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MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Antoine, Mr. Arvaluk, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Mr. Bernhardt, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Dent, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Mr. Nerysoo, Hon. John Ningark, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Mr. Kakfwi, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, Ms. Mike, Hon. Don Morin, Pudlat, Hon. Tony Whitford, Mr. Zoe

ITEM 1: PRAYER

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SPEAKER (Hon. Michael Ballantyne): Good morning. Orders of the day for Friday, March 27, 1992. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Dent.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

**Member's Statement On Deputy Minister's Letter
Of Support For Person Accused Of
Sexual Assault**

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my supreme displeasure over a letter written by the deputy minister of Renewable Resources, Mr. Joe Handley, in support of a young man who has pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily harm. The same young man was also charged with sexual assault. It was reported in last week's paper that the Crown dropped the charge of sexual assault because the assailant believed the victim was consenting.

Mr. Speaker, let me make it perfectly clear that, as a long-time northern broadcaster, I fully support freedom of speech for all Canadians. If Mr. Handley, as a private citizen, wishes to write a personal letter in support of the young man, then that is his right. However, this freedom of speech does not give Mr. Handley the right to use his position as a deputy minister of this government in an attempt to influence the courts of this land.

Mr. Speaker, the letters of support written by Mr. Handley and others were presented by the accused's lawyers in an effort to obtain a conditional discharge. Given that the Northwest Territories has the highest rate of reported sexual assaults in Canada, I would like to think that this government fully supports northern women in their struggle against violence. But

what are the women of the Northwest Territories to believe, Mr. Speaker? On one hand, we support women through agencies such as the NWT Council on the Status of Women and the NWT affirmative action advisory committee. But on the other hand, a senior government official offers a character reference which was presented to the court in support of a request for a conditional discharge for a man who has pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily harm.

There has been much concern expressed over lenient sentencing, including conditional discharges, in cases of family violence and sexual assault. Since letters of the type provided by Mr. Handley are used to try to mitigate in sentencing, I think we all have to stop and reflect, when asked to provide a letter of reference, what message will we send? We must all be careful to ensure that our actions speak as loudly as our words.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to assure the Minister of Renewable Resources that I will be pursuing this matter further during question period. Thank you.

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

**Member's Statement On New Approach In Dealing
With Young Offenders**

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have had an innovative program in the Northwest Territories now since 1986. It concerns the work of the youth justice committee, which deals with a new approach to dealing with young offenders whereby alternative measures are worked out where young people in conflict with the law can be given the opportunity, through a holistic manner, to realize that they are on the wrong path, and perhaps they could learn from their mistakes.

This program has been very successful, Mr. Speaker. Out of the last 125 cases which have been referred to this particular program, there have only been three cases of young people who have returned to their bad ways. For that reason, I would like to indicate to the House that this is one of the programs which has been introduced to the Northwest Territories which has been very successful. I would be very concerned if, in fact, any events transpire over the next few months which would set this program back on a course which, until now, has been a model for other people facing similar kinds of problems in other parts of the country. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement On Passing Of Judge Troy

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my regret for the passing of His Honour Judge Orval J. Troy, last week. Judge Troy retired from the Territorial Court of the Northwest Territories where he was resident in Iqaluit, in 1989.

Judge Troy was originally from New Brunswick. He was a veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force in World War II. He was posted to England and flew a full tour of bombing operations over Germany as a flying officer bomb aimer with the 576 Squadron of the Royal Air Force. While in England, he met and married his wife, Sheila, and on his return to Canada attended Dalhousie University, graduating with a law degree.

Judge Troy died at his retirement home in Penticton on March 19. I would like to express my deep regrets to his family: his wife Sheila, to whom he had been married for 47 years; his daughter Jillian Spassov of Ottawa; son, John Troy of Prince George; seven grandchildren; brothers Allison and Byron; and SISTER Charlotte Duffield.

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson, I let you go a little bit over your time.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Judge Troy will be truly missed. Thank you.

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

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Return To Question O367-12(2): Government Employees "Moonlighting"

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to Question O367-12(2), asked by Mr. Gargan on March 25, 1992. A DPW employee wishing to take work outside of their government employment must first notify, in writing, the deputy minister of Public Works of their proposal. It is then reviewed according to the regulations of the Public Service Act, the collective agreement and the conflict of interest directive. If the proposal is contrary to these regulations, the request is denied.

I am aware that such approval has been granted to some employees. In no case does such approval allow those employees to do work with the government. Neither can there be a conflict with their responsibilities as a government employee, nor can they benefit from information that they may be privileged to as a government employee. Thank you.

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

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O403-12(2):Response To Question Re: Community Support Regarding Schools In Inuvik

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question on behalf of Mr. Koe, who is not in the House today. This is to the Minister of Education, who is not in the House today, either. Perhaps the Government Leader can respond to my question. Mr. Koe asked a question on February 17 regarding schools in Inuvik. What is the status of that question?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice and provide an answer on Monday.

