have had to balance all the

needs to make sure that the most critical ones are met. For 1992-93, no additional person years will be proposed as part of the government's budget. Therefore, in spite of the fact that we do not have the number of houses we need in each community, it was not possible to allocate money for new staff housing units. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE: I would like to seek unanimous consent to go back to Members' statements.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to return to Item 3, Members' statements. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Antoine.

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REVERT TO ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Development Of Highways And Transportation Links

MR. ANTOINE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the economic future of Deh Cho region, and likewise the Mackenzie Valley, is dependent on the rapid development of highways and transportation links. We need to be able to send products and other resources to a market, and we need to attract tourists and other consumers to our scenic and traditional communities. The former government realized the economic promise inherent in an improved transportation system. I am sure that the honourable Member for Amittuq and his officials must remember on October 15, 1990 when Gordon Wray, then Minister of the department, announced four strategic objectives which would guide his new Northwest Territories transportation strategy.

Mr. Speaker, the second objective was a commitment to push back our economic frontiers through highway improvements aimed at linking our resources to their markets. I can quote from Hansard what Mr. Wray said that day. He said, "We are proposing major new highway construction projects to put more communities on the highway map and to provide access to vast areas for tourism and the responsible development of renewable and non-renewable resources." Among the proposed projects was an extension of the Mackenzie Highway to Inuvik, Mr. Speaker. The people of the Deh Cho region believe this public government should keep its word.

Mr. Speaker, I am disheartened by the fact that the current cabinet appears to have turned its back to principles outlined by the previous government's transportation strategy. An example is the decision not to proceed this year with plans to build a bridge across Willowlake River linking Wrigley with Fort Simpson. This project would have been one step toward the sort of development that was the key government objective 16 months ago.

I realize that our government's finances are in a sorry shape, but, so far, most of what we have heard from colleagues on the other side of this House has been regressive talk about down-sizing, attrition, postponement and getting lame. I fully agree with the need for tighter money management at the departmental level, but, Mr. Speaker, this cabinet must stop to realize that if we forget about taking initiatives to develop our northern resource base, we will never be able to sustain our economy over a longer term. Mahsi cho.

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

Member's Statement On Government Leader's Birthday

MR. KOE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honour one of our distinguished Members of this Legislature. Today happens to be a birthday of the honourable Member for Nunakput.

---Applause

On behalf of her constituents and all the Inuvialuit constituents from the Delta, we have some gifts for her. I would like to present them to the honourable Member. Happy birthday!

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: There will be a new item on the order paper called "Ode to a Premier." Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Morin.

REVERT TO ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Further Return To Question O119-12(2): Freezing Of Resolute Bay Pipeline

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to a question asked by Mr. Pudluk on February 21, regarding Resolute Bay pipeline freezing. I wish to provide an update to Mr. Pudluk on

the freezing of the Resolute Bay water pipeline. It was the water supply line between Char Lake pumphouse and the water treatment plant which froze when a check valve at the Char Lake pumphouse failed. Public Works crews were able to thaw the line and restore normal service on February 16th. In the meantime, water to the town site was maintained by trucking water from Char Lake to the water treatment plant. The faulty valve has been replaced. In an effort to avoid future such occurrences, DPW has installed additional alarm systems at the water plant and at the pumphouse. If an alarm goes off, a telephone dialer system places a phone call to DPW personnel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return To Question O82-12(2): Protection Of The Public Against Health Practitioners With Communicable Diseases

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to a question asked by Mr. Todd on February 19, 1992 dealing with the protection of the public against physicians with communicable diseases. Mr. Speaker, on February 19, 1992, the honourable Member asked whether the chief medical health officer for the Province of Manitoba advised her counterpart in this jurisdiction of a dentist infected by a human immune deficiency virus, HIV. The answer is, "No." The Northwest Territories chief medical health officer was not advised of the dentist's condition.

NWT public health regulations require individuals who know or suspect that they, or any other person, including a practitioner, are infected, to report such cases to the NWT health officials. In the case of the HIV infected dentist, neither the patient nor anyone associated with the patient reported the infection.

The Department of Health will advise health boards to ensure that contractors providing service in the NWT are aware of the reporting requirements under the NWT public health regulations.

Return To Question O103-12(2): Dental Practitioners With HIV Or AIDS To Inform Patients

This is a return to a question asked by Mr. Gargan on February 20, that deals with a dental practitioner with HIV or AIDS to inform patients. Mr. Speaker, unless a worker's health status was affecting his or her ability to perform professional duties, a mandatory

requirement by a regional health board that the practitioner reveal his/her personal health status would contravene generally accepted Canadian human rights codes.

Mr. Speaker, although there is no legislative requirement for an HIV/AIDS infected dentist to inform his/her licensing authority of his/her condition, the Canadian Dental Association's Code of Ethics

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requires that the individual inform the licensing authority of any condition or serious incapacity that has or will affect, over time, his/her ability to practise safely and competently.

The NWT application form to practise dentistry in the NWT does request the applicant to reveal whether "they are presently free from any communicable or infectious disease" at the time of the initial application. The registry, however, has no way of knowing whether the information provided is accurate. In most cases, individuals who have an HIV infection would not know.

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

Return To Question O120-12(2): Upgrading Of Lake Harbour Airstrip

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Pudlat on February 21, 1992, with respect to upgrading of the Lake Harbour airstrip. On Friday, February 21, the Member from Baffin South asked me if the improvements to the Lake Harbour airport he asked about in December were included in the department's capital plan for next year. In my answer to the Member's question in December, I recognized that the Lake Harbour airport was built on uneven ground. At the same time, I pointed out that Transport Canada has certified and licensed the airport for visual flight rules, day and night operations. The slope in the runway is not a danger to safe air carrier service.

In the "Northwest Territories' Transportation Strategy" there is a table on page 54 which outlines a proposed capital spending program for the community airports in the Northwest Territories. The strategy proposes, first of all, to bring all community airports up to a condition where they can meet Transport Canada's licensing requirements for airport certification. Next,

the strategy proposes that the Department of Transportation should improve the airports that are certified but below standard for the type of aircraft and the amount of traffic the airport serves. Finally, the strategy identifies the communities that require new airports because the existing airport interferes with the community's safe and orderly growth.

The Lake Harbour airport is included in this last group of airports. The community has a licensed airport that meets its air traffic demand. I agree with the Member that the airport is in a poor location and takes up land that the community could put to much better use. However, the department's efforts must be concentrated on the communities with the most urgent airport needs.

The answer to the Member's question is that improvements to the Lake Harbour airport are not in the Department of Transportation's capital plan for the next year. Thank you.

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

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Pudlat on March 3, regarding Sanikiluaq community hall. A community hall for Sanikiluaq is not currently in the department's capital forecasting plan. A number of years ago the community was asked whether they wanted a new arena or community hall and they chose an arena as their priority. The Department of Education had plans at that time for the construction of a gymnasium. The new gymnasium was completed in 1988. The new arena is currently scheduled for completion in 1994-95. With the community receiving these two facilities, it is unlikely the department will be able to include construction of a community hall in our budget in the foreseeable future. However, the design and siting of the new arena will allow for the future addition of a community hall when it becomes feasible.

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

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O249-12(2): Job Skills To Make Social Assistance Recipients More Self-Sufficient

MR. BERNHARDT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to ask the Minister of Social Services a question on yesterday's statement on social assistance case loads. Part three of the Minister's statement of March 3rd deals with continuation of a five-year agreement with CEIC, Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and Health and Welfare Canada to help social assistance recipients become more self-sufficient. This program sets a priority on training, upgrading and job development skills. Can the Minister indicate which job-related skills will be targeted within this program?

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

Return To Question O249-12(2): Job Skills To Make Social Assistance Recipients More Self-Sufficient

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I am not able to give the specifics. We deal with various regions, and if I am correct there are some regional considerations made but I cannot give him specifics.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question O250-12(2): Process For Setting Workers' Compensation Rates

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There have been several people who have shown up regularly in the gallery who are interested in issues related to the Workers' Compensation Board. I would like to ask the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board whether he could tell us the process by which the rates or what we call YMIR, yearly maximum insurable remuneration are arrived at under our current set-up.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O250-12(2): Process For Setting Workers' Compensation Rates

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I am a new Minister and I have not dealt with the YMIR issue before, but the way I am handling it is that I have asked the Workers' Compensation Board at one of the first meetings I had with them, noting that the YMIR is now a number of years out of date and has not been adjusted, I asked the Workers' Compensation Board, for whom it is an issue, to make recommendations to me on a priority basis on what would be an appropriate new level on the YMIR. The

board is diligently working on that, Mr. Speaker. Once I get their recommendations I will have to take

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to cabinet and then, in the usual process, through this House for a legislative amendment to the WCB Act which would then approve a new YMIR.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O250-12(2): Process For Setting Workers' Compensation Rates

MR. LEWIS: Thank you. To the same Minister. We are currently at the stage where Mr. Hinchey will cease to be the chairman of that board -- in the middle of the month -- and there are all kinds of uncertainties about membership on that board. Is it real or a fact that we now have a board that will find it difficult to make decisions within the next few months?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O250-12(2): Process For Setting Workers' Compensation Rates

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I would say not at all, Mr. Speaker. First of all, the terms of the current four members of the board do not end until June or July, and I expect that that issue will have been well in hand and will have been dealt with at the board level long before June or July.

