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The Honourable Jeannie Marie-Jewell, Speaker

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Allooloo, Mr. Antoine, Hon. Silas Arngna'naaq, Mr. Arvaluk, Mr. Ballantyne, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Dent, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Koe, Mr. Lewis, Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell, Hon. Rebecca Mike, Hon. Don Morin, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Ng, Mr. Ningark, Mr. Patterson, Hon. John Pollard, Mr. Pudlat, Mr. Pudluk, Hon. John Todd, Mr. Whitford

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):

It is my duty to inform the House that the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories is not prepared to address the Assembly until a Speaker has been elected. I would call for a motion to elect the Speaker. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Motion 1-12(5): Election Of Speaker, Carried

MR. LEWIS:

I move, seconded by the honourable Member for High Arctic, that Mrs. Jeannie Marie-Jewell, of the electoral district of Thebacha, take the chair of this House as Speaker.

---Applause

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):

Are there any further nominations? Being no further motions, all those in favour of the motion, please indicate. All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried unanimously.

---Carried

I therefore declare that the honourable Member for Thebacha, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, has been elected Speaker of the House.

---Applause

I would request the mover of the motion and the seconder to escort the Speaker to the chair.

Speaker's Opening Remarks

SPEAKER (Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell):

Honourable Members, first of all, I want to express to this House my gratitude for the honour which you have placed upon me by choosing me as your Speaker. It is a gratifying feeling to also recognize that you have chosen me, I am sure, not only for my attributes to be fair as a chair, but more importantly as the first woman Speaker of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly...

---Applause

...and the very first aboriginal woman Speaker in Canada.

---Applause

I graciously accept your trust to be Speaker.

My first obligation to you, however, is the traditional requirement that the Speaker ensures that the rights and privileges of all Members are upheld, and to ensure you are each able to fulfil your duties. The most important are fundamental rights, freedom of speech in your debates and freedom from interference in carrying out your duties. I can assure you that I will do my best to ensure that these fundamental rights are upheld, as are other rules and procedures that this House has adopted.

I am acutely aware of my responsibilities, and I will ensure that each Member of this House allows for the voice of the citizens we represent to be heard in this House. It is through you that the territories, as a whole, expresses itself and its legislature which tries to reflect the aspirations of the whole territory.

My responsibility is merely to ensure that everyone can speak freely, without constraint, but also within the rules this House has adopted. I will be cognizant of the rules to apply, however, within the purpose of enhancing freedom of speech, the very foundation of parliamentary democracy must be upheld. I take up this task, aware of my limitations, and will endeavour to fulfil exactly what role you are asking me to play so that this Assembly can work for the greater good of the Northwest Territories as a whole.

There is no doubt, some Members and some of illustrious media have indicated that the support for the Speaker's chair is to keep me from continuing my normal role in the House. I can assure all Members and the people of the Northwest Territories, through our media, that this is not the case.

---Applause

This has been one of the most difficult political decisions to make. Even though I may not be able to speak in the debate, the duties of a Member are not only in this House, they are in our constituency dealing with the problems of the people who elected us. There is no doubt I will miss the opportunity at times to speak in your debates, but I believe you all have the ability to debate accordingly and the results of your debates will reflect the spirit and the consensus and the for health and prosperity of the Northwest Territories.

I would like to take the time now to thank the constituents of Thebacha who were first to trust me by electing me and who, even now, I am confident, will still support me in my new responsibility. I would also like to say to my constituents that accepting the position of Speaker will not diminish my efforts to continue to serve each and every one of them to the best of my ability. I want to advise my constituents, I have met with the Premier to establish a protocol to ensure all my

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constituents' concerns are addressed. I am sure my constituents will be proud of the history we are making today.

I am particularly proud of our Assembly. Even before we moved into this building, we have tried to bring traditions from all cultures in the north, from language to decor. I can assure you that in the time I continue to have the support of the Members, as Speaker, I will continue the work which has been started, particularly where changes and additions are required to have our Assembly reflect our diverse cultural make up, I will continue to do so.

I would like to thank the Members of the Ordinary Members' Caucus for allowing me to obtain the experience of being your chair. We have worked out our differences when we needed, we've laughed together and I am particularly proud to have been part of the process for the Ordinary Members' Caucus.

Before closing, I would like to mention the most important people to all of us. These are our husbands, our wives and our children. I am well-aware, as we all are, of the time that we have to be away from our families, but I would like, on a personal note, to mention my husband Malcolm, our children, Clinton, Trina, Shelley and Melanie, for their constant love and support, day by day, without which nothing in my political commitment would have been possible. I

might add that my daughter Trina has always been impressed by the term "Mr. Speaker" as she thought, because he had a big chair and everyone kept calling him "Mr. Speaker," he must be really important. I am not sure if she'll understand the term "Madam Speaker." Maybe we should use the term "Mrs. Speaker" so my daughter knows who we are talking about.

In conclusion, my ability to preside over this House ultimately rests in your hands. I will do my best, inspired by the trust and confidence that you have placed in me.

With that, I would like to thank you. For the remainder of our 12th Assembly, it is my honour to serve you as your Speaker. Thank you.

---Applause

Mr. Clerk, would you ascertain if the Commissioner would open the session.

ITEM 2: OPENING ADDRESS

COMMISSIONER NORRIS:

Madam Speaker, and Members of the Legislative Assembly, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Fifth Session of the 12th Legislative Assembly.

I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation for the work of the Honourable Michael Ballantyne, who served this House well during the two years he sat in the Speaker's chair.

---Applause

May I also offer my congratulations for a job well done to the Dean of the Legislature, Ludy Pudluk, who also...

---Applause

...resigned Wednesday, as Deputy Speaker.

Congratulations are also in order for the Honourable Jeannie Marie-Jewell who was elected as the seventh Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Friday, and to Silas Arngna'naaq, who was elected to Cabinet, during the weekend.

---Applause

As you know, the Fifth Session will be recessed later this week, until February 9, when the main estimates for 1994-95 will be presented.

Of particular importance to government at this time, is the need for Members to discuss and establish spending priorities and agree to a process of managing the deficit. As a result, the Minister of Finance will be tabling a discussion paper on deficit management, before the business of this House is recessed for the holiday season.

Madam Speaker, during this session, your government will also be presenting a legislative program including the following bills for the consideration of the House: Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1994-95; Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act; Workers' Compensation Act; Charter Communities Act; Cities, Towns and Villages Act; Hamlets Act; Personal Property Security Act; and, the Partnership Act. Madam Speaker, your government considers these bills essential to the good conduct of government business and I recommend passage of each of these acts.

I would now like to commend to you for your earnest consideration and wise judgement, the business of this House as I declare open, the Fifth Session of the 12th Assembly of the Northwest Territories.

Before leaving the Chamber, Madam Speaker, I would like to wish each one of you, together with members of your family and the people of the Northwest Territories, a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

---Applause

MADAM SPEAKER:

Just before we go to opening remarks, I would like to recognize in the gallery, one of my daughters, Trina Jewell, who has come to see me take the role of the Speaker's chair today.

---Applause

Orders of the day. Item 3, Ministers' statements. Item 4, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Natilikmiot, Mr. Ningark.

ITEM 4: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Review Of Ministers

MR. NINGARK:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I am privileged to be the first one to speak with you being the new Speaker. Madam Speaker, on December 10 and 11, we met as a territorial leadership committee to review the performance of the Ministers and the Government Leader

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over the past two years. The review was agreed to by Members at the beginning of the 12th Assembly. The ordinary Members have spent time since that review, considering what was said, what action should be taken next. We have some serious concerns regarding specific portfolios. However, Members were generally satisfied with the responses and actions of most of the Ministers. On behalf of the Ordinary Members' Caucus, I would like to advise this House that tomorrow we will make a detailed statement regarding the outcome of the review. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Ningark.