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

Question O404-12(2): Establishment Of Management Board, Akaitcho Hall

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education, but he is not here; so I will direct my question to the Government Leader. On March 4, Mr. Speaker, I asked a question with regard to the advisory board of Akaitcho Hall becoming a management board, They were working toward that, but it has never been implemented, due to the resignation of the co-ordinator. Is the process for establishing a management board going to be pursued again?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been taken as notice. Mr. Dent.

**Question O405-12(2): Office Of Deputy Minister
Used For Personal Influence**

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Renewable Resources. Could the honourable Member inform this House if Mr. Joe Handley had the full backing of the Department of Renewable Resources and the Minister of Renewable Resources, when writing a character reference for somebody who has pleaded guilty to assault?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O405-12(2): Office Of Deputy Minister Used For Personal Influence

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the Members of the cabinet also share the concerns about women which was raised by the honourable Member. I would like to assure the honourable Member that when this issue was first brought to my attention a little over a week ago, a meeting was convened with the deputy minister concerned, the Minister responsible for the department, and myself. At that time we discussed the matter in question. The deputy minister in question agreed that it was inappropriate and it was an error in judgment on his part to use government letterhead for this particular reason of supplying a letter on behalf of an individual. Subsequently, the deputy minister responsible has written a letter to the government and apologized for his error in judgment. Subsequently, a letter and communication has been given to all senior officials to make sure that an issue such as this does not happen in the future.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

**Question O406-12(2): Response To Question Re
Concerns Over Administration And Management
Of Inuvik Regional Hospital**

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On March 2nd I asked a written question to the Minister of Health regarding concerns over the administration and management of the Inuvik Regional Hospital. I have not yet received a response. I would like to ask the Minister if he intends to respond to the question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O406-12(2): Response To Question Re Concerns Over Administration And Management Of Inuvik Regional Hospital

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will endeavour to have that by Wednesday.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Dent.

**Question O407-12(2): Guidelines For Office Of
Deputy Ministers**

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This actually should have been a supplementary to Madam Premier. For greater clarity, Mr. Speaker, I was wondering if the House could be informed: Does this mean that there are now clear guidelines issued to all deputy ministers informing them of what procedures to follow to ensure that no personal use or influence is taken from their office?

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MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O407-12(2): Guidelines For Office Of Deputy Ministers

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the communication indicated that the use of government letterhead or position should not be used in issues such as this. As well, this issue has been brought up at a deputy ministers' meeting and has been thoroughly discussed. The deputy ministers have been advised to communicate this to all senior officials, to exercise extreme caution in how and when they use the government letterhead and their positions.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Zoe.

**Question O408-12(2): Response To Question Re:
Retraining Of Injured Workers**

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board. My colleague, Mr. Todd, asked a question on February 14 with regard to retraining of injured workers. When is the Minister going to respond to that question asked by my colleague?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O408-12(2): Response To Question Re Retraining Of Injured Workers

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I will respond on Monday, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Dent.

Question O409-12(2): Salary Increase For NWT Power Corporation Employees

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for the NWT Power Corporation. Mr. Speaker, we have all gone to great lengths in the Assembly to demonstrate a great deal of restraint, given the apparent financial condition that this government is in. But my sources tell me that senior employees with the NWT Power Corporation have just received a 10 per cent increase in their salary. This seems to be totally out of character with the restraint that we have been showing. Could the Minister confirm for me whether or not that is in fact the case?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, to my knowledge that is not true. However, I will clarify the situation and take the question as notice, for reply on Monday.

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

Question O410-12(2): Response To Question Re Status Of Community Hall, Sanikiluaq

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On March 2, 1 asked a question to the Minister responsible for recreation. I wondered if the Minister is able to respond to my question. It is with regard to the design and planning of the arena or gymnasium in Sanikiluaq.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O410-12(2): Response To Question Re Status Of Community Hall, Sanikiluaq

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I thought I had replied to that question in a return. I do not have it in front of me, but I thought I had given the reply, basically that the community of Sanikiluaq identified an arena as their priority. The arena is going ahead, and because the arena was the priority, there are no plans in the near future to construct a community gym, I thought I had given that reply earlier, but that was the gist of it, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Nerysoo.

Question O411-12(2): Tabling Of Additional Documents Re Developing Government Position On "Strength At Two Levels"

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question to the Government Leader, On February 25, I asked a question to the Government Leader whether or not she would provide additional documents used in the development of the government position on the document Strength at Two Levels. She indicated that she would provide that information. I would like to know at what time she will table those documents in this House.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O411-12(2): Tabling Of Additional Documents Re Developing Government Position On "Strength At Two Levels"

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I intend to work this weekend to at least provide a long list. Mr. Speaker, there were quite a number of documents, and if the Member would accept that the list of documents can be provided -- the problem I am having with this request is that in tabling all the documents, we can provide a listing and then provide a pile of documents as well, if the Member is willing. If I am to provide the documents, there are so many that have been referred to and read, that the copying would be extremely costly. So I will do the best I can to respond to the request. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk.

