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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Allooloo, Mr. Antoine, Mr. Ballantyne, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Dent, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Koe, Mr. Lewis, 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, Mr. Zoe

**ITEM 1: PRAYER**

---Prayer

**DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Lewis):**

Good afternoon, colleagues. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Kakfwi.

**ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS**

Minister's Statement 9-12(7): Declaration Of Zero Tolerance For Family Violence

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, in February of 1993, the Members of the Legislative Assembly passed a resolution adopting the principle of zero tolerance for family violence and called upon community governments, native organizations, unions and other organizations to adopt the principle of zero tolerance for family violence. I wish to report on the number of organizations which, to the best of my knowledge and information, have accepted the invitation from the Legislative Assembly and have passed resolutions or declarations of zero tolerance.

Within days of the Legislative Assembly passing its resolution, the town of Hay River passed a resolution supporting the Legislative Assembly's declaration of zero tolerance towards family violence and praising the action of the Legislative Assembly.

The city of Yellowknife in March, 1994, adopted the declaration of family violence, passed by the Legislative Assembly, and forwarded its resolution to the NWT Association of Municipalities for consideration at its 1994 annual general meeting. The city of Yellowknife also resolved that the NWT Association of Municipalities ensure that the necessary changes are made to make it mandatory that anyone who is convicted of family violence while

holding public office be required to resign his or her seat.

The NWT Association of Municipalities in May, 1994, passed a resolution to the same effect as the city of Yellowknife resolution.

The Aklavik Band Council in July, 1994, passed a resolution adopting the declaration on family violence and resolving to ensure that the Gwich'in Tribal Council by-laws are changed to deal with the resignation from public office of persons who engage in family violence.

The town of Fort Smith in October, 1994, adopted the principle of zero tolerance for family violence. In October, the Samba K'e Dene Band from Trout Lake adopted the declaration passed by the Legislative Assembly expressing that family violence has been going on for too long and should not be tolerated any longer.

In November, the hamlet of Aklavik adopted the declaration passed by the Legislative Assembly and the hamlet of Gjoa Haven unanimously passed a motion to support zero tolerance of abuse of family or spousal assault.

Mr. Speaker, in October, 1994, I wrote to all community governments, band councils, native organizations and the Federation of Labour asking them to make the same commitment that other organizations had made and adopt the principle of zero tolerance for family violence. As a result, my office is receiving reports from communities on a regular basis.

As the Members of the Legislative Assembly noted when they made their own declaration of zero tolerance, such pronouncements do not in themselves magically erase family violence and the destruction it causes, but it is an essential beginning. If family violence is to be dealt with, it requires that all of us in the north make this important statement of commitment or it will not happen. It is absolutely essential that this commitment be declared at the community level.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate those municipalities and organizations which have passed resolutions, and invite the Members of the Legislative Assembly to contact their constituents and urge their municipal councils, band councils and other organizations to adopt the principle of zero tolerance for family violence, if they have not already done so. Mahsi.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Item 2, Minister's statements. Mr. Nerysoo.

Minister's Statement 10-12(7): Connecting The North Conference

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Education, Culture and Employment has taken a lead role in using new communications technologies to enhance program delivery. This has included the establishment of a territorial educational computer network and the use of interactive and broadcast television for delivery of distance learning programs. However, these initiatives are dependent on the development of an affordable communications infrastructure, which can be used for a variety of applications, such as television broadcasts, telephone services or computer links. The strategic plan for Education, Culture and Employment focused on the need for a single, seamless communications

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network. As a first step towards creating this network, the department is cooperating with its partners to hold the connecting the north conference, from November 23rd to 25th.

Connecting the North will bring together people from the public and private sectors, including political leaders, the people who provide communications services and the people who use those services. Participants will discuss the state of northern communications infrastructure and consider options for future improvements. The potential for improved service delivery and economic development using modern communications technology will also be discussed. Presentations will include demonstrations of successful initiatives in the north and other jurisdictions. Many of these presentations will be made by teleconference, with participants as far away as Australia.

Connecting the North is being organized by the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation, with the assistance of the Department of Education, Culture and Employment. Funding has been provided by my department, as well as the departments of Health and Social Services and Economic Development and Tourism, as well as a number of federal government departments and the

private sector. Considerable assistance has also been provided by Telesat Canada and NorthwesTel.

Mr. Speaker, the Northwest Territories has much to gain from an improved communications infrastructure. High-speed interactive communications could dramatically increase our ability to deliver education and other programs to all communities in a timely and cost-efficient manner. I look forward to next week's conference and our discussions on how to improve information services to connect the north. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Todd.