---Applause

Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot, Mr. Ng.

Member's Statement On Congratulating New Speaker And Minister

MR. NG:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I would like to officially congratulate you on your election as the first female Speaker in the history of the NWT Legislature and I would also like to congratulate you as being the first aboriginal female Speaker in Canadian legislative history. I would like to also congratulate Mr. Silas Arngna'naaq, Member for Kivallivik, for his election to the Executive Council and, finally, I would like to thank the honourable Member for Natilikmiot for nominating me on Saturday and I would like to thank the Members who supported me. It will be an experience that I'll remember. Thank you.

---Applause

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Sahtu, Mr. Kakfwi.

Member's Statement On Congratulating New Speaker

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Madam Speaker, I wish, on behalf of the people of the Sahtu, to congratulate you as well on your election and recognize you as the first aboriginal woman in Canada to hold this position. I just want to say that I am assured that with you in the chair, my rights and privileges as a Member of this Assembly will be respected. Thank you.

---Applause

MADAM SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Deh Cho, Mr. Gargan.

Member's Statement On Minister's Conduct Re Funding Dene Cultural Institute

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Congratulations to you, too. I rise today to speak about a certain Minister's conduct, in relation to facility funding for the Dene Cultural Institute. In the capital budget, this House had approved \$500,000 under item 16-14, to provide the Dene Cultural Institute with the money to start construction of their new home. Madam Speaker, the Minister, the Honourable Richard Nerysoo, in a meeting on April 29 with some board and staff members of the Dene Cultural Institute, was questioned on when the funding could be expected. The Minister's response both shocked and dismayed me. The response, which was relayed to myself and some other MLAs, was as follows and I quote, "I have two cultural centre proposals in front of me, one from you and one from the Gwich'in. There is not enough money for both and we both know who elected me." In response to a question about the fact that the Legislative Assembly had already committed \$500,000 towards the project for this fiscal year, the Minister replied, and I again quote, "There has been no commitment made to the Dene Cultural Institute for this project and as far as I'm concerned, it is still open and I am faced with a similar proposal from the Gwich'in. As the Minister, I have to decide between them. They need to show me that they represent my region."

Madam Speaker, on December 8 we passed a set of conduct guidelines for all Members to live up to. We are supposed to distribute resources fairly and justly and we are not supposed to act in ways that are dishonest or which exploit positions of privilege for personal gains. Madam Speaker, I really have to question the Minister's commitment to fairness. I believe that, in this case, the Minister has used, or at least thought of using, his power for personal political gains.

Madam Speaker, I see this incident as no different than the time I was passed a threatening note in the House by a previous Minister. The only difference as I perceive it is, instead of threatening one Member, the Minister has threatened an entire organization. Madam Speaker, as an ordinary Member and because of the Minister's action, I have had to spend a considerable amount of time working with this concern on behalf of the Dene Cultural Institute, to the detriment of the rest of my constituents.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Mr. Gargan, your time has expired. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN:

Madam Speaker, I would like to get unanimous consent to continue my statement.

MADAM SPEAKER:

The honourable Member for Deh Cho is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his Member's statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed.

MR. GARGAN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker and honourable Members. I would like to say that I am disappointed that my fellow Members did not regard this incident as a serious enough breach of trust on the part of the Minister to support me in a vote of non-confidence. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Mr. Whitford.

Member's Statement On Congratulating New Speaker

MR. WHITFORD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, at the risk of not complying with the single issue rule, I wish to extend to you, on behalf of all the people of the constituency of Yellowknife South, congratulations on your appointment to the seat of Speaker. I am confident that you will serve all the Members of this House and all the people of the territories with fairness and concern. I look forward to

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continuing to work with you in the operation of the business of this House and with other issues across the territories.

I was going to speak on another issue, but I believe today is the day that I would like, at least on my part, to reserve my speech to a congratulatory nature. Tomorrow we can go on with the other issues that do concern us. On behalf of the people I represent, our sincere congratulations on your appointment.

---Applause

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 3, Members' Statements. The honourable Member for Nahendeh, Mr. Antoine.

Member's Statement On Relationship Between Dene And The Crown

MR. ANTOINE:

Mahsi, Madam Speaker. I, too, would like to congratulate you, as Speaker, on behalf of the people I represent in Nahendeh. On Friday and Saturday, Madam Speaker, we went through a leadership process. We asked a lot of questions. There was crucial set of questions that I wanted to pursue, but we ended before I got to it. It is with regard to the relationship between the Dene and the Crown.

The relationship between the Dene and the federal government is a long-standing one. Formal agreements between the two parties go back to 1899 with Treaty 8, and to 1921 with Treaty 11. This relationship is a special one. It is a bilateral relationship that includes all aspects of Dene life. The treaties were made in good faith by the Dene and the Crown and are to be adhered to forever. As our elders remember, and it is a famous quote, "As long as the sun shines, the river continues to flow, and the grass grows." This is a sacred oath, Madam Speaker. It is part of a prayer and it is part of a spiritual ceremony.

I was amazed this summer, when I attended special summer ceremonies the Blackfoot Nation have called, The Sun Dance, that this famous quote was used in the most crucial part of the ceremony. This nation to nation relationship has eroded over time, and has resulted in a situation whereby now, the majority of responsibility between our respective peoples is being administered by this Government of the Northwest Territories and this Legislative Assembly.

This occurred without the consent of the Dene. As a result, we hear the Dene telling us very clearly that the Government of the Northwest Territories is not their government and it is not responsible for administering on their behalf. At the same time, it is clear that this House, and the Government of the Northwest Territories, in general, do not recognize the Dene as self-governing with an agreement in place that recognizes their independence.

I thereby suggest that this dilemma be dealt with immediately, and be recognized as a priority in Cabinet. All the Members are sitting here today on disputed Dene land. I recommend to Cabinet that you immediately develop a new relationship with the leadership of the Dene and recognize them, as intended in the treaties, consistent with the new Liberal government's approach. I suggest, further...

MADAM SPEAKER:

Mr. Antoine, your time has elapsed.

MR. ANTOINE:

Madam Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude.

MADAM SPEAKER:

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Antoine.

MR. ANTOINE:

Mahsi, Madam Chair. I suggest that you immediately sit down, face to face with the leadership of the Dene Nation chiefs, to begin resolving the outstanding differences that exist. I understand, from my discussion with Dene leaders, that the new Liberal Government of Canada is preparing to get into a new bilateral approach with First Nations across Canada, including the Dene. The Government of the Northwest Territories, with all the uniqueness represented in the north, can play a lead role in this

relationship and take this opportunity to help secure political and financial stability in Denendeh. Mahsi, Madam Speaker.

---Applause

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 4, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Iqaluit, Mr. Patterson.

Member's Statement On Staff Housing Alternatives

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, and congratulations, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, since the staff housing strategy was implemented last year, one effect has been to put pressures on employees to look for alternatives to higher rents. As I said in this House at the time, the pressure on employees with lower incomes and larger families would be especially acute. I was concerned at the time, that the ground might not have been adequately prepared to allow those employees pressured by higher rents to seek home ownership as an option.

There were only about half a dozen home ownership units available in Iqaluit from the Housing Corporation last year. That meant increasing pressure on our government to make the relatively few single detached housing units available for sale to these employees with the greatest need. The general perception in my constituency is that the process for appraisal of these units has been generous. The prices offered to those employees fortunate enough to live in them has been so reasonable as to be quite attractive. But, that is not my concern today, Madam Speaker.