Question O412-12(2): Response To Question Re Liability Insurance For Operators Of Young Offenders' Facilities

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I once again will ask, on behalf of Mr. Koe, a question to the Minister of Health. Mr. Koe asked a question on March 12th regarding the liability insurance coverage available at Storefront. What is the status of that question?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O412-12(2): Response To Question Re Liability Insurance For Operators Of Young Offenders' Facilities

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As far as I understand, the matter has been taken care of satisfactorily.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Arvaluk.

Supplementary To Question O412-12(2): Response To Question Re Liability Insurance For Operators Of Young Offenders' Facilities

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I have nothing in front of me, I am not too satisfied. Can we at least have that entered in the Hansard so that we can read the answer in Hansard or in the form of a letter? Then I will be satisfied. Since we do not have it, when do we expect to have it?

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford

Further Return To Question O412-12(2): Response To Question Re Liability Insurance For Operators Of Young Offenders' Facilities

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. By Wednesday.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Antoine.

Question O413-12(2): Response To Question Re Mistakes In Beatty Report Re Health Service In Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health. On March 2nd I asked a question about health services in Fort Simpson. He took it as notice. Can the Minister assure the House that regardless of what the department is going to do, according to the Beatty report recommendations, he will not take any steps to eliminate funding arrangements that would allow us to have medical doctors available in Fort Simpson? He took that as notice, and I would like a reply on that as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O413-12(2): Response To Question Re Mistakes In Beatty Report Re Health Service In Fort Simpson

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will endeavour to have an answer by Wednesday.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo.

Question O414-12(2): Response To Question Re: Community Employment Officers

MR. NERYSOO: If I could ask the Government Leader, in the absence of Mr. Allooloo, I provided a

written question on March 9th regarding community employment officers, and I wanted to know if the Government Leader could provide or have the Minister provide an answer prior to the conclusion of this Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O414-12(2): Response To Question Re Community Employment Officers

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will have the concern of the question relayed to Mr. Allooloo. This question will be answered before the session is concluded.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question O415-12(2): Response To Question Re Actual Cost For Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question to the Minister of Housing. Prior to the Minister's introducing his bill, which was defeated in this House on March 2nd, regarding the elimination of the board of directors, I asked the Minister an oral question on February 14th about the actual costs of the Housing Corporation Board of Directors. To date I have not received an answer. When does the Minister intend to advise this House as to the actual cost of the Housing Corporation Board of Directors?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Return To Question O415-12(2): Response To Question Re Actual Cost For Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thought I had done that many times verbally in this House, but I will do it in writing and present it on Monday.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Supplementary To Question O415-12(2): Response To Question Re Actual Cost For Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, is the Minister willing to provide the actual cost of the Housing Corporation Board of Directors to this House?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O415-12(2): Response To Question Re Actual Cost For Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

HON. DON MORIN: Mr. Speaker, I will just do it again. It is a return to an oral question asked by the Member for Thebacha on February 14th, and it was filed and everything, so I just have done this once before, but I will do it again.

Mr. Speaker, further to the supplementary Question O36-12(2) on direct and indirect costs of the Housing Corporation board, I wish to provide the following information. Direct costs are in the following categories: honoraria, transportation, accommodation and meal costs associated with a minimum of four meetings and four board committee meetings held annually, three in Yellowknife and one in a community location; salary benefits and expenses associated with a fulltime executive secretary position for the board; legal costs associated with attendance of an advisor at all board meetings. The total of the 1991-92 costs, adjusted for inflation for 1992-93, is approximately \$290,000.

The indirect costs are in the following categories: attendance of senior managers of the Housing Corporation at a minimum of four board meetings and four board committee meetings held annually, three in Yellowknife and one in a community location; preparation of new policy, program and procedures for consideration of the board, which will normally not require cabinet approval; preparation of divisional reports for each board meeting; preparation of an annual budget and financial reports for the board; following up of resolutions and action items arising from each board meeting; responses to board members; inquiries to headquarters and six district offices; contact and correspondence with the chairman on new appointments to the board and on general management of the corporation. The total 1991-92 costs' adjusted for inflation, are in excess of \$340,000. I remember doing this before.

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

Supplementary To Question O415-12(2): Response To Question Re Actual Cost For Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, that reply that I am requesting is to Question O40-12(2). on my second supplementary which Mr. Morin had taken as notice. But recognizing that he did attempt to reply -- those replies were a forecasted cost -- I want to know

whether or not Mr. Morin and the Housing Corporation Board of Directors know whether or not these funds were actually spent and the actual costs of the operation of the Housing Corporation Board of Directors.