As far as the chairman is concerned, he will be attending and chairing the next meeting of the WCB at the end of this month, at which I expect that issue to be resolved and from which I expect recommendations to be made to me for furtherance with cabinet and the Legislature. So I do not think there is going to be any problem of discontinuity by any changes that might be made in chairperson or board members. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O250-12(2): Process For Setting Workers' Compensation Rates

MR. LEWIS: Should changes to the levels be recommended, could the Minister indicate to the House what timetable for legislation he could envisage? For example, could he get this accomplished by the June or July session or would we have to wait until the fall?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O250-12(2): Process For Setting Workers' Compensation Rates

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, as the honourable Member knows, the legislative timetable is not up to the Minister alone; it depends on the standing committee on legislation who may well choose to have public hearings or receive submissions on the proposed amendment to the act once it gets to second reading. But having mentioned that caveat, Mr. Speaker, I think that it is realistic to expect that I could bring legislation to the next session of this Assembly in June, July, and then we will have to see how fast it can move. It really is a one-line amendment but there is the matter of consultation and public hearing which will have to be determined by the standing committee on legislation.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Question O251-12(2): Government's Contingency Plan In Event Of "No" Vote On Plebiscite

MS. MIKE: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs. Recently I was troubled by public comments made by one of the Minister's colleagues that if there is a strong "No" vote on the boundary plebiscite the Inuit land claim will be lost. Has the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs undertaken any studies or developed any contingency plans which will guide the government's response in the event of a strong "No" vote on the boundary plebiscite?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O251-12(2): Government's Contingency Plan In Event Of "No" Vote On Plebiscite

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, the claim of the Inuit of the Eastern Arctic is guided by the TFN, is based on the premise that the question of division has been settled in 1982. The claim of the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut goes on the assumption that division is going to happen and that Nunavut is going to be created. The plebiscite on May 4th is simply a plebiscite that asks people of the NWT if they would support the boundary that would be attached to the plebiscite question, as the boundary that is acceptable to divide the NWT.

As a government we have not done any studies about what may happen if the plebiscite question results in a

resounding no, because we also go on the assumption that the question, which is reflected in the plebiscite question, is seeking whether or not people would accept that boundary as a boundary to divide, not whether they support division or not.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O251-12(2):
Government's Contingency Plan In Event Of "No"
Vote On Plebiscite

MS. MIKE: Can the Minister assure the House that the hard work and commitment that has already gone into the Nunavut land claim will not be wiped out in the event of a "No" vote?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question O251-12(2):
Government's Contingency Plan In Event Of "No"
Vote On Plebiscite

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, as a Minister and as a government I do not think we can give any assurance at all in the area that the Member is questioning. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Nerysoo.

**Question O252-12(2): Net Savings In
Restructuring Housing Corporation**

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Members probably have read, decisions in this House yesterday have somehow challenged the ability of government to make reductions in the Housing Corporation. I want to ask the Minister if he is prepared to guarantee that in the restructuring of the Housing Corporation, as was proposed yesterday by the bill, whether or not he can guarantee to the House that the net savings to government would amount to \$1.3 million or more.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Housing, Mr. Morin.

Return to Question O252-12(2): Net Savings In
Restructuring Housing Corporation

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will not save one cent because there is no change.

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

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Supplementary To Question O252-12(2): Net
Savings In Restructuring Housing Corporation

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, the honourable Member is willing to indicate that Members here are not prepared to find net savings in government. He said that there would be savings. Could he guarantee to me, as a Member who opposed any changes in the Housing Corporation, that net savings would be \$1.3 million?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O252-12(2): Net Savings
In Restructuring Housing Corporation

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again, there are going to be no savings because the bill is dead.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

**Question O253-12(2): Renovations To Elders'
Facility, Cape Dorset**

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of the Housing Corporation. Before we go into the capital estimates, I would like to ask a question to the Minister of the Housing Corporation. Cape Dorset has applied for renovations to be made to the elders' facility. Can the Minister tell me if he has received the application regarding this elders' facility in Cape Dorset? Apparently there was an error in this application. I would like the Minister to respond to this as soon as he can. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Return To Question O253-12(2): Renovations To
Elders' Facility, Cape Dorset

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the Member is asking about a senior citizens' facility. All I am aware of, right now is that there are a total of 14 units going into Cape Dorset and a total of five units going into Lake Harbour. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

**Question O254-12(2): Status Of Management
Board At Akaitcho Hall**

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education.

Last week, Mr. Speaker, I gave him a copy of a letter written to me by a member of the Akaitcho Hall board. Mr. Speaker, there are a large number of students from all over the North who come to Akaitcho Hall, and Akaitcho Hall has an advisory board. However, there was a movement by this advisory board to create a management board, and it was done with regard to a board development officer from the Department of Education. That position has since been resolved and there has not been any kind of movement with regard to a direction the advisory board is going would be met. I would like to ask the Minister if there is support for this advisory board to accomplish this management board status.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will have to take the question as notice. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The question has been taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Zoe.

Question O255-12(2): Status Of Funding Policies Being Developed By MACA

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs was developing two policies last year. One was on the municipal capital assistance policy, and one on the municipal operating assistance policy. Could the Minister inform the House where they are now? Are they in front of cabinet now? When is this decision going to be made with respect to the policies?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of MACA, Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O255-12(2): Status Of Funding Policies Being Developed By MACA

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, those proposed funding policies which have been under discussion for a couple of years, under the auspices of the NWT Association of Municipalities, are before cabinet at this moment. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O255-12(2): Status Of Funding Policies Being Developed By MACA

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, can I ask the Minister: When does he anticipate that cabinet will be looking at these proposals?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O255-12(2): Status Of Funding Policies Being Developed By MACA

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Soon, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question O255-12(2): Status Of Funding Policies Being Developed By MACA

MR. ZOE: What is your definition of "soon"? It could be tomorrow. Can I get the Minister to give me a specific date?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O255-12(2): Status Of Funding Policies Being Developed By MACA

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: The Member is correct, it could be tomorrow. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier this morning one of my elder colleagues said, "When government says 'soon' it might mean 10 years." So we changed the word to "immediately" and he said, "That might mean five years."

---Laughter

Question O256-12(2): Development Of Transportation Strategy

Mr. Speaker, earlier I quoted the former Minister of Transportation on the need to develop a transportation access beyond our frontiers. I would also like to remind the House of what the honourable Member for Hay River said about building highways

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to our resources. According to Hansard of October 29, 1990, he referred to the new NWT transportation strategy and stated that: "I think that once you take the inventory of what is in the NWT and what the potentials are, and then you start working around with

where your best roads would lie or best transportation corridors would lie, I think that makes good economic and good developmental sense."

Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Would the Minister agree with me that one of the main barriers to developing economic potential of the Mackenzie Valley is the inadequate and incomplete transportation corridor throughout the region? Mahsi.

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

Return To Question O256-12(2): Development Of Transportation Strategy

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, not only is it a barrier in the Mackenzie Valley, but it is a barrier on Baffin Island, the Kitikmeot, the Keewatin and all the way across this territory and in the northern parts of the provinces. That has been expressed by the Government Leader to the Prime Minister. I agree, not only in the Mackenzie Valley, but all across the Territories, yes, sir. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O256-12(2): Development Of Transportation Strategy

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Minister agree that the Northwest Territories will, over the long term, continue to encounter financial problems unless we begin to develop some of the resource potential that we cannot reach with our current highway system? Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O256-12(2): Development Of Transportation strategy

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there is no question that if we were able to take some of those resources, whether they were renewable or non-renewable, from the Northwest Territories and get them to market in an economic fashion, that it would improve the finances of everybody in the Northwest Territories. There is no question about it. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Second supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question O256-12(2): Development Of Transportation Strategy

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to get the specifics. Is the Minister willing to direct his department to complete a comprehensive study of the economic development potential that could be realized through the extension of the Mackenzie Highway? Mahsi.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question O256-12(2): Development Of Transportation Strategy

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Yes, Mr. Speaker. We will take a look at it. Thank you.