I am, however, very concerned about the process for allocation of these prized detached housing units, once they are vacant or otherwise available, since it is occupation which allows an employee the opportunity to buy. There is a perception in my riding that the process of allocation of these units may be unfair and that there may be different standards in place for management, HAY plan staff or employees of certain departments than other less-privileged employees.

I have also been made to understand, in the discussions of the staff housing strategy, that the government would not undertake repair work on staff houses eligible for sale. In the spirit of the government getting out of staff housing, the idea was

that employees who purchase these units would undertake

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the repairs at their expense and those costs would be reflected in the appraisal. My constituents are also concerned that renovations have been undertaken on detached units in Iqaluit which are prime opportunities for employee purchase, in order to benefit incumbent employees, especially employees of the Department of Public Works and Services, who might then wish to apply to purchase these units.

Madam Speaker, on both these accounts, I'll be pursuing this matter through oral and written questions. Thank you.

---Applause

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 4, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Nunakput, Ms. Cournoyea.

Member's Statement On Congratulating New Speaker On Behalf Of Cabinet

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to take this opportunity, on behalf of Cabinet, to congratulate you on your role as Speaker of this House. We are all confident, as Cabinet, that you will be effective, hard-working and fair. I would also like to thank you for the marvellous opportunity we had yesterday, to meet with representatives of your community, and would like to congratulate you and your community on the excellent concert that was held in the cathedral. Thank you.

---Applause

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 4, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North, Mr. Ballantyne.

---Applause

Member's Statement On Major Issues Facing The NWT Legislative Assembly

MR. BALLANTYNE:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. On behalf of my constituents, I would like to congratulate you on becoming Speaker. I'm sure you will be a fine and fair Speaker. I, for one, am very confident in your ability to do a great job. I thought quite a bit about what I would say in my first Member's statement for many years. Over the past couple of years, we've heard about many of the problems that are facing the people of the Northwest Territories: about the health billings problem with its ramifications of over \$100 million; the housing issue with another \$17 million; forest fire suppression is \$9.5 million. Looking at the cost of land claims, there is a potential of many millions that will be in dispute with the federal government. We have further possible deficits of \$25 million or \$35 million. We have talked about possible revenue resources, the northern accord and the mining accord. On each one of these issues, the government has made valiant efforts to try to deal with each issue. I think the danger is to concentrate on one issue, at the expense of the totality. The deficit of \$35 million pales, when one thinks of the \$200 million or \$300 million a year it may cost to divide the territories.

Formula financing issues, again, are very important but they, alone, won't solve the problem. I think it is time for the government to put together a comprehensive strategy to deal with the federal government looking for a ten year plan, which will give fiscal certainty and which will also turn over some of the levers of economic power to both territories. It is critical that the strategy is developed. The strategy is not a list of requests. It is a specific task for each Minister. It means bringing the political expertise of the Cabinet to bear on the federal government. Unless we look at all these problems in totality, we are doomed to failure. We may win a court case about health, we may win \$100 million, but they will take \$100 million away somewhere else. So I think it is incumbent on this Cabinet to come up with a comprehensive strategy...

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

(Microphone turned off)

MADAM SPEAKER:

Mr. Ballantyne, your time has expired.

MR. BALLANTYNE:

Madam Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to continue with my statement.

MADAM SPEAKER:

The honourable Member for Yellowknife North is seeking unanimous consent to proceed. Are there any nays? There are no nays, go ahead.

MR. BALLANTYNE:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think the timing is critical. I think the window of opportunity is short. As the terrible financial picture becomes clearer to the present federal government, their flexibility is going to whither away. So my suggestion to the government is, put a plan together and implement it immediately. I think it is an opportunity we have now in the next two or three months, that we won't have two years from now. Thank you.

---Applause

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 4, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Aivilik, Mr. Arvaluk.

Member's Statement On Congratulating New Speaker On Behalf Of Aivilik

MR. ARVALUK:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. On behalf of the people of Aivilik, I also would like to congratulate you on your successful election for the seat of Speaker. I had the pleasure of serving under your chairmanship on the Ordinary Members' Caucus. You have always been very fair and patient, especially with those who do not speak English very well, like myself. I am sure you will continue to uphold that integrity and fairness as the Speaker of this House. Once again, I would like to congratulate you on behalf of Aivilik.

---Applause

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 4, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Baffin South, Mr. Pudlat.

Member's Statement On Congratulating New Speaker On Behalf Of Baffin South

MR. PUDLAT:

(Translation) Thank you, Madam Speaker. First of all, I would like to congratulate you on your election as Speaker, on behalf of my constituency. I know you

will be assisting us as Speaker of the House, and I am very confident

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that you can do the job by being fair to all the MLAs. As a unilingual MLA, I can only speak Inuktitut in the House. I would also like to thank our former Speaker, Mr. Ballantyne. I am sure you will treat me the same as he did. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 4, Members' statements. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Iqaluit, Mr. Patterson.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 1-12(5): Process For Allocation Of Staff Housing

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I gave some notice of this question to the Minister of Personnel. I would like to ask the Minister, what is the process for allocating staff housing in the Northwest Territories? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Baffin Central, Ms. Mike.

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

(Translation) Thank you, Madam Speaker. The territorial government staff, who are living in government staff houses, have been offered the purchase of the house they are residing in. This is the mandate of the Department of Personnel.

MADAM SPEAKER:

The honourable Member for Baffin Central, the interpreter didn't understand the last part of your response. I would ask if you would respond again, please.

Return To Question 1-12(5): Process For Allocation Of Staff Housing

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

(Translation) Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Department of Personnel...First of all, ask the staff

who are residing in staff houses, whether they would like to purchase the houses they are living in. Then they are turned over to the Department of Public Works. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Patterson.

Supplementary To Question 1-12(5): Process For Allocation Of Staff Housing

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to try to make my question as clear as possible. It is not about the sale of staff housing units. I know DPW handles the sale and I will be pursuing those questions to the Minister of Public Works. My question was about the process for allocating staff housing in the Northwest Territories before a sale takes place. I believe that the Department of Personnel decides who goes into what house. My question is -- and I will try this again because I don't think I got an answer the first time -- disregarding the sale of the units, how does the Minister's Department of Personnel decide when and where to allocate staff housing among staff in the Northwest Territories? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Baffin Central, Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 1-12(5): Process For Allocation Of Staff Housing

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is based on need. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Mr. Patterson, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question 1-12(5): Process For Allocation Of Staff Housing

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My constituents believe that there seem to be factors other than need in place, in the present process of allocating staff housing units in Iqaluit, and I won't give examples.

However, could I ask the Minister, this process of allocation based on need, are there principles and criteria that she would be prepared to make available to the House to determine need, because it's a very subjective concept. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Honourable Member for Baffin Central, Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 1-12(5): Process For Allocation Of Staff Housing

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be happy to provide that to the Member. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Antoine, the honourable Member for Nahendeh.

Question 2-12(5): Consultation With Dene Re Hunting Ban On Ingraham Trail

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Renewable Resources, with regard to a hunting corridor being imposed on the Ingraham Trail without the consent of the First Nations, who are affected by it. Why was the consent of the Dene not sought before this hunting corridor was imposed on the Ingraham Trail? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Honourable Member for Sahtu, Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 2-12(5): Consultation With Dene Re Hunting Ban On Ingraham Trail

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Madam Speaker, I will have to check with the department to see what consultation took place with regard to the development of the corridor along Ingraham Trail. From the little time I've had, I understand it's primarily an issue of safety that caused the department to move quickly to resolve what was considered a major issue of safety, for people to be hunting and using firearms along this corridor which has been a major public concern in the

last year and a half. The department moved quickly to create this corridor. So, it was a question of safety. As to the amount of meetings and consultation that took place with the aboriginal people in the area, I would have to get back to the Member on that.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Honourable Member for Nahendeh, supplementary.