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O415-12(2): Response To Question Re Actual Cost For Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I have stated, the total costs for 1991-92, and then there is an adjustment for inflation for 1992-93, are approximately \$290,000. And the total costs for 1991-92, with adjustments for inflation, are in excess of \$340,000. That is the information I got. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O415-12(2): Response To Question Re Actual Cost For Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: My last supplementary, Mr. Speaker. In the reply the Minister indicated that those were approximate costs, and in my definition of the interpretation, approximate costs are different from actual costs. I would like to know if he would be able to advise this House the actual costs to operate the Housing Corporation Board of Directors.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question O415-12(2): Response To Question Re Actual Cost For Housing Corporation Board Of Directors

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will have the cost to the penny on Wednesday.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Antoine.

Question O416-12(2): Response To Question Re Home Care Services, Fort Simpson

MR. ANTOINE: Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health. On March 2nd I asked another question which he took on notice. In 1985-86 there was a joint assessment project done for the Department of Health and Social Services called the aged, disabled, chronically ill. There were a number of different recommendations made to identify

communities to have home care programs established. There was supposed to be some development for implementation of a model for home care programs delivered in small communities. I wanted to know what the status of this report was, mainly because there is a lot of concern in my community to provide such a service. You took that as notice, and I would like to know if I could have a reply before this House concludes sometime next week. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take that question as notice and I will have a reply on Monday.

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

Question O417-12(2): Response To Question Re Promotion Of Dene Arts And Crafts

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Government Leader. On March 12, 1 asked an oral question of Mr. Pollard, to provide me with the amount of money and the strategy that the government is going to embark upon with regard to the promotion of Dene arts and crafts. No reply has been received. Would the

Government Leader ask the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism if an answer could be provided to this House?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O417-12(2): Response To Question Re Promotion Of Dene Arts And Crafts

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: To my understanding, the reply is being developed, and I will refer the question again to the Minister responsible.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question O418-12(2): Minister's Relationship To Work Of Youth Justice Committee

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister for Social Services. Could he explain to me what his relationship is, as the Minister for Social Services, to the work of the youth justice committee?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I believe the matters relating to the youth justice committee are handled by a board that looks after those matters. But I will take the question as notice and I will get back to the Member.

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

Question O419-12(2): Response To Question Re GNWT Contributions To Workers' Compensation Board

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: I would like to pose a question to the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board. Mr. Speaker, on March 9, 1 asked an oral question to Mr. Patterson, requesting the GNWT's contribution funding and the amount of funds that we pay to the Workers' Compensation Board on behalf of employees. At that time Mr. Patterson did take the question as notice. What is the status of developing his reply to this House?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O419-12(2): Response To Question Re GNWT Contributions To Workers' Compensation Board

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: The reply should have been given by now and it has been prepared. I will make the reply on Monday. Just under 10 per cent of the assessments are contributed by the GNWT. I think it is about one ninth of the total, but I will give the detailed breakdown on Monday. I apologize for that delay. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question O420-12(2): Response To Question Re Accomplishments Of Government Leader Over Last Five Months

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On March 11, 1 asked the Government Leader if she could give us some indication of the major accomplishments of this government, since it has now been in power for something like five months. When can I expect the answer to that question?

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MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O420-12(2): Response To Question Re Accomplishments Of Government Leader Over Last Five Months

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I did commit to the Member that I would be bringing forth a response to the question, and I still intend to do that, and it is my intension to do that before session is concluded.

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

Supplementary To Question O420-12(2): Response To Question Re Accomplishments Of Government Leader Over Last Five Months

MR. LEWIS: That answer does not give me comfort. Since we are a consensus government and we have the responsibility to make our government accountable, we could get this response on the very last day before we all go home. I would like to ask the Government Leader if we could have that response within the next couple of days.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O420-12(2): Response To Question Re Accomplishments Of Government Leader Over Last Five Months

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I really do not know when we are going to conclude, but I will make sure that I try to have a response to the question so that there is ample time for a response back to the question which I feel is being requested. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Question O421-12(2): Response To Question Re Decrease In Student's Financial Assistance

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On or about February 21st, I had asked a question to the Minister of Education concerning this individual attending post-secondary school in Ontario. This individual is receiving financial assistance from the Department of Education. She wrote a letter to me asking why her allowance has been decreased from \$531.43 to \$522.86. The Minister had assured me he would get back to me. To date, I have not received a reply. When may I expect to hear from him so that I may relay the message to the individual that wrote to me? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O421-12(2): Response To Question Re Decrease In Student's Financial Assistance

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I will make sure the Minister responsible responds on Monday.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Arvaluk

Question O422-12(2): Response To Question Re Government Houses For Sale In Inuvik

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Personnel. Mr. Koe asked a question on March 24th regarding the government houses that are for sale in Inuvik. Will the Minister respond to this question before the House concludes?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O422-12(2): Response To Question Re Government Houses For Sale In Inuvik

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I will have a response to those questions next week.