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

Question O257-12(2): Status Of NWT Housing Corporation

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of the Housing Corporation. The bill that was sponsored by the Minister of the Housing Corporation was to remove the board, and in place of the board would be the Minister. Does this mean that if this goes through, it would remain a corporation? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Mr. Morin.

Return To Question O257-12(2): Status Of NWT Housing Corporation

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It would still be called a corporation but would be run like a department, if the bill had been passed. It was not passed.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Arngna'naaq.

Supplementary To Question O257-12(2): Status Of NWT Housing Corporation

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is where I am a bit confused. In removing the board and replacing the board with the Minister, it would technically still be a corporation. The statement he made over the last week was that if the board was removed, we would save the goods and services tax. If it remains technically as a corporation, how, then,

are we going to save on GST when a corporation still has to pay GST? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O257-12(2): Status Of NWT Housing Corporation

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is really a dead issue because the bill did not get second reading, and I do not plan to re-introduce it in the near future. For the Member's information, a certain number of steps are involved. The first is to amend the legislation. Then it would go through first and second reading through this House, and then it goes to the legislation committee so that it can go through public consultation. The legislation committee reviews it; the public, the housing authorities, agencies, boards and commissions, or whoever wants input at that time could do so. That is the process. But, it did not get that far. If it had gone that far and had been passed, then you could have eliminated the board and saved \$300,000 direct costs and \$300,000 indirect costs, which would have made it available to negotiate with the feds to take it off the GST because it would have been under the government's arm, it would have been a department. You would have to keep the shell of the corporation in order to get CMHC funding. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to bring to the attention of the Assembly that our rules state that a Member can be called to order by the Speaker if he reflects upon any previous vote of the Assembly except for the purpose of moving that it be rescinded. We are getting into an area of some debate as to a decision that was previously made by this Legislative Assembly. I would ask Members to respect that. Oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question O258-12(2): Number Of NWT Residents With AIDS Virus

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister of Health if he could advise this House as to the number of individuals in the Territories with the HIV disease.

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return to Question O258-12(2): Number Of NWT Residents With AIDS Virus

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure of the exact number, but the information I had was that there were, I repeat, were, 13 reported cases.

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

Supplementary To Question O258-12(2): Number Of NWT Residents With AIDS Virus

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, this number seems to have increased in comparison to last year, when I think the number was about 10. Is the Minister able to advise this House which communities the virus is in? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O258-12(2): Number Of NWT Residents With AIDS Virus

HON. TONY WHITFORD: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O259-12(2): Human Rights Code Re Health Status

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health. The Minister has indicated that under the Canadian Human Rights Code, a person does not have to say or reveal his or her personal health status. We do not have a human rights code here, but I assume we are using the Canadian Human Rights Code with regard to any human rights issues. Right?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O259-12(2): Human Rights Code Re Health Status

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe it does.

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

Supplementary To Question O259-12(2): Human Rights Code Re Health Status

MR. GARGAN: According to the Minister's response, he said that a dentist does not have to tell his patients that he has the HIV virus, and the same would apply

to the patient. Right? If the patient has the HIV virus, he does not have to tell the dentist. Is this correct?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O259-12(2): Human Rights Code Re Health Status

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that in the Northwest Territories, anyone with a communicable disease must report it to the health officials.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question O259-12(2): Human Rights Code Re Health Status

MR. GARGAN: In the Minister's response, then, a dentist is also identified as a health official.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Further Return To Question O259-12(2): Human Rights Code Re Health Status

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

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question O259-12(2): Human Rights Code Re Health Status

MR. GARGAN: Am I also correct in saying that any health official with a communicable disease does not have to tell his patients that he does have a disease?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, the question is a good question, and I would like to answer the honourable Member; however, it does get quite complicated and it borders on a legal question. I would like to take the question as notice so I can come back with a proper answer for the Member.

MR. SPEAKER: The question has been taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Nerysoo

Question O260-12(2): Guarantees To Patients Re Medical Practitioners Reporting Communicable Diseases

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could ask the honourable Minister of Health if he could also review what other changes are necessary to give

some guarantees to patients that doctors and medical officials are, in fact, reporting the same kinds of diseases if they have somehow contracted those diseases.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford

Return To Question O260-12(2): Guarantees To Patients Re Medical Practitioners Reporting Communicable Diseases

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is one area that I certainly am concerned with and I am going to be looking into. The applications that require a person to identify any communicable diseases they have, at the time of initial application, may be a problem. Often, with HIV, it is not known for many, many years that the individual has it, and perhaps at the time of application there is no knowledge of any type of infection, and because of the incubation period something like that can take a rather lengthy time and only be discovered afterwards; however, the individual making the application in all sincerity has answered the question then. Perhaps there could be some form of legislation that will require a person, upon discovery or identification of a communicable disease such as HIV, to update the application and thereby we will have a better chance of informing the public on such matters.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O261-12(2): Obligation To Reveal Personal Health Status

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like

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to direct my question to the Minister of Justice with regard to the Canadian Charter of Rights, since we are governed by that because we do not have one ourselves. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not a person has to reveal his personal health status, that it means just that; whether they are a patient or a medical practitioner, they are not obliged to reveal their health status.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Justice, Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I thought that the Minister of Health had essentially taken that question on notice in order to obtain legal advice, and if I misunderstood the Member's question to him, forgive me, but I will also have to take this question on notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The question has been taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question O262-12(2): Mr. Patterson's Statement To Nunatsiq News

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Justice, regarding his statement on Nunatsiq News on February 28. In light of Ms. Mike's Member's statement, did the Minister make the statement as the Minister of Justice or as a private Member?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O262-12(2): Mr. Patterson's Statement To Nunatsiq News

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Well, Mr. Speaker, I am not sure if the honourable Member's comments correctly put the alleged statement in its proper context, but in any event it was made in my capacity as MLA for Iqaluit. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Supplementary To Question O262-12(2): Mr. Patterson's Statement To Nunatsiq News

MR. ARVALUK: Mr. Speaker, would the Minister of Justice issue a statement stating that was not the opinion of the MLAs from Nunavut, and also it is not representative of the Inuit views in regard to the friendship and co-operation we have received from the Dene community? Would he issue a statement withdrawing his statement, or at least stating that he was not representing the Inuit views?

MR. SPEAKER: I think, Mr. Arvaluk, that is not within the responsibility of the Minister, but perhaps the Government Leader and another Minister would like to respond as to the government's position on this particular issue. Government Leader, Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O262-12(2): Mr. Patterson's Statement To Nunatsiq News

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, as everyone knows in this House, each and every one of us relies on each other for support, and from time to time in this House, because we are a consensus government, it rests upon people who are put in the cabinet to be a little more careful in how they state their opinions, because it is misread as representing the government's position. The Dene in the

Northwest Territories have a prime interest and a position that they would like to uphold as residents of the Northwest Territories, and they should be treated equally and with due respect. However, we will be discussing this topic in cabinet so we can be more cognizant of our viewpoints put forward as MLAs. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question O263-12(2): Non-Unionized Worker On Mining Safety Committee

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am concerned about the work of the proposed mining safety bill committee. My question to the responsible Minister is: Would he indicate to the House, since the addition of a non-unionized person to this committee seems to be controversial, what process he went through to choose this particular person from the non-unionized mine workers?

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Safety and Public Services, Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O263-12(2): Non-Unionized Worker On Mining Safety Committee

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I invited nominations from Lupin, Polaris and Nanisivik mine safety committees for a worker to represent workers in those remote, unorganized mines. I got a number of names of people who were active in the safety field. I then computed those with the nominations I had received from the chamber of mines and from the Union of Northern Workers to serve on this committee, and I tried to come up with a balanced committee, having regard to the various geographical locations of mines in the NWT.

So I recommended names to cabinet from a short list with the principle of balance in mind, and I got quite a number of nominees from the main mines in the NWT, management and labour. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O263-12(2): Non-Unionized Worker On Mining Safety Committee

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since the Minister, then, did contact committees who were organized to look at safety matters, could the Minister indicate to the House why the two unions representing organized mine workers found this unacceptable?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O263-12(2): Non-Unionized Worker On Mining Safety Committee

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I speak for the Alliance of Mine Workers who were demonstrating in the streets of Yellowknife yesterday at my peril, I guess; it is perhaps not my place to say why they objected to the process, but I did say earlier in this House that they objected to a non-union worker, whether that worker is part of an organized committee or not in a mine, being represented on this mining safety bill committee on the grounds that such a worker could be influenced by management and on the grounds that such a worker did not have a mandate. That was the main reason for objection that they gave to me.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O263-12(2): Non-Unionized Worker On Mining Safety Committee

MR. LEWIS: Will the Minister confirm to this House that these nominations did get a mandate in the sense that they were nominated by safety committees of the mines that he contacted?