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Supplementary To Question 2-12(5): Consultation With Dene Re Hunting Ban On Ingraham Trail

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to ask the same Minister, what is the department doing with regard to consulting with the Dene people on the hunting corridor, at this time? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Honourable Member for Sahtu, Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Madam Speaker, I will check with the department and assess how much consultation took place, say in the last two years, with regard to this issue, between the department and the aboriginal people in this area. I will see how much consultation and meetings have taken place since this went into effect. Once I have that, I will provide it to the Member. The question will be taken as notice. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. If I could remind Ministers, if they intend to take questions as notice, to advise the Members immediately. Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. Honourable Member for Amittuq, Mr. Allooooloo.

Question 3-12(5): WCB Outstanding Claim For Injured Hunter

MR. ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Speaker, on behalf of my constituents.

Madam Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation

Board...he is aware of the accidents that took place a couple years ago involving Hall Beach hunters. Unfortunately, one of them died in the accident. They were lost for a number of days out on the floe ice. One of the hunters lost both legs due to cold weather, and another hunter lost one foot. To this day, the Workers' Compensation Board has not been able to help these people. Since the policy has been changed, would the Minister now be able to assist these people? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Keewatin Central, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 3-12(5): WCB Outstanding Claim For Injured Hunter

HON. JOHN TODD:

I'm not familiar with...I remember the incident but I'm not familiar with the claim of the WCB because there were 3,700 last year. I would think we could look into it, and if the changes to the act get approved quickly, the act intends to protect and provide compensation for hunters and trappers. We would address the issue at that time. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. Honourable Member for Nahendeh, Mr. Antoine.

Question 4-12(5): Hunting Corridor Along Ingraham Trail

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. The question has to do with the hunting corridor that was imposed on the Ingraham Trail. Why was this corridor policy made by Municipal and Community Affairs rather than the ministry of Renewable Resources? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Honourable Member for Keewatin Central, Mr. Todd.

HON. JOHN TODD:

I don't know why it was done. I would have to look into it and take the question as notice.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. Honourable Member for Iqaluit, Mr. Patterson.

Question 5-12(5): Maintenance Of Staff Housing

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to ask the Minister of Public Works and Services about the sale of staff housing. Since the staff housing policy was put in place last year, does the Department of Public Works and Services have a policy on whether they will do major repairs and renovations on staff housing which is eligible for purchase by employees? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Mr. Morin.

Return To Question 5-12(5): Maintenance Of Staff Housing

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Congratulations. My understanding is that regular maintenance would happen to the unit. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Honourable Member for Iqaluit, Mr. Patterson, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question 5-12(5): Maintenance Of Staff Housing

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I guess what I'm curious about is major renovations and things like new carpets and furniture. Would it be the policy of the government -- since the government stated its intention is to get out of staff housing and to sell units -- in places like Iqaluit where there's a high degree of interest in purchasing staff housing, to avoid major renovations and upgrading of staff housing units, and instead to let prospective purchases undertake those expenses? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 5-12(5): Maintenance Of Staff Housing

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The unit is appraised in the condition that it's in. If there are any renovations done, they are needed through regular maintenance to make sure the unit does not deteriorate any more, unnecessarily. That would be put into the price of selling the unit. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Honourable Member for Iqaluit, supplementary, Mr. Patterson.

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Supplementary To Question 5-12(5): Maintenance Of Staff Housing

MR. PATTERSON:

Madam Speaker, as the honourable Minister knows, there are concerns in my constituency that there has been work done by the government in houses that employees have expressed an interest in purchasing. The perception is that this work is being done at government expense, rather than the prospective purchaser's expense. I wonder if the Minister would be open to providing the House with detailed information about the work that has been done on certain staff housing units, since the staff housing policy was put in place. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 5-12(5): Maintenance Of Staff Housing

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would prefer not to beat around the bush and I would prefer not to give my department a lot of work for nothing. If you have specific issues where there are employees of my department who have done major maintenance on a house and got the house at a lesser rate than they should have, please advise me and I will look at those issues. Let's not look at all of them. That is a lot of work. If the Member could provide me with the unit

numbers or addresses, I will investigate those. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Amittuq, Mr. Allooloo.

Question 6-12(5): Problem With Contractor In Pond Inlet

MR. ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation a question. The Minister knows during the last session of this Legislative Assembly, and considerable time has elapsed, I informed him of the problem that is occurring in Pond Inlet with regard to access units. The electrical contract was let out but, because the contractor did not comply with what he said he would, the contract was taken back. Has the ministry been able to take care of this problem? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Mr. Morin.

Return To Question 6-12(5): Problem With Contractor In Pond Inlet

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Member for Pond Inlet raised this issue several times during the last session. We did look into it. Kharaj, I believe is the name of the contractor, did not follow the contract. We got a legal opinion from Justice and we gave him a fine for not following the contract. We took some money back from him, and he proceeded to finish the contract. Based on the instructions I got from Justice and my department, that was the most we could do at that time. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Allooloo.

Supplementary To Question 6-12(5): Problem With Contractor In Pond Inlet

MR. ALLOOLOO:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a job that has to be done now. Is the electrical work being done to those houses?

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Minister responsible for Housing, Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 6-12(5): Problem With Contractor In Pond Inlet

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is my understanding that the electrical work is proceeding on those three access units. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Supplementary, honourable Member for Amittuq, Mr. Allooqoo.

Supplementary To Question 6-12(5): Problem With Contractor In Pond Inlet

MR. ALLOOQOO:

Thank you. My information is somewhat different. I was talking to access people last night and they informed me that the electrical work is not being done and they don't know who is going to do it. Would the Minister look after this problem as soon as possible, so that these people are able to move in before Christmas? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 6-12(5): Problem With Contractor In Pond Inlet

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Agreed.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Nahendeh, Mr. Antoine.

Question 7-12(5): Payroll Tax, Exemption For Treaty People

MR. ANTOINE:

Mahsi, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Finance Minister with regard to the payroll tax that was implemented July 1. Many treaty people have approached me in the past few months about this payroll tax. There is a lot of concern about why they're paying it. I understand that the Finance Minister did have a meeting with the Dene Nation leadership. The question is, why are treaty people who work in the Northwest Territories not exempt from the one per cent payroll tax? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Hay River, Mr. Pollard, Minister of Finance.

Return To Question 7-12(5): Payroll Tax, Exemption For Treaty People

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and congratulations. Madam Speaker, the legal opinion that we obtained indicated that people who earn wages in the Northwest Territories should pay that tax. The Member is correct, I did meet with Mr. Erasmus on this particular issue because the administration of the Dene Nation has not

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registered and has not been remitting the tax. I have been advised by Mr. Erasmus that he is in consultation with the federal department of Finance and the Department of Revenue with regard to the total exemption of any taxes, including GST; taxes on alcohol; taxes on cigarettes; taxes on property, presumably; and taxes on motor fuel.

My agreement with him was that I would meet with the federal Minister of Finance -- and I'm going to in January -- and we would discuss this issue, because it really flows from the federal government. I recognize the fact that they're doing it on the basis of a treaty that was signed by people of the Northwest Territories. There were actually two treaties with the Government of Canada of the day. I will wait until I talk with the Minister of Finance and see what the federal government is going to do with regard to this general issue.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Nahendeh, Mr. Antoine.