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

Question O423-12(2): Response To Question Re Status Of Family Law Review Committee

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question to the Minister responsible for Justice. Mr. Speaker, on February 25th, I asked an oral question to the Minister of Justice with respect to the status of the family law review committee. At that time, Mr. Patterson indicated a commitment to advise this House as to the status of this committee. To date, Mr. Speaker, there has been no reply. I would like to ask the Minister when he intends to reply to the oral question regarding the status of the family law review committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O423-12(2): Response To Question Re Status Of Family Law Review Committee

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe I told the House that there had been some difficulty in completing this work. Mr. Whitford and I expect to have a final report

on the matter by the end of this month, which I realize is coming up in a few days. I will, therefore, commit to informing the House of the status of that review early next week, as soon as it is concluded and given to the department. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question O424-12(2): Status Of Housing Needs Assessment

MR. ANTOINE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Housing. We are all concerned about housing, as indicated earlier this session. The Minister indicated that the main thing that drives the whole housing program is the housing assessment. I would like to ask the Minister if he could inform the House as to the status of this needs assessment. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Return To Question O424-12(2): Status Of Housing Needs Assessment

HON. DON MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last week I sent off a letter to all housing authorities, band councils, hamlets, any community organizations, territorial/native organizations, MLAs, everybody that we could think of in the NWT, to get their input into the vehicle used for a housing needs survey; that is, the housing needs survey instrument itself. The process we are using is that we have developed a survey and now we have sent it out to people to try and get their input into it. They will respond to us, and then we will involve their input into restructuring the survey, and then send it back out to the communities. At that time the communities will be doing the survey with the Housing Corporation, and that is every community in the NWT, every house in the NWT, and for the first time it is also going to include Yellowknife.

So we will get a really accurate picture of the housing needs, as well as the preference of our clients. We would like to know whether they prefer home-ownership, public housing, what size of houses they prefer, how they would like to have their family structure housed. These are all questions that are going to be asked in there.

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That should be back to us by early July and be analyzed and ready to develop new programs for September, so that we can hit our 1992-93 building season with newly developed programs that are going

to better meet the housing needs of all NWT residents, Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

Question O425-12(2): Plans For DPW Housing Units

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Housing. Are they planning to build any units for 1992-93, DPW housing? Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: I will take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The question has been taken as notice. Oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Question O426-12(2): Arena For Broughton Island

MS. MIKE: (Translation) My question is to the Minister for recreation. The Minister is aware that Broughton Island residents have been asking for a curling rink in their community. When will the plan for the curling rink take place? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O426-12(2): Arena For Broughton Island

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, my understanding of the priorities of the community of Broughton Island is that they consider the acquisition of an arena as their next recreation priority. I have received requests that the arena project be advanced. I have to tell the Member that I am not aware of a request for a curling rink at all. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O426-12(2): Arena For Broughton Island

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is an arena I am talking about, not curling rink. Mr. Speaker, the community is quite concerned. In the past they have had a high rate of suicide. There is a definite lack of recreational facilities in the community. I was informed by the present mayor that the rink would be used not just in the winter, but that it would be utilized in the

summer for recreation. When may I expect to see a plan for an arena for that community?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O426-12(2): Arena For Broughton Island

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, first of all, I am pleased that a new gymnasium was recently opened in Broughton Island. I respectfully say to the Member that that is a recreation facility that will provide some support to the community's youth.

Mr. Speaker, this is a complicated matter. The short answer is that the community's request is not in the department's capital plan in the near future. It is in the five-year plan, but it is still several years off. A design has been scheduled for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

Mr. Speaker, the capital planning process in our department attempts to treat all communities fairly, taking into account the financial capacities of a community to carry the burden of operating a facility. There are some financial obligations in Broughton Island that, in our opinion, would prevent them from making a contribution to a new arena until those financial obligations are discharged. I will work with the Member to see whether the project can be advanced, but we also have to bear in mind other capital priorities throughout the region and the Northwest Territories. I cannot promise that it can be moved up as rapidly as the community wants. I will work with the Member to see what can be done and to see how the financial obligations can be planned for, so that community can make its contribution required and so that they can operate the arena when it is built. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O426-12(2): Arena For Broughton Island

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is there not a standard design that is already in place and is used for all the communities for arenas?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O426-12(2): Arena For Broughton Island

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the design would not be the problem. The projected cost of the arena is over two million dollars, and, frankly, I

am concerned about the community's ability to contribute their share of the capital costs to that arena because they have yet to discharge the contribution promised for the community gym. My feeling is that they should make the contribution that was promised for the facility that was just opened, and discharge this financial obligation, before we talk about advancing the next recreation project. As I said, we are quite willing to discuss this with the Member and, perhaps, with the community. The previous obligations should be discharged by the community before they start asking for another recreation facility. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Ms. Mike.