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O263-12(2): Non-Unionized Worker On Mining Safety Committee

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that is correct.

MR. SPEAKER: Last supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O263-12(2): Non-Unionized Worker On Mining Safety Committee

MR. LEWIS: Does the Minister intend to convene this committee soon and get on with the work?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O263-12(2): Non-Unionized Worker On Mining Safety Committee

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can confirm that the chairman of the mining safety bill committee is here in town now. He is contacting the member, and I expect the first

meeting of this committee to take place within the next four or five days.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O264-12(2): Employment Officer, Fort Providence

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Last year I was quite happy when the former Minister, Mr. Wray, allocated a position for an employment officer for Fort Providence. Maybe you could thank Gordon for me. However, since that time I have not met the employment officer; I do not even know if he is there. What kinds of arrangements have been made with the community with regard to this employment officer that is supposed to be working in Fort Providence?

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

HON. JOHN POLLARD: I will take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker, and get the details and bring it back to the Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Antoine.

Question O265-12(2): Practice For Closing Winter Roads

MR. ANTOINE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transportation in regard to winter roads. I am told that while the normal practice for winter roads in my constituency -- there are about four of them in my area, Trout Lake, Nahanni Butte, Jean Marie River and the main link going north from Wrigley to Fort Norman -- is that these roads remain open until the weather gets bad, around the middle of March. Will this practice continue; that the roads stay open until the weather gets too warm?

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

Return To Question O265-12(2): Practice For Closing Winter Roads

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the practice of the past will continue for the remainder of this year. When it comes time to close the winter roads we will keep the public informed. However, because of the concerns raised by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans last year, we are reviewing our policy in terms of opening and closing

dates for winter roads for the next year, and we will keep the public informed as to what changes will take place. Thank you.

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

**Question O266-12(2): Introduction Of
Family Law Legislation**

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Justice. In February of this year I asked the Minister about vital statistics and how we could rectify the problems we are having with birth certificates. He indicated to me at that time that he would be introducing a bill in this House. I would like to know when he plans to introduce this bill.

MR. SPEAKER: Minister of Justice, Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O266-12(2): Introduction Of Family Law Legislation

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have discussed this matter with cabinet and have received the go ahead to work on such a bill. Mr. Speaker, the work is under way now. I will have to deal with the question of how to define a custom adoption and that is posing some problems. Otherwise, work is proceeding on pace, and I will keep the Members informed of my progress. I think it is too early for me to say, today, when this bill could be introduced into the House, but I realize it is an urgent matter and there are a number of people who are wanting birth certificates, or social insurance numbers, because of the registration problems they have encountered from custom adoptions. I have made it a priority with my department. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Arnngna'naaq.

Supplementary To Question O266-12(2): Introduction Of Family Law Legislation

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister just indicated that he will be going ahead in reviewing this bill, or the making of this bill. I would like to ask if he will consult members of the public, as well as Members of this House, when he is preparing this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O266-12(2): Introduction Of Family Law Legislation

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the family law review project which has been initiated by the previous government will soon report to myself and Mr. Whitford. They did significant work with communities and consulting the public on family law issues, including custom adoption.

Mr. Speaker, I am hoping that when this report is in hand it will give me some advice on this area and these issues which will allow me to proceed with the bill fairly expeditiously without having to launch a whole new public consultation process. I am not, at this time, planning a public consultation process, Mr. Speaker, although the standing committee on legislation could do that once they receive the bill. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Oral questions. Mr. Pudluk.

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**Question O267-12(2): Future Of Pond Inlet
High School**

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education. Yesterday we reviewed the budget for Education. There was a motion to delete the planning budget in the amount of \$5000. The students who are attending the high school in Pond Inlet -- will the high school still be open for Resolute, Arctic Bay and Grise Fiord students? Thank you.

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

Return To Question O267-12(2): Future Of Pond Inlet High School

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure whether the students from Resolute and Arctic Bay will be able to attend the high school in Pond Inlet. Students from Pond Inlet will be the first priority to be able to attend the high school there. If there is room for students from other communities, such as Resolute and Arctic Bay, they will be able to attend the high school in Pond Inlet.

The motion that was passed yesterday deleted the project for a junior high school for Pond Inlet. In 1990 the Baffin Divisional Board of Education, as well as the education committee from Pond Inlet, met with the Russian delegation to discuss the joint education project, to comply with the agreement that was established between the GNWT and the Russians.

In the 1991-92 capital budget there was funding for the project approved by the Legislative Assembly. It became obvious to the Department of Education last year that there was not enough capital funding to go ahead with construction of the school, so they deferred it for one more year. The students who come from Pond Inlet will be able to attend the high school in Pond Inlet, but the students from communities outside could go to Iqaluit or they may not go to school at all. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Oral questions.

Item 6, written questions. Written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions. Returns to written questions.

Item 8, replies to Opening Address. Replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, petitions. Petitions.

Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Reports of standing and special committees.

Item 11, reports of committees on the review of bills. Item 12, tabling of documents. Mr. Todd.

ITEM 12: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Tabled Document 17-12(2), a statement prepared by the NWT Chapter of Injured, Disabled and Discarded Workers, also known as the Injured Workers' Support Group, regarding the need to raise the year's maximum insurable remuneration under the Workers' Compensation Board. I believe this should be of immediate concern to the government, especially to the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board. I fully support this request and would appreciate any initiative by the Minister to bring the changes forward in the next session. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Tabling of documents. Tabling of documents. Item 13, notices of motions. Notices of motions. Ms. Mike.

ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Notice Of Motion 6-12(2): Discussion On "Sobriety Clause In Contribution Agreements" To Committee Of The Whole

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, March 6, I will move the following

motion: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that this Legislative Assembly orders that the topic of the "sobriety clause in contribution agreements" be moved into committee of the whole for discussion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of motions. Notices of motions. Item 14, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Mr. Pollard.

ITEM 14: NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 21: Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1990-91

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, March 6, 1992, I shall move that Bill 21, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1991-92, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 20: Nursing Profession Act

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, March 6, 1992, I shall move that Bill 20, An Act to Amend the Nursing Profession 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. Whitford.

ITEM 16: FIRST READING OF BILLS

First Reading Of Bill 17: Child Day-Care Act

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 17, An Act to Amend the Child Day-Care Act, be read for the first time.

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

---Carried

Bill 17 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Whitford.

First Reading Of Bill 18: Young Offenders Act

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Young Offenders Act, be read for the first time.

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

---Carried

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Bill 18 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, with Mr. Nerysoo in the chair.

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

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): The committee will come to order. Committee Members will recall that we were dealing with Bill 14, Committee Report 3-12(2), and we were on general comments with regard to the Housing Corporation, page 3-8. The Minister is not in the House at this time. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, we are dispatching somebody to get Mr. Morin, so he should be here forthwith.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the indulgence of the committee for a short break and if Mr. Morin is not in the House then we can defer this budget and put it to the bottom of the list. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): What is the wish of the House? Do you wish to continue with the Housing Corporation?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Northwest Territories Housing Corporation

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Could I ask if the Minister wishes to have witnesses in the committee?

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes I would like to invite my witnesses in the House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): The witnesses will be invited and appropriately seated after a 10 minute break.

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I call the committee back to order. If I could ask the Minister to introduce the witnesses, please.

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my left is Mr. Larry Elkin, the president of the Housing Corporation. To my right is Mr. Jim Pratt. He is the vice-president of finance for the Housing Corporation. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Thank you. General comments. General comments. Mr. Gargan.

Criteria For Eligibility For HAP Units

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, one of the issues that keeps coming up time and time again in my work as a Member, is with regard to the eligibility of HAP clients to get units, and I am sure the Minister is aware of it. We have a situation in communities where there are not any banks, and for most of the collateral required for a home mortgage, you have to have land or something to that effect. Most of the people in the communities do not own land. It is all leased. The other problem is that most of the banks are reluctant to provide loans to people that do not reside in that area, in the community. We do have people that do have a high salary bracket that do not fit into the program. Of course, the other side is that we also have people who are capable of maintaining their own homes, that do not meet the qualifications because of a lower income.

I keep getting letters from members of my constituency to intervene on their behalf to be selected as a HAP client. Even though I do, I know it is a waste of time, because I know what the rules are, and I tell them, "The rules are this; you have to be below this income in order to qualify, and you make

too much money. I do not think the rules have changed, but I will try anyways." Even though I do, I do not succeed. So I would like to ask the new Minister if he has given any thought with regard to maybe broadening the eligibility for home-owners.