Question 8-12(5): Hay River Reserve, Model For Treaty Lands

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I did say I did not have the opportunity to ask these questions during the leadership review, so I'm taking this opportunity. My question is to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. In the tripartite administrative agreement for the Hay River Reserve, is the Hay River Reserve intended to be a model for all Indian Affairs lands and future lands set aside through treaties? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Keewatin Central, Mr. Todd, Minister of MACA.

HON. JOHN TODD:

I'm not knowledgeable of that situation right now, Madam Speaker, so I'll take that question as notice.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The question has been taken as notice. The honourable Member for Iqaluit, Mr. Patterson.

Question 9-12(5): Criteria For Housing Allocation For HAY Plan And Excluded Employees

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a question to the Minister of Personnel. Earlier today, she undertook to provide information on the criteria and the process for allocating staff housing for employees in the Northwest Territories, for which I'm grateful. My question to the Minister is this: for HAY plan and senior management staff, is there a different and special set of criteria for those excluded employees than for other employees? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Baffin Central, Minister of Personnel, Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 9-12(5): Criteria For Housing Allocation For HAY Plan And Excluded Employees

HON. REBECCA MIKE:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. No.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Amittuq, Mr. Alloofoo.

Question 10-12(5): Review Of Commercial Quotas For Country Food

MR. ALLOOFOO:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to turn my questions to the Minister of Renewable Resources.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Nay, nay.

MR. ALLOOFOO:

As the Member knows, the caribou population is quite high all over, in the western Arctic and in the Baffin area. There is still a problem in the smaller communities. The quotas are still small. In the community that I represent, the quota is about 50. The problem is the assessing of the caribou.

Let me say, Madam Speaker, before you land in Pond Inlet, right now, you have to scare the caribou away and then the plane is able to land, there are so many of them.

Would the Minister undertake a review of commercial quotas, with a view to help communities get economic development going and also to address the need to serve country food in hotels and other places. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Sahtu, Mr. Kakfwi, Minister for Renewable Resources.

Return To Question 10-12(5): Review Of Commercial Quotas For Country Food

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Madam Speaker, I will take the suggestion that the Member has made and have a meeting with the department to see if, without great cost, we could do an assessment of the caribou population in Baffin, to see how accurate it is and if there could be better utilization of it at the present time. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Nahendeh, Mr. Antoine.

Question 11-12(5): Reduction Of Housing Corporation Administration Costs

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, once again, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Housing Minister. When the need for social housing is so pressing and the cost of government delivery is too high, why does the ministry cut the quantity of units provided instead of reducing its own administrative costs or better still, consider direct delivery of housing by community housing corporations? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Mr. Morin, Minister responsible for Housing.

Return To Question 11-12(5): Reduction Of Housing Corporation Administration Costs

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. We have cut administration costs over the past two years. As far as the communities delivering the units themselves, I'd be willing to look at that, thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

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Supplementary To Question 11-12(5): Reduction Of Housing Corporation Administration Costs

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. In the communities delivering housing themselves, is the Minister intending it to be in the form of block funding arrangements by community? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Minister of Housing, Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 11-12(5): Reduction Of Housing Corporation Administration Costs

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have no idea at all of how we would accomplish that. It's a good issue to raise and I'll take that issue to the Advisory Committee on Housing and talk about it. Mahsi cho. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Mr. Lewis.

Question 12-12(5): Housing Corporation Vs Department Of Housing

MR. LEWIS:

Thanks very much, Madam Speaker. I would like to address my question to the Minister responsible for housing. Since the original reason for setting up the Housing Corporation is to receive funds from another government or other sources and that structure is no longer needed, why do we continue to have a Housing Corporation instead of just a straight government department for housing?

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you, the honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Mr. Morin, Minister responsible for Housing.

Return To Question 12-12(5): Housing Corporation Vs Department Of Housing

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Our funding has been cut for the construction of new social housing by CMHC but I, myself, am not willing to say that there is no chance of getting some money back. That's our job, to continue to try to get the dollars back. We have to change the act in order to turn the Housing Corporation into a department. It's not necessary any longer to have it that way, to get CMHC funding either. So, it's work that we have to do and we will proceed with that. We are still being funded approximately \$50 million for O and M from CMHC. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question 12-12(5): Housing Corporation Vs Department Of Housing

MR. LEWIS:

I would like to ask the Minister, whether we need a Housing Corporation any more, that's my question.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 12-12(5): Housing Corporation Vs Department Of Housing

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I can't answer that question right now. I don't know whether we need it or not. It's something that we have to talk about. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake, Mr. Dent.

Question 13-12(5): Answer To Written Question

MR. DENT:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Congratulations on your position. My question is for the Minister of Public Works and Services. In the last session, on December 1, I asked the Minister of Public Works and Services and the Minister of Housing a series of detailed written questions. Before the House broke, I got a partial answer to those questions and I wonder if the Minister would commit to provide me with the rest of the information that was requested on December 1, by the end of this week?

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Minister responsible for Housing, Mr. Morin.

Return To Question 13-12(5): Answer To Written Question

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The questions the honourable Member asked, there was a broad range of questions and it takes a lot of work by the department to gather all that information so I can't make that commitment today. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Dent.

Supplementary To Question 13-12(5): Answer To Written Question

MR. DENT:

Supplementary to the same Minister, Madam Speaker. Will the Minister give me a date certain, by which time they will provide me with a listing of all the negotiated contracts from the last fiscal year?

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 13-12(5): Answer To Written Question

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll commit that I'll have it before February.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Iqaluit, Mr. Patterson.

Question 14-12(5): Housing Corporations Financial Difficulties Minimized By Community Associations And Authorities

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Further questions to the Minister of Housing with regard to the financial problems of the Housing Corporation. Madam Speaker, I know the Minister has just said that a major portion of the Housing Corporation's budget is operation and maintenance funding and I know this is administered through housing associations

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and housing authorities. I'd like to ask the Minister, what priority has been put, by the corporation and himself, on seeking greater efficiencies from these local delivery authorities at the community level, in an effort to minimize the financial pressures on the Housing Corporation?

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Minister of Housing, Mr. Morin.

Return To Question 14-12(5): Housing Corporations Financial Difficulties Minimized By Community Associations And Authorities

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The priority we have put in -- and it's a very high priority -- is any dollars that we can save, we would like to save. The problem we have right now -- and I'm presently negotiating that with CMHC -- is out of every dollar we do save, we give 50 cents back to CMHC because everything is cost-shared, or is it 75 cents? So there is no great advantage at this time to cut O and M funding into the communities or to try to save money because CMHC takes it back and then their plan is to reallocate it throughout Canada. Our initial evaluation of the situation, across Canada, you might be able to save approximately \$20 million in O and M funding and if you redistribute that according to need across Canada, we'd get back around a hundred and some thousand dollars. So, it would ultimately mean that we lost money. We are presently negotiating that with CMHC, that any cost-savings we can incur through O and M, we'd like to continue to keep and put back into social housing. We are in those negotiations now, thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Patterson.

Supplementary To Question 14-12(5): Housing Corporations Financial Difficulties Minimized By Community Associations And Authorities

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the recovery problem that the Minister has described but even at 50 per cent on the dollar, if we make a ten per cent saving on a \$50 million O and M budget, I think we would have \$2 million or \$3 million we don't have now. I know that massive efforts have been made on the new home ownership programs and on the construction side of the corporation. Now that those programs are in place, isn't it time, Madam Speaker, that a priority was placed on training, workshops and development of those local housing authorities and associations, so we can try to achieve O and M savings at the community level in the coming year? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The Honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Minister of Housing, Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 14-12(5): Housing Corporations Financial Difficulties Minimized By Community Associations And Authorities

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I agree with the Member that there is a level of training needed at the community level. We have to look at the savings at the community level. I agree that we will work on that. Mahsi cho.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Mr. Whitford.