Supplementary To Question O426-12(2): Arena For Broughton Island

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister for the department is well aware that the community of Broughton Island is willing to compromise and give up three other capital items that are in the plan for the future. I would like to know if his department will consider looking into this seriously, because the community has a lot of young people there who have nothing to do, who would be happy to have a -- maybe better than Sanikiluaq -- to have a facility like that, that is close to the rest of the communities and that can get them going for hockey tournaments and get them involved in that. Will the Minister consider moving the plan ahead for the community arena?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Further Return To Question O426-12(2): Arena For Broughton Island

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I certainly do acknowledge that the community has been willing to defer certain pieces of mobile equipment that are presently planned. I should point out to the honourable Member that the deferrals,

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as I understand it, will not come close to meeting the two million dollar arena cost. However, the Member's question is: Will I consider advancing the arena? I will make this commitment: I will be quite willing to work with the Member and the community to see what can be done within the existing constraints that we all have to live with, to move this project ahead. I think the best way is to sit down with the council and talk about the options, talk about the moneys that are still

owing to this government, and work out a plan. I would be quite willing to do that, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question O427-12(2): Undated Letters Of Resignation From Cabinet Ministers

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Government Leader whether, following the direction of this House by motion to have all cabinet Ministers submit undated letters of resignation, she has received those letters yet?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I will give a response to that question on Monday, as I have not looked at my mail since I came back from Toronto

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Bernhardt.

Question O428-12(2): Response To Question Re Special Needs Programming In Keewatin Schools

MR. BERNHARDT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have question for the Minister of Education, but since he is not here I would like to direct the question to the Government Leader. On February 14th Mr. Todd asked a question in regard to the continuation of special needs programming in the Keewatin schools. When can we expect an answer to Mr. Todd's question?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O428-12(2): Response To Question Re Special Needs Programming In Keewatin Schools

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the reply is being prepared, and I will stress to the Minister responsible to provide an answer early next week.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Dent.

Question O429-12(2): Date Re Timetable For Reviewing Interim Child Day-Care Policy

MR. DENT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Social Services. On the 14th of February the Minister confirmed with this House that he would, before adjournment, provide us with a timetable for reviewing the interim child day-care policy. I wonder if the Minister can now provide us

with a specific date on which he will provide this House with the requested timetable.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take the question as further notice, and I will endeavour to get back to the Member with a reply early next week.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Zoe.

Question O430-12(2):Lack Of Aboriginal Senior Management In Department Of Health

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Health provides critical and important services not only in Yellowknife and the regional centres but in the smaller communities throughout the Northwest Territories. Recognizing that the public service of the Northwest Territories should reflect the basic characteristics of the people it serves, will the Minister of Health inform this House why none of the senior management in the department's headquarters operation in Yellowknife are of aboriginal descent?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not aware of the ethnicity of all of the senior staff in my department at this point in time. I will take the question as notice and get back to the Member as soon as I can.

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

Question O431-12(2): Request For Meeting With Daishowa Pulp Mill Officials In Japan

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Government Leader. Mr. Speaker, on March 12th, I asked the Government Leader with respect to the international trip which Mr. Alloo will be taking to Japan. I indicated that there has been tremendous concern with respect to Daishowa building their pulp mills in Alberta, which would, no doubt, affect northern waters. At the time, I asked the Government Leader if she would consider requesting the Minister -- since he was going to be in Japan -- to make an attempt to meet with Daishowa to express the concerns of territorial residents on the building of their pulp mills in Alberta.

Mr. Speaker, the Government Leader, at that time, did indicate that she was not aware of Mr. Alloo's schedule, and that she would take the concern as

notice. Will the Government Leader be able to advise this House next week as to whether or not Mr. Allooloo, upon his trip to Japan, will be able to meet with officials in Japan with respect to the concern of the Daishowa pulp mill? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O431-12(2): Request For Meeting With Daishowa Pulp Mill Officials In Japan

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I want to assure the Member that we are working on the possibility of a meeting being set up to meet with Daishowa officials. We are working through the international office and protocol. I will attempt to have some indication of whether it is possible, no later than Tuesday. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Question O432-12(2): Response To Question Re Directive Regarding Abstention Clause

MS. MIKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On February 28th, my colleague, the Member for Thebacha, asked the Minister of Social Services about the abstention clause. I will quote her question: 'Since he has indicated in the House that his departmental officials that deliver the alcohol and drug program are not obligated to the abstention clause, is the Minister considering any type of directive being formulated to address avoiding double standards of a clause that he wishes to impose?' When can my colleague expect to get a response?

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford.

Return To Question O432-12(2): Response To Question Re Directive Regarding Abstention Clause

HON. TONY WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will have a reply on Monday.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Bernhardt.

Question O433-12(2): Response To Question Re Regional Advisory Boards Under NWT Business Credit Corporation Act

MR. BERNHARDT: On March 9th Mr. Todd asked a question in regard to regional advisory boards under the Credit Corporation Act. When can he expect an answer?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O433-12(2): Response To Question Re Regional Advisory Boards Under NWT Business Credit Corporation Act

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, on the return of the Minister responsible for Economic Development, I will place before him the need to have that question answered early in the week.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Arvaluk.