The other thing is, we also have a situation where the policy does exist that people that own, under the SSHAG, small settlement home assistance grant, program, for example, do not qualify for HAP units. The program itself was an earlier version of the HAP program. But most of the families I know, when those units were first built, cannot expand because of the log structure. They could get home improvement grants, but you cannot cut a wall into a log building without really unstabilizing it, and that is the difficulty. But I would think that maybe those people should also be considered for units. Naturally, when the program started back in 1978, those families have grown in size. When they first were allotted, they were based on a design for three people, like two-bedroom units. Most of those families that I know of have now increased their families by about four to six children, but the condition is still the same as it was back in 1978. So there is that difficulty, and I would appreciate if the department would look at maybe changing or reviewing their eligibility criteria as well as their policy governing the eligibility, too.

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

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The concerns the Member has brought up are Territories-wide concerns. We are getting those concerns from a lot of people in the Territories, that the HAP program has become too narrow. It does not meet the majority of the people's needs, so one of the first things we are going to undertake is to do a needs survey with the community, identify the community's preference and the types of homes they need, and that is going to also drive the development of new home-ownership and other housing programs. By the fall of this year we will have a new range of housing programs in place for next year's building season.

It does not seem fair to me that a person that makes \$50,000 or \$49,000 gets a \$100,000 house, and a person that makes \$51,000 does not get anything. That is not a fair way of distributing things, so we will be addressing new programs for those that are over the threshold as well as for those that are in more need under the threshold. There has got to be a broader range of programs, and we will be doing that. It will be in place for next year's building season, but it will not be in place for this year's building season. As

it is right now, Mr. Gargan, lower income people, even though they are not eligible at the outset, can become eligible if they prove, for example, that they burn straight wood to bring the cost of operating the unit down. In the smaller communities like Jean Marie River or wherever, they can still get a unit if they prove that.

I realize that some of the older home-ownership programs, the first units that Indian Affairs put in, in the West, are in pretty bad shape now, as well as

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some of the SSHAG units. Communities went out and harvested small logs and slapped something together in the SSHAG program, as it was called, so those have to be adjusted as well. It may not make sense for the corporation to put a HIP, home improvement program, into those units because you do not gain a lot of ground and you spend a lot of money, so it may make sense just to replace the unit. That will be addressed as well, but as I have been telling people who have concerns about the program, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. That light will get wider the farther into the fall we go, and we will have new programs and they will be programs that meet the communities' needs because the communities, and the Members as well, are going to have some input into how those programs are developed. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Thank you. General comments. The honourable Member for Deh Cho, Mr. Gargan.

Senior Citizens' Home-Ownership Assistance Program

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The other area I would like to address is with regard to senior citizens' HAP. Your predecessor, Mr. Butters, implemented what is called senior citizens' HAP. In Kakisa we had two people eligible for senior citizens' HAP. I think they have just about completed one building. I talked to the district office and they said the program no longer exists because of restraint. I thought it was a good program. Most seniors still live in their own homes. It was the first program of its time, and it only happened one summer, last summer. You might revisit that program. Of course we do have the special programs, and I wanted to convey to your department that I appreciate the assistance the department has given with regard to special projects.

It has really helped some people who otherwise would not have an adequate shelter.

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

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The senior citizens' HAP is a normal HAP program, I believe, and there was extra labour money given in some cases -- usually that was tied in with training money -- to build those units. We are looking at doing that again.

The special projects dollars was over a million dollars last year, but the rules and criteria, how you apply, application forms, things like that, were not clear. So basically I would like to clear those up and make sure that everybody is treated equally and fairly, and it will be in place again.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is the Minister suggesting that we are not going to have the special projects program this year until the review occurs?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: No. It will be in place this year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): General comments. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The present criteria used to award HAP units do not reflect the reality of the North. For example, if a couple are both working and making a little bit over the limit for qualification, they do not qualify. In most of the Eastern Arctic there are no real property communities, so the banks are reluctant to mortgage a private housing development because there is no real property. It is usually the persons who are not from the North who have qualifications to get into government housing, buy the government housing, and they also have qualification to get HAP units. whereas the long-time members of the community -- and if a wife and husband were both working, they do not qualify because they have to go by combined income.

Motion To Review Criteria Used For Awarding HAP Units, Carried

I move that the committee recommends to the NWT Housing Corporation that they review the present criteria used to award HAP units to ensure that it

meets the needs of all residents; and further, that upon completion of this review, that the policy and any recommended amendments be brought before the Legislative Assembly for consideration.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Thank you. The motion is in order and is being circulated. To the motion. Mr. Arvaluk.

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This motion is rather straightforward. It is simply trying to say that the present criteria exclude some of the people who should be eligible; people who were born in the North and have lived in the North all their lives. It is unfair. It is usually the wife who is the victim, because the wife has to quit working in order for them to be eligible for the HAP units.

Another thing that happens in the communities is that some of the government employees who have HAP units sell their units back to the government or a private buyer when they decide to go back south, and they sell it for the real property value. This is the unit that has been provided for by public funds. It should not be used for profit-making purposes. We recommend to the government that they review that present criteria. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

General comments. Mr. Pudlat.

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, to the motion. I would like to say a few words on the motion. I will make it brief. It is difficult for people in the North to apply for this program. There is money available to renovate the houses that were built in the North in 1962, in those days. However, there are more people who are applying under this program. Although these houses are inadequate, we are living in them because of the housing shortage. I realize that the funding is becoming less and less, especially for the capital projects; however, the HAP houses that were built in 1962, in my opinion, have to be replaced. We are not able to replace these houses because of the lack of funding.

This is probably not the appropriate time to say this, but the other thing that we have to consider is the homeless people in the North. There are more and more homeless people. Our climate is cold. I never want to see anyone staying outside during these conditions. I think we have to work together toward solving this problem, and there should be a place for the homeless people. These people have to sleep outdoors wherever they can find a place. We should not have to see people sleep outside. I would like to say this as a general comment before we proceed into the details. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Thank you. Mr. Minister, do you have any general comments? General comments. Mr. Koe.

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Public Housing Rental Rate Structure

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to express some of my thoughts regarding the Housing Corporation, and I will talk in four areas. The first one is in public housing. A lot of the concerns that I have been hearing about in my constituency with regard to public housing -- the main one has to do with the rental rate structure. I understand that the corporation did a review a year and a half to two years ago, across the Territories, to review rental rates. At the time they were supposed to establish these new policies, but nothing happened. My concern is that currently the methods of calculation of income to determine the rental rates vary, and there is a need to equate them across the Territories and by region. That is one area.

The other area is, the current standard is 25 per cent of income, and whatever is defined as income comes under this calculation. In the Delta and Beaufort area it has been a big trend for people to work with tourists -- as guides, daytime operators, to tell stories or whatever -- and a lot of this is cash income. When more people come they get more cash, but people have a tendency to shy away because the more cash they get the more rent they pay. I am just curious as to where you are with that review. Is there another one pending, or are we going to incorporate that with the one that was done?

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

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I remember that review because I was here as an ordinary Member at that time. That review was not

accepted at that time by the Assembly, I believe. The thing is that it is done, and it is going to go to cabinet. We cannot look at it only as a rental review of the public housing. We are going to have these other programs developed. For instance, my understanding is that one portion of the review is that the higher your income the more rent you will pay. There is a certain level where you start paying more rent, and the justification of that was to encourage people with a higher income to get out of social housing and get into their own homes. But if we do not have programs developed where they can get into their own homes, then it is not a very good thing to do.

I believe you have to have the programs developed so that we can get people into their own homes. Home-ownership is the priority of this Housing Corporation; the home-ownership program is supposed to be the top priority. We have to encourage people to get into their own homes. Right now, the higher income -- for example, if you give them a HAP house, even under the existing program, that is about \$100,000. If you leave them in public housing you end up subsidizing them to the tune of about \$800,000, because of the cost of that unit. So it is better to get them into home-ownership. But it should be done at the same time as the rest.

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

Safety In Design Of Public Housing Units

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next area of concern deals with safety in the design of public housing units. In Inuvik, this past year, there have been some major disasters and a lot of the concern, at the time, has to do with the perceived safety aspects of the units. A lot of the houses are two-storey houses with a stairwell and a furnace under the stairwell. In most, the living unit is upstairs with no exits, and you have to come down the stairs to go out the door. There are problems with the windows because you have a two-storey drop.

I guess those are very general designs and I am just wondering whether or not the corporation is looking at, for future units, the design with safety in mind. More access from the top floor to ground level, maybe an outside stairwell, I am not sure, but something has to be done in these cases. In certain instances at the time of the major fire in Inuvik, the town was investigating setting a town by-law to ensure that any multi-unit buildings have sprinkler systems. I am just wondering if that has been investigated.