Question 15-12(5): Control Of Sale Of Near Beer To Children

MR. WHITFORD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a question I would like to direct to the Minister responsible for Public Services. It deals with a controversial issue that arose this past summer, certainly here in Yellowknife, regarding to the .05 alcohol content in imitations of wine and beer. Not that I have anything against people participating in that, but the problem that arose, Madam Speaker, was that children were able to go into grocery stores and buy these right off the shelf. Parents and school boards were very concerned because the stuff looks like, tastes like and smells like alcohol and has everything in it that the real product has. They were concerned because kids could buy it off the shelf, that this should not be so accessible. I would like to ask the Minister, because this issue was brought to his attention before, what action has been taken to resolve this controversial issue?

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The Honourable Member for Keewatin Central, Mr. Todd, Minister responsible for Public Services.

Return To Question 15-12(5): Control Of Sale Of Near Beer To Children

HON. DON MORIN:

At present, there is no regulatory framework to control this .5 per cent beer that is being sold in grocery stores. We sent out letters to the manufacturers and to the retailers asking them to consider withdrawing them on a voluntary basis. We are also looking at legal options to bring it under the NWT Liquor Act. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 15-12(5): Control Of Sale Of Near Beer To Children

MR. WHITFORD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to press the Minister for a response as to what has come about as a result of him contacting the producers and stores? What action has come out of those initial contacts? Has there been any response positive or negative?

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The Honourable Member for Keewatin Central, Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 15-12(5): Control Of Sale Of Near Beer To Children

HON. JOHN TODD:

I understand that the industry is sympathetic. They recognize the importance of the issue. It has been raised in other provinces, I believe. I am told we can move quickly under the act to incorporate some regulations as it relates to this .05 per cent beer. That is what we are endeavouring to do and we want to move as quickly as possible to get it off the shelf and get it into a facility that requires you to be 18 years or older to purchase it. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Baffin South, Mr. Pudlat.

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Question 16-12(5): Reduction Of Public Housing Rents

MR. PUDLAT:

(Translation) Thank you, Madam Speaker. This will be my first question since you became the Speaker.

In Baffin South, it is very hard to find jobs and the artists and carvers are going through a hard time. When they sell their carvings, the prices go down. The prices of carvings are far behind. For that reason, I would like to ask a question of the Minister for the Housing Corporation. The rent is high for houses and they are going through hard times. They need food, especially for the people who are unemployed. I wonder if the Minister of the Housing Corporation could assess the rents?

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Mr. Morin.

Return To Question 16-12(5): Reduction Of Public Housing Rents

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The rent is based on 25 per cent of the gross income. If people are not making very much money, or if they are unemployed, then they will pay the minimum rent. The main thing is the tenants must bring it up to the housing authority that they are not working, or their rent will be assessed at the higher rate. So they have to let the housing association know they are unemployed, then they will get the lower rate. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Pudlat.

Supplementary To Question 16-12(5): Reduction Of Public Housing Rents

MR. PUDLAT:

(Translation) Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you for the response. I understand that there is a minimum rental rate for people who are assisted by social assistance. Some people still have a hard time keeping up their minimum payments. Would he look into this and see if he can assess the people who are having a difficult time keeping up with their house payments? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Mr. Morin, Minister of Housing.

Further Return To Question 16-12(5): Reduction Of Public Housing Rents

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. At the present, the Housing Corporation is reviewing all of the rents that are being paid in the Northwest Territories and they are going to come up with a new policy by spring. If the Member has some specific people or tenants he would like me to look at, I would be pleased to do that if you could give me their names. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake.

Question 17-12(5): Response To Question Re Negotiated Contracts

MR. DENT:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Transportation. In the last session, a few weeks ago, in response to an oral question from myself, the Minister agreed to provide details of the successes and failures that he noted in some of the special circumstances for contracts. Since that didn't happen before the end of the last session, I would like the Minister to provide me with a commitment to provide that before the end of the week. I would like to know a date, if you would give me one. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

The honourable Member for Keewatin Central, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 17-12(5): Response To Question Re Negotiated Contracts

HON. JOHN TODD:

I will be tabling that information this afternoon, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Nahendeh, Mr. Antoine.

Question 18-12(5): Financial Assistance For Dene Cultural Institute

MR. ANTOINE:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment Programs. Mr. Speaker, in the last session, we learned that the Government of the Northwest

Territories has consistently turned back hundreds of thousands of dollars to the federal government for aboriginal language support. I know that the Dene Cultural Institute has been refused, by this government, requests for creating the communities' support and language position for the past several years. Is this government prepared now to reconsider this request and support the very active role the institute plays in fostering culture and language development at the grassroots level? Mahsi.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, Mr. Nerysoo, the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment Programs.

Return To Question 18-12(5): Financial Assistance For Dene Cultural Institute

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to indicate to the honourable Member, I am not the Minister responsible for dealing with applications regarding the official languages agreement. That responsibility falls in the hands of the Premier. I am responsible for managing and monitoring the financial resources allocated to my department and through my department. The calculations for this year show that we are going to overspend the allocations of those resources by approximately \$90,000.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

Question 19-12(5): Support For Dene Cultural Institute

MR. ANTOINE:

Madam Speaker, I would like to ask a similar question to the Minister that is responsible for dealing with the applications, the Premier. I will turn my question to the Government Leader and ask her if the government is prepared to consider the requests to support the Dene Cultural Institute in fostering culture and language development at the grassroots level. Thank you.

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MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. There were no other Members who wanted to pose other oral questions, therefore, I will let your question proceed. Madam Premier.

Return To Question 19-12(5): Support For Dene Cultural Institute

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I did make a commitment earlier, when a question was posed to me. If there were some applications that were specific and had been turned down, if brought to my attention, I will look again at the applications. I am still committed to do that. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Iqaluit, Mr. Patterson.

Question 20-12(5): Lawsuit With Federal Government On Health Costs

MR. PATTERSON:

This was a question I didn't get to ask in the review process, directed to the Minister of Finance regarding fiscal deficit reduction strategy. I know the Minister of Finance was instrumental in the decision to sue the Government of Canada on the health billing dispute. Would the Minister agree that there is a possible danger that, even if the GNWT lawsuit is successful, the Government of Canada, through changes in other policies, contributions agreements, and formula financing, could quickly make up the loss in that lawsuit by other reductions to other parts of the budget of the Government of the Northwest Territories? Isn't that a danger of this strategy proceeding by lawsuit? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. The honourable Member for Hay River. Mr. Pollard.

Return To Question 20-12(5): Lawsuit With Federal Government On Health Costs

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

I am aware of that danger, but I think that the issue, sooner or later, has to come to a head. I am aware that we may be able to win in this particular instance, and if the federal government were a niggardly

government, they might say, we now stand to recoup that money from another area of the government. I am aware of that potential down side to this, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Before you go to your supplementary, Mr. Patterson, I just want you to be conscientious of your line of questioning. You are attempting to draw out an opinion from the Minister, and also be aware of the possible issue being in a court of law. I will allow you a supplementary, but please be conscientious of those two points.