Question O434-12(2): Response To Question Re GNWT Employees At Expo

MR. ARVALUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Government Leader, because Mr. Pollard is not in the House. My question was asked by Mr. Arngna'naaq on March 9th regarding the GNWT employees at Expo. Will the government respond to this question before the House concludes?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O434-12(2): Response To Question Re GNWT Employees At Expo

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudlat.

Question O435-12(2): Response To Question Re Community Economic Development Officers

MR. PUDLAT: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On March 5th I asked a question to the Minister of Economic Development. Although he is not here at this time, I asked him where the economic development officer for Lake Harbour is located. Will he be able to answer this before the end of this session?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O435-12(2): Response To Question Re Community Economic Development Officers

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell. Question 0436-12(2): Response to Question Re Costs For Chairpersons Of Boards, Agencies and Committees

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: I have a question for the Government Leader. It is in regard to a written question posed on February 27th requesting the cost for the chairpersons of boards, agencies and committees. In discussing the issue with the Government Leader, I indicated that we were looking for the amount paid to chairpersons for agencies and boards, not particularly the local committees. Will the Government Leader commit to advising this House the cost that is paid to chairpersons of these agencies, boards and committees prior to the conclusion of the session?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O436-12(2): Response To Question Re Costs For Chairpersons Of Boards, Agencies And Committees

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate that the honourable Member has clarified for me the extent of the information that was required. When the question was first posed, we had attempted to gather the information of all boards and agencies, regional and such, and it was taking longer than we anticipated. So, yes, I will provide that information to the extent the Member is requesting.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Question O437-12(2): Length Of Time Taken To Reply To Questions In House

MRS. MARIE-JEWELL: New question posed to the Government Leader. Today our question period was taken up to find out the status of reports on many questions that we posed through six weeks of this session. Members have been concerned on this side of the House in respect to the time frame of some of the questions posed, Taking into consideration the amount of outstanding questions that still have to be dealt with by the government, I would like to ask the Government Leader if she will request her Ministers to ensure in future that oral questions taken under notice are given top priority in responding to Members of this House. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea.

Return To Question O437-12(2): Length Of Time Taken To Reply To Questions In House

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I would like to assure the Member that this is the case. Sometimes it is difficult to get the information; however, we will readdress the situation to see how

the response time can be narrowed. I would like to also thank Members for conducting and summarizing the questions. Earlier this week, we sat down as a cabinet to discuss how we can respond, and to gather together the list of outstanding questions. I would like to thank Members for doing that work for us. Subsequently, we will attempt to respond in a much more timely fashion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Item 6, written questions. Mr. Zoe.

ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W31-12(2): Aboriginal Representation In Department of Health

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a written question for the Minister of Health. Will the Minister please provide the following information to the House;

1) the percentage of employees working in the Department of Health headquarters in Yellowknife who qualify as aboriginal employees under the affirmative action program;

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2) the number of training positions within the Department of Health headquarters in Yellowknife presently being used to prepare aboriginal people for management positions in the department;

3) the number of aboriginal trainees from Arctic College or other educational programs who have been offered casual or other employment in the Department of Health headquarters? Thank you.

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

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, return to Question W30-12(2), asked by Mr. Nerysoo to the Minister responsible for the NWT Power Corporation, concerning the restructuring of the NWT Power Corporation.

W30-12(2): Restructuring Of NWT Power Corporation

Hon. Nellie Cournoyea's return to Question W30-12(2), asked by Mr. Nerysoo on March 25, 1992: The option of bringing the petroleum products division under the NWT Power Corporation is still being

investigated. There have been preliminary discussions between corporation and GNWT staff, but no decision has been made to amalgamate the two operations. Consequently, the Power Corporation has not been instructed to restructure its administration.

The Department of Government Services does not pay GST on the construction of its facilities or on the purchase of POL products. The impact of an amalgamation on GST payments will not be determined until some of the broader issues are resolved.

I will be reviewing this matter with the Reshaping Northern Government working group in the next few weeks and will be reporting back to the Assembly during the June sifting.

MR. SPEAKER: Item 8, replies to Opening Address. Item 9, petitions. Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Item 11, reports of committees on the review of bills. Item 12, tabling of documents. Mr. Clerk.

ITEM 12: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE: Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Rule 57(1), I wish to table Tabled Document 36-12(2), response to Petition 3-12(2), tabled by Mr. Arngna'naaq and responded to by the Minister of Renewable Resources.

MR. SPEAKER: Tabling of documents. Item 13, notices of motions. Item 14, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Item 15, motions. Item 16, first reading of bills. Ms. Cournoyea.

ITEM 16: FIRST READING OF BILLS

First Reading Of Bill 7: Interim Appropriations For The GNWT For The Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1993

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that Bill 7, An Act Respecting Interim Appropriations for the GNWT for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1993, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

Bill 7 has had first reading.