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

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My understanding is that there have not been any deaths because of the design of the unit, but that is no reason why we cannot fix the design and make it so that we do not have to wait for a death in order to change design. We have also had concerns about elders freezing in, in their units. They cannot open the door. They cannot get out until somebody goes by and hears them yelling. So those design problems we do have are going to be looked at. We have already instructed the construction division to get the units back to earth on the ground, and look at how we could substitute some of the materials that are coming in from the South with northern-built stuff, and look at the design so that it fits the community's needs and, as well, is functional and safe. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess my major concern with safety, whether or not it is design, is with the stairwells and lack of exits for elders, handicapped people and children. They just have no way to get out. If the doors are frozen shut, it just adds to the problem.

A lot of the Members have talked about HAP housing, and I would just like to make my viewpoints known. There is a real need to look at the eligibility criteria, especially because there is a real lack of alternatives for housing or home-ownership for young people that are just starting families and have jobs. A lot of these young couples work for government or other public agencies, and as such can get a house. They really have no option. Their option is to live in a tent for a year so they qualify, or live at home in overcrowded situations so they qualify. But if they want to start their own families and live by themselves, they get government housing, because government housing is available to them, which then puts them on the bottom of the list for eligibility. So it is a real catch-22.

We have to look at alternatives, and one option we have talked about is ability to purchase lots. A lot of young couples, a lot of people, not only young couples, a lot of families cannot afford \$40,000 or \$50,000 lots in tax-based communities, and we have to look, sometime, at land/mortgage deals or some kind of package for them. I do not know if you wish to respond to that.

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

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree with what the Member is saying, that we have to develop the programs so they meet the people's needs. A lot of them are in catch-22 situations right now. If you go out and work, you do not get a house. If you work for the government and live in government housing, you do not get a house -- your own home. So a lot of these things should be addressed through the new housing strategy of this government on staff housing, making those houses, possibly, available for people to buy so it is their own home, and developing new programs.

We also have to think that a lot of our people are young.

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They have young families. We have to design with more imagination, so that people can get a HAP house, for example. It can be a two-bedroom HAP house but it is designed in such a way that the electrical and heating systems allow an add-on to it 10 years down the road or five years down the road, so when their family expands you do not have to give them a new house. Those are the things we are looking at doing.

There is also the land situation. I know in Inuvik it is fairly costly. I guess the community put in a utilidor or something and now people have to buy land there, so the corporation will not be looking at the cost of the land. As well, I understand there were some lots, back in some type of program, paid for in the past.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Koe.

Housing For Seniors

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My third area deals with senior citizens and handicapped people. I think another policy, and I think it is in your objectives and goals, is that as much as possible it would encourage them to remain in their own homes and provide them with support, whatever that is. I know there is a fuel subsidy provided by another department, fuel in terms of oil or wood, but the Member beside me talked about the senior's HAP -- I do not know what the proper name is -- but there is money available to support senior citizens in upgrading their homes to standards and to be able to live in them, because they are quite independent and do not like moving into senior citizens' homes or places like that. I would like a response on that.

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

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is a home improvement program, and then there is that emergency repair program that seniors can apply for, and then there is the senior citizens' repair program. As well, there is a HAP senior citizens' repair program, and there is a special project that is going to be designated specifically to serve the seniors -- small economical houses that they could live in, because it is far better to have people live in their own homes. They make dry meat or have their own little warehouse or smoke house. They are a lot happier, and that is the way they are used to living, so we should encourage it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Koe.

General Contracts For Design, Supply And Erecting Of Houses

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My fourth area deals with general contracts of building and erecting houses, and again this is an area where there have been a lot of comments and discussion over the years. My concern in a lot of the contracts that come out, is that they generally are fairly large contracts dealing with a number of units for a certain area, and my suggestion is that rather than have large contracts, you get them down into bite-size chunks so that local contractors or small contractors can have a chance at getting the contracts.

Another area, and I know it is one of the goals of the corporation -- or I think it is a goal -- is to have design, supply and erect locally where possible rather than supplying them somewhere else, shipping them however, and then having only erection contracts in the community.

Another area of major concern is the supports or the pilings for houses. There are a lot of tenders for piling, and there has been a tendency, I think, in some places, to use metal pilings or else getting logs shipped in or barged in from somewhere else. The Member beside me here talked about the numerous number of logs in his area, and I know in certain areas in the Western Arctic and in the Delta there is a lot of piling available. People have been supplying this piling since Inuvik started away back in 1955, and it provides a means for jobs for people and they can take the small contracts.

So generally, I like the corporation to incorporate the design, supply and erect locally by logs, instead of shipping them in and trying to package the contracts into bite-sized portions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we are very sensitive to this piling issue. Pilings should come from the NWT if they are available; I agree with that 100 per cent, and we are trying to make sure that does happen. If somehow some of it slips by us this year, guaranteed, it will not slip by us next year. We are trying to make sure the pilings come from the NWT because that leaves dollars in the North.

We have many different ways of contracting. Design, supply and erect contracts are done, and labour only where they only supply the labour, and then the NWT Housing is the project manager and supply, ship and erect. So some communities and areas prefer one or the other or a mixture of them. That is the way they get the most benefit. If your area is design built, we could look at doing that in your area on the next contracts, if that is what they want to do.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: I understand there were some pilot projects last year in Inuvik where they did supply and erect or construct the houses locally, and I think it was quite successful. It was a significant savings per unit because of the way it was done. The local supply stores benefited and the local contractors benefited.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Was that the one in Fort McPherson and it was design, build, ship and erect in Inuvik. I will check into that and we will report further. I remember who all got the money out of that contract.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): General comments. Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: In terms of these contracts, I can recall back when I first started with the government I was settlement secretary in Fort McPherson in 1971, and the housing association at the time got the contract to build, construct 17 units, and all they did at the time was bring in the general superintendent and the professional trades people, but everything else was done with local labour. I think this is the type of trend we are looking at going back to.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: Yes, I agree with the Member. That is one way to maximize local labour and it benefits the community. They are doing that again in Fort McPherson this year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Arngna'naaq.

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Hiring Locally To Construct Housing

MR. ARNGNA'NAAQ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to make a few comments because I was encouraged yesterday. The motions that were made yesterday -- the Minister indicated that he was in agreement with those motions. However, I would like to speak to those motions in that some of the contractors that I have spoken to regarding the building of houses and government contracts have indicated to me that there is one concern that they consistently have, and that is in hiring northern native people they find that they are never sure that their employee will be at work the next morning, especially the hunters. Sometimes the hunter goes out and is weathered out.

This is one area that has been raised by a number of different contractors when I spoke to them, when we spoke about northern contractors and how we would like to see more of them getting the contracts that are given by the government. I am wondering if there is any way that we could create some incentive to hire Northerners, as far as contractors are concerned.

Another concern that was raised is that when they hire Northerners there is a time line that is set by the government that is too strict, too rigid, that they are not able to extend a contract period. And if a contractor has many native people hired and some of them are hunters and are not able to get back, is there not a way we could maybe ease up on the time lines that are created by the government when they have native employees.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know there are many contractors and many different approaches when they go to work in the communities. But I know in some of the smaller communities I worked in, you have to sit down and meet the people, talk to them, if it is moose hunting season or whaling season or whatever, you have to try and work around those things. Whether it means that men work 12

hours a day for so many days and take so many days off, or whatever. But those are the things a contractor should work out with the community.

We, as a government, are also looking at spreading our contracts out longer so we can get more training involvement in it, and we will be developing training programs and they will be in place for some pilot projects this year, I am hoping, and a lot more next year. That way we will get trained people and capital projects will be spread out over a longer period of time so that communities can benefit. But also, communities will have more control so that they can sit down and look at their priorities. In my area, for example, moose run from around a certain time and that is the time you have to take off work to go and get meat for the winter. Everyone knows that so they work around that. That is basically how things should be done.

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

Housing Needs Survey

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, a couple of points I wanted to mention to the Minister. Mr. Chairman, yesterday our committee passed a motion with regard to the housing needs survey and the Minister indicated that they were developing the questionnaire. I understand that the Housing Corporation is the one that does these surveys. I wonder if other groups within the community could undertake a survey on their behalf? I wonder if the Housing Corporation would be receptive to that; if the hamlet of the band requested that they do the survey on behalf of the housing they would have a contract with them to undertake this needs study.