Supplementary To Question 20-12(5): Lawsuit With Federal Government On Health Costs

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate your advice. Madam Speaker, my question has to do with the policy of the Government of the Northwest Territories and its fiscal relations with Ottawa. I would like to ask the Minister of Finance, with regard to Mr. Ballantyne's Member's statement today, would it not be preferable as a policy of the Government of the Northwest Territories -- rather than pursuing a lawsuit here, a negotiation there, a petition to a department here -- to have an overall package of financial issues to present to the Government of Canada -- one of them being the health billings dispute -- and present a comprehensive proposal for overly long-term fiscal relations between our governments, rather than pursuing issues in a fragmented manner, which seems to be the case at present?

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Mr. Pollard.

Further Return To Question 20-12(5): Lawsuit With Federal Government On Health Costs

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, that has been done and was done with the previous governments. It concerned the housing issue, the northern accord, the perversity in the formula financing agreement, the hospital billings agreement, the physicians' services agreement, and a number of issues, not the least of which was the federal government not paying some tax-based municipalities grant-in-lieu on property that was set aside for aboriginal use. There was a package presented to

the previous government and they chose not to deal with it as a package. That same package exists at the present time. It has been modified somewhat. All Members of Cabinet are aware of the items that are in that package. It is a matter now of waiting for the new federal government to get up to speed on a number of these issues and then sitting down with the federal Finance Minister, whose desk I believe it will arrive on, and see if they are willing to deal with these items as a package. One of the large steps towards doing that was when Mr. Irwin agreed to negotiate, through our lawyers, the health billings dispute. That has taken us towards resolving all of these issues in one fell-swoop. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Patterson.

Supplementary To Question 20-12(5): Lawsuit With Federal Government On Health Costs

MR. PATTERSON:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am pleased to see there is such a comprehensive strategy in place. Given the commitment and throne speech to tackle the deficit as a priority, and given that we will next be contemplating the O and M budget -- which will be overshadowed by these major fiscal problems that we are all aware of -- I would like to ask the Minister of Finance, what plans does he have to consult with Members of this House, particularly the Standing Committee on Finance, to inform us of the elements of this comprehensive fiscal package that has been presented to Ottawa? Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Mr. Pollard, Minister of Finance.

Further Return To Question 20-12(5): Lawsuit With Federal Government On Health Costs

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Madam Speaker, I think, as Members know, there are some issues we have to deal with ourselves. One of the ways I propose to do that is by tabling, this afternoon, a discussion paper on fiscal matters in the Northwest Territories. There is a second element and that is, there are several Ministers who are responsible for the

Northwest Territories. There is the Finance Minister because he pulls a lot of weight when it comes to our financial agreement with Canada. The Minister of Indian Affairs is also heavily involved. In some cases, it might be the Minister of Health who is involved.

Once we've got a clearer idea from the Government of Canada that they are prepared to look at all these things as a package, then, certainly, I would take the package to the Standing Committee on Finance and advise them of what I thought should be on the table as part of the package. At our earliest convenience, we would advise the House. I want to stress, Madam Speaker, that I don't want to negotiate with the federal government in this House. But, we will be as open as possible with the Standing Committee on Finance and with this House on our positions on particular matters. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Pollard. Item 5, oral questions. Honourable Member for Nahendeh, Mr. Antoine.

Question 21-12(5): Community Transfer Initiatives

MR. ANTOINE:

Mahsi, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister responsible for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs. It is about the community transfer initiatives. I would like to ask the Minister, how can you guarantee protection of aboriginal rights and continued federal fiduciary obligations, should communities request transfer of programs under the community transfer initiatives? Mahsi.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Honourable Member for Sahtu, Minister responsible for Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 21-12(5): Community Transfer Initiatives

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

(Translation missing) Whenever there is a request for transfer from different government departments, we try to accommodate the communities that request them. Only if treaty Indians request this kind of service can we go ahead and accommodate them. But, we can not make decisions like this on our own. When a hamlet requests government transfer, we can not go ahead with just their request alone. We have to ask the communities, the Dene groups, the band

councils as well as other government bodies. If there is support from the Metis as well, then we can go ahead and support this kind of initiative. We can not go ahead and support this unless it is supported by all people in the community. Mahsi, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Supplementary, Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question 21-12(5): Community Transfer Initiatives

MR. ANTOINE:

Mahsi, Madam Speaker. In my Member's statement today I talked about the relationship between the Crown and the Dene people. The relationship that has developed, without the total consent of treaty Indians, is that this government has taken over a lot of the programs and services from the federal responsibility. Some of these programs and services are in the process of being transferred to the community level, through the community transfer initiative. I guess the question here is, has the Minister and his department ever come out with a position on how to deal with the fiduciary obligations, to treaty Indians, of the federal government and how that is going to be reflected in the community transfer initiatives? Mahsi.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Honourable Member for Sahtu, Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question 21-12(5): Community Transfer Initiatives

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

(Translation) If a request comes from a community, and if you have treaty rights, people can make an agreement with the federal government on services that are legally provided to them as treaty people. If everybody agrees and says to go ahead and start discussion on it, we will just go ahead and work on it like that. We don't make decisions on our own to say, this is what we are going to discuss and this is what we are not going to discuss. We go by the direction of the communities.

Whenever there is a request from them to have a discussion with us, we meet with the communities. But, if there is a chief or a council who is sitting there and saying, this is none of your concern and it isn't in your jurisdiction to go ahead and make decisions like

this, then we go with their wishes. So, whenever we work on something together, there has to be a total consensus before we go ahead and make decisions on anything. We go with the wishes of the people.

MADAM SPEAKER:

The time for oral questions has lapsed. Prior to going to written questions, we will take a short break. There will be a short presentation in the Great Hall from the Member for Kivallivik, the Minister of MACA, to one of the constituents from Baker Lake. He's requesting the indulgence of Members to kindly join him. Thank you. We will have a short break.

---SHORT RECESS

MADAM SPEAKER:

I'll call this House back to order. Item 6, written questions. Item 7, petitions. The honourable Member for Keewatin Central, Mr. Todd.

ITEM 7: PETITIONS

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to present a Petition 1-12(5). I gained signatures from 151 residents in Rankin Inlet. This petition is questioning the bus service for the communities, due to the harshness of the climate and the long distance that children have to walk to school. Madam Speaker, this summer, the children of Rankin will have to walk over two kilometres to get to school. Anyone else familiar with Rankin Inlet knows that such a walk could be very difficult. I know that the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment Programs has established guidelines and criteria that allow boards of education and community education councils to contract for bus services. The people of Rankin Inlet are looking forward to the introduction of this funding so that the children of Rankin Inlet can be provided with decent transportation to school. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Todd. Item 7, petitions. Item 8, reports of standing and special committees. Item 9, tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Nunakput.

ITEM 9: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Madam Speaker, I wish to table the following document, Tabled Document 1-12(5), Towards an NWT Mineral Strategy. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 9, tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Tu Nedhe, Mr. Morin.

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to table the following document, Tabled Document 2-12(5), Building and Learning Strategy, Increasing Northerner Involvement in Building and Construction Occupations. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 9, tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to table the following document, Tabled Document 3-12(5), Towards a Strategy to 2010, A Discussion Paper, with a summary in Inuktitut.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 9, tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Sahtu, Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Madam Speaker, I wish to table the following document, Tabled Document 4-12(5), Building a Strategy for Dealing with Violence in the Northwest Territories. Mahsi.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 9, tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Sahtu, Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Madam Speaker, I wish to table the following document, Tabled Document 5-12(5), Declaration on Family Violence of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Item 9, tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Sahtu, Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Madam Speaker, I also wish to table the following document, Tabled Document 6-12(5), The Department of Justice Response to "The Justice House," Report of the Special Advisor on Gender Equality.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 9, tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Hay River, Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to table the following document, Tabled Document 7-12(5), A Discussion Paper - Deficit Management.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 9, tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Hay River, Mr. Pollard.