Item 17, second reading of bills. Ms. Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask consent to deal with second reading of Bill 7, An Act Respecting Interim Appropriations for the GNWT for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1993.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms. Cournoyea, you do not need consent for an appropriation bill. Proceed, Ms. Cournoyea.

ITEM 17: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Second Reading Of Bill 7: Interim Appropriations For The GNWT For The Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1993

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that Bill 7, An Act Respecting Interim Appropriations for the GNWT for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1993, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill is to make interim appropriations for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1993.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

--- Carried

Bill 7 has had second reading. Accordingly, the bill stands referred to committee of the whole.

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; Motion 6-12(2), Discussion on Sobriety Clause in Contribution Agreements; Bill 25, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1991-92; Bill 5, An Act to Repeal the Neptune Resources Corporation Loan Guarantee Act; Bill 12, Tobacco Tax Act; Bill 22, Write-off of Assets and Debts Act, 1992; and Bill 23, Loan Authorization Act, 1992-93 with Mr. Arvaluk in the chair.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): The committee will now come to order. Yesterday, we were dealing with Bill 25, page 10 for page by page consideration. What is the committee's wish? Do you wish to continue in this way?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--- Agreed

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Arvaluk): Thank you. We will continue with this. In the meantime, we will take a 15 minute break.

--- **SHORT RECESS**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): I wish to call the committee to order. Mr. Minister, Madam Government Leader, are you ready to proceed with Bill 25, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1991-92? Is it the wish that the Minister invites the witnesses into committee?

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses. Members will recall that we were dealing with Supplementary Appropriation, No. 3, 1991-92. We were on page 10, dealing with police services. Please introduce your witness for the record.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, Lew Voytilla, Secretary to the Financial Management Board Secretariat.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): Thank you. We were dealing with police services, not previously authorized, \$1,153,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that we report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Nerysoo): The motion is not debatable. However, there is not a quorum in the House; therefore, I must call Members to the committee.

There is a motion on the floor to report progress. The motion is non-debatable. To the motion. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

--- **Carried**

I will now rise and report progress, whatever that might be.

ITEM 19: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 25, and wishes to report progress. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the chairman of committee of the whole be concurred with.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Is there a seconder to the motion? Ms. Mike. The motion is in order. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

--- **Carried**

Item 20, third reading of bills. Ms. Cournoyea.

ITEM 20: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Third Reading Of Bill 21: Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1990-91

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that Bill 21, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1990-91, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Your motion is in order, Ms. Cournoyea. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

--- **Carried**

Bill 21 has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: I would like to request unanimous consent to return to Item 3, Members' statements.

MR. SPEAKER: The Member is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Gargan.

REVERT TO ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Hockey Match Challenge

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, the Yellowknife Media All Stars have challenged Members of this House in an exhibition hockey game

at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, March 28, in the Yellowknife Community Arena. The rules of this match state that the MLA All Star Team can be selected from any of the following groups: MLAs; spouses of MLAs; Legislative Assembly employees; deputy ministers; or assistant deputy ministers.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to report that your team, the L.A. Senators, have drafted nine Members of this House, including Rebecca Mike.

--- Applause

As the rules require, the L.A. Senators' team has three women. The rules also require that both teams have at least one woman on the ice at all times. I am proud to announce, Mr. Speaker, that we have selected Robin Sproule as our goalie, so we will, as rule number four requires, have a woman on the ice at all times.

--- Laughter

Mr. Speaker, I must express the great concern of my honourable teammates over rule number seven, which prohibits body contact.

--- Laughter

Mr. Speaker, personally, I would not object to a physical game with the media

--Laughter

I am, however, concerned as to whether or not the non-contact rule applies to members of the same team. As you are well aware, Mr. Speaker, during our last game some Members of the Executive chose to deliver body checks to Members from this side of the House. Mr. Speaker, we do not wish to see the repeat of this shameful performance.

--- Laughter

To that end, Mr. Speaker, rule number seven must be strictly enforced, and any player who makes contact, as either an opponent or a teammate, must be penalized.

Mr. Speaker, I have taken a poll and it appears that there is a great deal of public support for the L.A. Senators. I would suggest that the stands will be overflowing with our supporters, and I challenge the media to equal our support. I promise the general public that it is going to be a very entertaining event, and I encourage all residents of Yellowknife and

everyone else visiting the city of Yellowknife, to witness this historic sporting event. Lastly, I would ask the media whether or not they will agree to waive rule number seven

--- Laughter

--- Applause

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. I read from that that Mr. Patterson will keep two hands on the stick at all times.

--- Laughter

Item 21, Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE: Mr. Speaker, meetings for Monday morning: at 9:00 a.m. of the full caucus; at 10:30 of the ordinary Members' caucus.

ITEM 21: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Monday, March 30, 1992.

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
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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., Monday, March 30, 1992.

--- ADJOURNMENT