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

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe I did not make myself clear yesterday. The survey will be done by the community. It is not only going to be done by the staff, and I will make sure that staff is involved with the community in doing it, but it is going to be the community survey so they are going to be the key players in it. I must ensure that we have Housing Corporation staff because this survey not only derives the community need, but it derives our need to CMHC. That is the approach that I am going to be taking.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: I understand what the Minister is saying, that it is going to be conducted jointly between the Housing Corporation staff and the community. Traditionally, in my region, the district office has undertaken this needs study survey. Let us take Rae-Edzo, for instance. The question I am asking the Minister is: If the band comes forward and they know that you are going to be undertaking this survey again, and if they come to some agreement with the Housing Corporation and ask you if they could take the study on your behalf, would the corporation be receptive to that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I realize what has happened traditionally in the past, but that is not going to happen in the future. The corporation is not going to go in and do the survey. The survey will be done by the community, and they will make sure that all people are represented by the vehicle that we use to do the survey -- whether it is the band, hamlet or whatever -- and we have to make sure of that, Mr. Zoe.

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

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, the reason I am saying that is that the corporation has always done this type of survey, and I do not think it was done properly. One of the concerns that I have is; if the corporation is going to undertake this survey again the community residents are reluctant to give information to the people who are doing this survey, and it happens to be the staff of the Housing Corporation. We are running into problems because the people who are undertaking this survey do not explain properly what the survey is all about. They come back on a year-to-year basis and the residents get fed up. When the surveyor comes there and asks them a number of questions there are some residents who are reluctant to give information because they already gave the information the previous year. They say, "You guys come around, you ask us all of these questions, but nothing is happening." It is not explained properly so that the residents understand what the survey is all about. That is why I am making the suggestion to the corporation that if somebody else, the band for instance, is willing to undertake this survey using their own questionnaires that they have developed, if they can undertake something on behalf of the corporation where it could be explained properly to the residents, then I am sure we can get a good needs survey done.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The needs survey that will commence this spring -- it is very important that Members inform their communities of how important that survey is. The Housing Corporation will do some of that up-front work and try to inform people of how important that work is.

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Once again, Mr. Zoe, I said that the community will be doing the survey with the Housing Corporation's assistance. That is how it will be done. The questionnaire will be a standard questionnaire, because it is the need of one community versus the need of another community. It is not just Rae's need. We have to look at Good Hope's need, we have to look at Fort Smith's and Coral Harbour's. We have to look at them all and they all have to be equal. So it will be done in that fashion.

It will be done in your region and it will be done in the Dogrib language. It will be the Dogrib people who are doing it. It is not going to be the Housing Corporation people doing it. It will be your own people doing it with the assistance of the Housing Corporation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: That is the point I was trying to make. In other words, what the Minister is telling me, Mr. Chairman, is that if the community comes forward and some arrangements are made with them, their survey can be undertaken by the community, a contract of some sort, to do this needs study for them. I understand that is what he has indicated to me. Am I correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Once again, the needs survey will be done by the community with the assistance of the Housing Corporation. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: I understood, with the assistance of the Housing Corporation, but I am asking if it could be a contractual arrangement with a group to undertake a survey on their behalf, with their questionnaire? Is that a "yes" or a "no"?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. May I suggest, Mr. Zoe, that once we come closer to that time of the survey being done, that your people may take the opportunity to sit down with the Housing Corporation people and work it out. I am not going to negotiate a contract with you here.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Are you okay now, Mr. Zoe?

MR. ZOE: I do not quite understand what he is saying about negotiating a contract now. I am saying, if they do come forward, is that option available, rather than the Housing Corporation staff doing it. You are paying them to undertake the study. All I am suggesting is that if the band, for instance, comes forward and says, "We feel we can do a better job than your own staff. Could we undertake this survey on your behalf and come to a contractual agreement with each other to do the work?"

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will not commit to a contract here. No, I will not do that, but what I am saying is that the community will do it with the assistance of the Housing Corporation. It is going to be a joint effort. It is not going to be one or the other.

AN HON. MEMBER: It is not possible.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Order please. Mr. Minister, do you want to respond? Can you complete your response?

HON. DON MORIN: What I am trying to say is that it is going to be a joint effort. The community is going to be working on behalf of the community, and their representation is going to represent the community. There is going to be a Housing Corporation official to represent the Housing Corporation, and that is how it is going to work. It has got to be a well rounded group to do the survey. Thank you.

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

MR. ZOE: My understanding, then, Mr. Chairman, is that option is not available to the communities. If a band or a hamlet wants to undertake the study that they are planning to do with their information, their questionnaire, that option is closed to them from what I understand the Minister is saying. Am I correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: Mr. Chairman, the survey to be done this Spring is to adjust all the needs in the Northwest Territories. I do not know how to have 52 different surveys asking 52 different questions in each survey all over the communities, and try to make sense of it to begin with. The question has to be put the same to each community. What we are trying to do is adjust the need and find out what the need is. No, the option is not open for the community to develop their own survey. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, maybe the Minister is not understanding where I am coming from, but his department is developing a questionnaire, the main document that is going to be asked of every resident, say for example, in Rae-Edzo. His department is developing this questionnaire and they are going to go to each household and say, "Okay, what are your needs?", and it is going to be compiled. Now that work is being done by his staff. That is going to be developed. I am asking, "Could the community undertake that work on behalf of the Housing Corporation?" Let the community do the survey for them. I am asking, "Is that option available?" and the Minister is saying, "No, we are going to do it jointly." That is my understanding.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I agree. We will do it jointly.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk):

MR. ZOE: So that option that I just indicated is not available, then. Right?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The option of the community doing the survey on behalf of the Housing Corporation with no Housing Corporation staff participating is not open to the community. Thank you.

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

MR. ZOE: I will not flog this to death, Mr. Minister, but I do not agree with what the Minister is saying, that he wants to have his department hands-on, because my view is that the departmental staff at the community level have never done the needs survey study properly, and I will not feel confident, and the

residents I represent will not feel confident, if that is the method the Minister is going to use.

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Moving along, Mr. Chairman, on another issue in relation to capital. Mr. Chairman, we ran into problems last year in regards to contractors. It was in the newspaper, and so forth. I am making reference to Treeline Construction. I realize it is a new Minister in this portfolio, and a new president. I just want to ask them a general question. The corporation knows the problem that Treeline Construction has encountered in terms of the subtrades not being paid, and so forth. It touches a little bit on bonding. I know it is not any of these gentlemen's fault, but what are they doing so that we do not run into these same types of problems?

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

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At present we are looking at new types of bonding that could be available. Also, if we get approval from CMHC, we can apply the business incentives policy; and if cabinet approves the new business incentives policy, there is also a bonding issue in that. Thank you.

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

Purchase Price Of Northern Rentals

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, can I ask a question to the Minister of the Housing Corporation? They have already said in regard to the northern rental houses that were built in 1962 -- I think their prices are too high when they are being bought by private people. They have to be renovated quite extensively, and they have already been renovated. Can there be research into the prices of older houses that were built in 1962? They are not all the same price for different houses, but people complain that the prices are too high. Some people who have applied for HAP houses are not able to get them. Can you find out if there is any discrepancy between the prices of the houses in the Baffin Region? Because the price of older houses in the Baffin Region are too high, and there have been several complaints in that regard. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Morin.

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The northern territorial rental/purchase program will provide tenants of those northern rental units built

prior to 1975 the opportunity to purchase those units at a reasonable price. The corporation will determine the selling price of the unit. It is based on the original construction cost, the age, land cost, and improvements made to the unit. But it is supposed to be a reasonable price because every unit is different. If the unit is in worse condition than another, it is supposed to be cheaper.

If the Member has some specific concerns, we will be happy to address them because this program is supposed to assist people to get into their own homes. They are older units, and the key here is that they are supposed to be reasonably priced. If they are not, I would surely like to hear about it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Pudlat.

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regard to freight, it seems it is more expensive than what it was then; it was at a landed price at the time. I do not know how many have been buying these old houses, but these houses are old and have been renovated several times. They say the prices are too high. I understand your explanation that the price is fixed at the landed price.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: I would like to take some time soon and sit down with the Member and address this issue, because these units are supposed to be reasonably priced. I will commit that we will look at it and see if we can get them back down to the proper price. So while the Member is still in Yellowknife, we will sit down and look into it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Mr. Koe.

MR. KOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I made some earlier comments regarding rental rate schedules in the review. I would like to make a motion.

Motion To Conduct Review Of Rental Scale, Carried

I move that this committee recommends that the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation conduct a review of the public housing rent scale to ensure that affordable housing is provided to those in need.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Koe. Your motion is being passed out to the Members. The motion is in order. Mr. Koe, to the motion.

MR. KOE: I think I made my comments earlier. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): The question is being called. Those in favour of the motion? Opposed? The motion is carried. Mr. Todd.