HON. JOHN POLLARD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to table the following document, Tabled Document 8-12(5), Implementation Plan for Recommendations of the Abortion Services Review Committee, November 1993.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 9, tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Keewatin Central, Mr. Todd.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to table the following document, Tabled Document 9-12(5), Northwest Territories Transportation Agenda for December 1993.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 9, tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Keewatin Central, Mr. Todd.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to table the following document, Tabled Document 10-12(5), the Report on Negotiated Contracts Awarded by the

Department of Transportation in 1992-93 and 1993-94.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 9, tabling of documents. Item 10, notices of motion. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot, Mr. Ng.

ITEM 10: NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion 2-12(5): Appointment Of Mr. Arngna'naaq To Fill Vacancy On Executive Council

MR. NG:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I give notice that, on Wednesday, December 15, 1993, I will move the following motion.

I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake, that this Legislative Assembly recommend to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories that Mr. Silas Arngna'naaq, the Member for Kivallivik, be appointed to the Executive Council.

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

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Ng. Item 10, notices of motion. The honourable Member for Keewatin Central, Mr. Todd.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Notices of motions for first reading of bills, Madam Speaker. I give notice that, on Wednesday, December 15, 1993,...

MADAM SPEAKER:

Sorry, Mr. Todd. We are on notices of motion. Ms. Cournoyea.

Motion 3-12(5): Towards An NWT Mineral Strategy To Committee Of The Whole

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:

Madam Speaker, I give notice that, on Wednesday, December 15, 1993, I will move the following motion.

I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Hay River, that Tabled Document 1-12(5), Towards an

NWT Mineral Strategy, be moved into the committee of the whole for discussion. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 10, notices of motion.

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The honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, Mr. Nerysoo.

Motion 4-12(5): Building And Learning Strategy - Increasing Northerner Involvement In Building And Construction Occupations To Committee Of The Whole

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I give notice that, on Wednesday, December 15, 1993, I will move the following motion.

I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin Central, that Tabled Document 2-12(5), Building and Learning Strategy, Increasing Northerner Involvement in Building and Construction Occupations, be moved into committee of the whole for discussion.

At the appropriate time, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this particular motion.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 10, notices of motion. The honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, Mr. Nerysoo.

Motion 5-12(5): Towards A Strategy To 2010 To Committee Of The Whole

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I give notice that, on Wednesday, December 15, 1993, I will move the following motion.

I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin Central, that Tabled Document 3-12(5), Towards a Strategy to 2010, A Discussion Paper, be moved into committee of the whole for discussion.

At the appropriate time, I will seek unanimous consent to deal with this particular motion.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 10, notices of motion. The honourable Member for Sahtu, Mr. Kakfwi.

Motion 6-12(5): Building A Strategy For Dealing With Violence In The NWT To Committee Of The Whole

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Madam Speaker, I give notice that, on Wednesday, December 15, 1993, I will move the following motion.

I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Hay River, that Tabled Document 4-12(5), Building a Strategy for Dealing with Violence in the Northwest Territories, Tabled Document 5-12(5), Declaration on Family Violence, and Tabled Document 6-12(5), the Department of Justice Response to "The Justice House," Report of the Special Advisor on Gender Equality, be moved into committee of the whole for discussion as the first item of business on Thursday, February 10, 1994;

And further, that in accordance with Motion 7-12(4), passed in this House on Wednesday, December 8, 1993, during the Fourth Session, witnesses from women's groups, aged and disabled, are invited to appear before committee of the whole on Thursday, February 10, 1994. Mahsi.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 10, notices of motion. Item 11, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

ITEM 11: NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Bill 2: An Act To Amend The Charter Communities Act

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I hope I have it right this time. I give notice that, on Wednesday, December 15, 1993, I shall move that Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Charter Communities Act, be read for the first time.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Item 11, notices of motions for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Keewatin Central.

Bill 3: An Act To Amend The Cities, Towns And Villages Act

HON. JOHN TODD:

Madam Speaker, I give notice that, on Wednesday, December 15, 1993, I shall move that Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Cities, Towns and Villages Act, be read for the first time.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 11, notices of motions for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Keewatin Central.

Bill 4: An Act To Amend The Hamlets Act

HON. JOHN TODD:

Madam Speaker, I give notice that, on Wednesday, December 15, 1993, I shall move that Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Hamlets Act, be read for the first time.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 11, notices of motions for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Keewatin Central.

Bill 6: An Act To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I give notice that, on Wednesday, December 15, 1993, I shall move that Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act, be read for the first time.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 11, notices of motions for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Sahtu, Mr. Kakfwi.

Bill 5: An Act To Amend The Partnership Act

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Madam Speaker, I give notice that, on Wednesday, December 15, 1993, I shall move that Bill 5, An Act to Amend the Partnership Act, be read for the first time.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 11, notices of motions for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Sahtu, go ahead Mr. Kakfwi.

Bill 7: Personal Property Security Act

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Madam Speaker, I give notice on Wednesday December 15, 1993, I shall move that Bill 7, Personal Property Security Act, be read for the first time.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 11, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Item 12, motions. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot, Mr. Ng.

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ITEM 12: MOTIONS

MR. NG:

Madam Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to deal with the motion for the appointment of Mr. Arngna'naaq to fill the vacancy on the Executive Council.

MADAM SPEAKER:

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to address his motion today. Are there any nays? Mr. Ng, there are no nays, proceed with your motion.

Motion 2-12(5): Appointment Of Mr. Arngna'naaq To Fill Vacancy On Executive Council

MR. NG:

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

WHEREAS, section 55(1) of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act requires that there shall be an Executive Council of the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Executive Council due to the resignation of Mr. Allooloo, the Member for Amittuq;

AND WHEREAS, Members of the Executive Council are appointed by the Commissioner on the recommendations of this Assembly;

AND WHEREAS, it is desirable to fill this vacancy;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake, that this Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories that Mr.

Silas Arngna'naaq, the Member for Kivallivik, be appointed to the Executive Council.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you. Your motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? All those abstained? Motion is carried. Thank you.

---Carried

---Applause

MADAM SPEAKER:

Item 12, motions. The honourable Member for MacKenzie Delta, Mr. Nerysoo.

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to seek unanimous consent to deal with motion regarding Tabled Document 2-12(5), Building and Learning Strategy.

MADAM SPEAKER:

The Member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion. However, I want to advise Members that the chair does not have a copy of that particular motion nor do we have a copy of a translated motion. The Member is asking to seek unanimous consent to address his motion. Point of order, Mr. Nerysoo.

Point Of Order

HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:

Point of order, Madam Speaker. I believe that the Members don't have a copy of the motion, therefore, I will withdraw my request for unanimous consent.

MADAM SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. A request to address the motion has been withdrawn. Item 12, motions. Item 13, first reading of bills. Item 14, second reading of bills. Item 15, orders of the day. Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

ITEM 15: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):

Madam Speaker. There will be a swearing in ceremony at 5:00 pm this evening in the Chamber. There will be a meeting of the Striking Committee,

immediately after adjournment which will be followed by a meeting of the Nunavut caucus. At 9:00 am tomorrow, a meeting of the full caucus, at 10:30 am of the Ordinary Members' Caucus and at 12:00 noon of the Standing Committee on Finance. Orders of the day for Tuesday, December 14, 1993.

1. Prayer
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21. Orders of the Day

---ADJOURNMENT