---Carried

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of the concerns that has been expressed within some of the small communities is the definition of the allocation, if you want, between HAP and public housing. It is our understanding that when you quantify the expenditures over a 20-year period, the NWT Housing Corporation can, in fact, put eight or nine HAP units somewhere, compared to one public housing unit. While we recognize there is an urgent need for housing and that the ideal solution, of course, would be that everybody would have a HAP house, because it seems to be the most economical way to go, there still has to be serious consideration given to those that just simply cannot afford it; and public housing, or what I call social housing, is absolutely essential for a number of our citizens that are simply not in the financial bracket or category to afford HAP units.

Motion To Seek Advice Of Community Groups To Determine Global Application Between HAP And Public Housing Units, Carried

So with that, I would like to move that the committee recommends that the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation consult with and seek the advice and recommendations of community groups, to determine the global application between HAP and public housing units, to ensure that the needs of all the communities have been addressed. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Todd. Your motion is being passed around to the Members. To the motion. Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD: Well, as I said, the motion is self-explanatory. There is clearly a requirement to ensure that those in need with respect to public housing are taken care of, and that we must be cautious. They may be a little enthusiastic to get more HAPs on the deck, which is understandable, because the HAP program is an attractive program despite some of its internal weaknesses. Clearly we have to ensure that

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the people who cannot afford that, and the balance in terms of how we approach the communities as to what the basic needs are, which may come out of the needs study anyway, be at rest. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): I forgot to rule that the motion was in order. The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Minister.

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is a good motion, and a lot of this will be addressed in the needs survey. As well as community allocation, global allocation between HAP and public units is to ensure that the needs of the community have been addressed. One thing we will have to look at as well is that when the new programs are developed and put in place for next fall, it will free up social houses, public houses for those in need. There are some people in there with higher incomes who can afford to run their own homes; those are the ones who should be in their own homes, and those in need should be in the public units. That will all be taken into consideration. The needs survey should be fairly clear in saying that the community needs "whatever" amount of different units. We should not have any problems with CMHC, either. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Question is being called. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a motion, and it has to do with the problems with the NWT Housing Corporation with regard to having a plan of action, and with the need for solid management to be in place.

Motion For Action Plan To Correct Problems In NWT Housing Corporation, Carried

I move that the committee recommends that the cabinet ensures that an action plan and a solid management is implemented to ensure that the current problems in the NWT Housing Corporation are corrected. Mahsi.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Antoine. Your motion is being passed around. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The motion is self-explanatory. We have heard many times that there are problems within the NWT Housing Corporation, and this motion would give direction to ensure that an action plan be implemented and there would be a solid management put in place. That is what the intention of the motion is. Mahsi.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Question is being called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Ms. Mike

---Carried

MS. MIKE: Mr. Chairman, I have a motion.

**Motion That NWT Housing Corporation Provide
Detail Of Future Years' Capital
Expenditures, Carried**

I move that the committee recommends that the NWT Housing Corporation provide a detail of the future years' capital expenditures commencing with the 1993-94 capital estimates and standing committee on finance books; and further, that the corporation provides these capital requirements by community in the standing committee on finance books.

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

MS. MIKE: Mr. Chairman, the motion is self-explanatory. I think it is perfectly clear what the motion demands.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a motion that, hopefully, will take care of the problem that we have with people in some of the communities who need different types of houses other than HAPs.

**Motion To Build More Apartment-Type
Housing, Carried**

I move that the committee recommends that the NWT Housing Corporation build more apartment-type buildings to take advantage of economies of scale to provide more housing units immediately.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Mr. Antoine. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Minister. Excuse me, Mr. Minister; I think Mr. Antoine should speak first. Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This motion is to try to deal with and accommodate people. For example, in Fort Simpson over the last couple of years, there was a group of people who called themselves "the homeless people." They have had meetings, and according to the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation's criteria, anybody who is 19 years of age and older is entitled to their own unit to live. These people I am referring to had meetings in Simpson, and the public health nurse in Simpson did a survey and said there were about 92 of them in Simpson alone that needed a unit to stay in. These are people that are young adults and adults who are still living at home in overcrowded conditions. In some cases some of these people do not have their own units so they are going house to house, living in other people's places. They fall through the cracks because of the present criteria of the Housing Corporation.

They approached the previous Minister of Housing in Simpson on a number of occasions, and the former president also was approached in Simpson, and the request was that the HAP program is for a big house, three or four bedrooms in some cases, going for \$100,000 a unit. We also have this special project which is only one or two units a year, but we need to take care of people who do not fit in either criteria, so the idea here is to try to give direction to the Housing Corporation to see if they could develop another type of program that would meet the needs of other Northerners that do not qualify for HAP, or for a special unit or public housing. Mahsi.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. Mr. Minister. Mr. Todd.

MR. TODD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think there is a recognition that even with this resolution, there is a down side to apartment complexes. However, the fact is that there is an urgent need for housing, there is a shrinking dollar, and there is a requirement to try to meet some of the housing needs. There is general consensus with the standing committee on finance that the net effect, if you were building a 20-unit apartment complex, is that that the economies of scale are significant. My best guess is you are looking at \$100,000 a unit to build a two-bedroom apartment versus \$150,000 or whatever it takes to build a two-bedroom house or duplex. But we recognize there is a down side to it.

However, we believe the shortage, particularly in the larger communities where we have a large young population, young married couples with one kid or two kids, we simply have to move toward some of these things and take the risk. If we want to get the levels we want to get, you know, the number of units into the market place as quickly as we can, then we think there should be some consideration to doing this; but I do want to say publicly that the committee recognizes there will be problems. They have weighed that in this resolution. Thank you.

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

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess one thing that would drive the construction and the design of anything is the community. If that is what the community wants, then it should come from them. We will have to respect the communities' wishes, as well. I just want that on the record; that we would have to respect the communities' wishes. Communities are going to have to put some of the priorities on who is going to get units, whether it is elders, single people, homeless or whoever, because we have only so much money.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Question is being called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

General comments. If not, we will go page by page.

Contributions, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

Contributions, headquarters, total region, \$3,637,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Fort Smith, total region, \$5,457,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Inuvik, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Inuvik, total region, \$5,259,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Baffin, total region, \$4,714,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Keewatin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Page 03-10. Keewatin, total region, \$4,735,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Kitikmeot, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Kitikmeot, total region, \$3,646,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total contribution, \$27,448,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total activity, \$27,448,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Community And Program Services, Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Page 03-12. Capital and expenditures, buildings and works, \$38,791,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Buildings and works total capital expenditures, \$38,791,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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District Operations

Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Page 03-13. Capital expenditures, buildings and works, \$5,676,000. Agreed?

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SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Acquisition Of Equipment, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Acquisition of equipment, \$360,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Contributions, \$18,051,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

District Operations, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Total capital expenditures, \$24,087,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Any questions on page 03-14? These are information items. Finally page 03-7. Program summary, total capital expenditures, \$27,448,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): This concludes the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you, Minister, and your witnesses. Mr. Minister?

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to thank Members for being understanding and patient. This is the first time for a budget for myself. Also, we are analyzing the CMHC federal budget and how that would have an implication for us. We have not finished that. It is kind of hazy yet. As soon as I find that out, I will inform the Members. Thank you.

Department Of Education, Total Capital, As Amended, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. For the record, yesterday there were so many amendments in the Department of Education that I would like to go back to page 18-7 with the amended total. Department of Education program summary, total capital expenditure, as amended, \$26,630,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): The next department to deal with is Municipal and Community Affairs. What is the committee's wish? Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, I move that you report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Order please. The motion is in order. It is not debatable. Those in favour of the motion? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

I will rise and report progress.

ITEM 19: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. SPEAKER: Good afternoon. Item 19, report of committee of the whole. Mr. Chairman.

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 14 and Committee Report 3-12(2), and wishes to report progress, with six motions being adopted. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole be concurred with.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Arvaluk. Is there a seconder to the motion? Mr. Arngna'naaq. The motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Item 20, third reading of bills. Third reading of bills. Item 21, orders of the day. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, there will be a meeting of the Nunavut caucus in the committee room immediately after adjournment; there will be a meeting of the standing committee on finance in the caucus room immediately after adjournment. Meetings for tomorrow morning: at 9:00 a.m. of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions; and at 10:30 a.m. of the ordinary Members caucus.

ITEM 21: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Thursday, March 5, 1992.

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 16. First Reading of Bills
 17. Second Reading of Bills: Bill 17 and Bill 18
 18. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Tabled Documents 9-12(2), 10-12(2) and 12-12(2); Bill 14; Committee Report 3-12(2)
 19. Report of Committee of the Whole
 20. Third Reading of Bills
 21. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 5, 1992.

---ADJOURNMENT