Minister's Statement 11-12(7): Phase II General Rate Application Hearings

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, some concern has been raised by Members over the past several weeks about the lack of adequate community consultation by the Public Utilities Board concerning this application that will set the new rate structure for all communities in the Northwest Territories.

I am pleased to announce today that the board will be undertaking further regional hearings on the two major diesel zones, proposed zones 3 and 4.

The board is planning to travel to Iqaluit and Inuvik to hold public hearings within the next two months. I will be speaking with the chairman of the PUB later this week to consider the possibility of expanding these hearings to include other regions.

These hearings will provide a further opportunity for municipal governments and other interested residents to appear before the board to provide evidence on this application. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Koe.

**ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Member's Statement Re Arctic Winter Games Site Selection Process

**MR. KOE:**

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on November 9, 1994, the town of Inuvik issued a press release expressing their concerns about the process used to select a host community for the 1998 Arctic Winter Games. Generally, they are concerned about the process and selection criteria used and what the final decision means for the ongoing integrity and future of the games.

I wish to reiterate the position expressed by the Inuvik and region Arctic Winter Games Bid Committee that the 1998 bid process is finalized, and we all recognize and congratulate the city of Yellowknife as the host community. We wish them all the best.

Mr. Speaker, one of the outstanding issues is the selection process and criteria used by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee. Ever since the decision was announced, there have been various allegations and insinuations made about the roles and responsibilities of the international bid committee, the Minister, the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs and the two Northwest Territories appointees to the Arctic Winter Games International Committee. I don't want to get into the specifics of these as they have received enough press already.

However, I do wish to again congratulate the Inuvik and regional Arctic Winter Games Bid Committee for their outstanding efforts. They based their bid on the criteria which was given to them and on the understanding that a split games format could be acceptable. In doing so, they presented a very professional package.

What I do wish to address, and hopefully have answered, are the many questions raised by the Inuvik and regional bid committee and Members of this House about the integrity of the selection process. It appears that there is no clear process between the sponsoring governments and the international committee to determine the evolution of the games.

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? Mr. Koe, proceed.

**MR. KOE:**

Mahsi. This seems strange because this government appoints two representatives to the international committee, and is also the largest contributor of money to the Arctic Winter Games. Therefore, they should have had considerable influence on the decisions made by the committee.

Mr. Speaker, I would like this government to review the bid process, determine what happened and how and why it happened. The intent here is to ensure that it does not happen again. I would also like this government to review sports, in general. The intent here is to review the sporting activities and the management of these to which this government contributes financial and human resources. I would also like this government to consider providing more support to community and regional games and to indigenous games.

Mr. Speaker, I will be following up on this issue during question period today. And, Mr. Speaker, I also wait for the day when I can attend the first Arctic Winter Games north of the Arctic Circle. Mahsi.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Mr. Kakfwi.

Member's Statement On Passage Of The Sahtu Final Agreement

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, the road to getting a land claim agreement for the Sahtu region has been a very long and difficult one. The Sahtu region, as we all know, is part of the Dene/Metis comprehensive claim agreement which was initialled in April of 1990, but later rejected at an assembly in July 1990. The federal government then agreed to negotiate a regional claims settlement based on the April 1990 agreement.

The regional agreement with the Sahtu Dene and Metis was initialled in March 1993, and the ratification vote was held July 1993. This agreement received overwhelming support from the people of the Sahtu region. Eighty-five per cent of the Dene and 99 per cent of the Metis in the Sahtu region voted in favour of this agreement. On June 23, 1994, the settlement legislation for this agreement was passed in the Parliament of Canada.

Under this agreement, approximately 2,000 beneficiaries in the Sahtu settlement area will receive title to 41,437 square kilometres -- approximately 16,000 square miles -- of land, of which 1,813 square kilometres -- approximately 700 square miles -- will include the title to subsurface resources.

The Sahtu Dene and Metis will receive financial payments of \$75 million -- in 1990 dollars -- over a 15-year period, as well as a share of the resource royalties which the federal government receives each year from the Mackenzie Valley. The Sahtu Dene and Metis will receive 7.5 per cent of the first \$2 million of resource royalties collected by government in each year and 1.5 per cent of any additional resource royalties in that year.

The agreement confirms the rights of the Sahtu Dene and Metis to hunt and fish throughout the settlement area, and it also gives them the exclusive right to trap throughout the settlement area.

The agreement guarantees the participation of the Sahtu Dene and Metis in the management of renewable resources within the settlement area, land use planning, environment impact assessment and review within the Mackenzie Valley and the regulation of land and water use within the settlement area in the Mackenzie Valley if a larger land and water board is established.

The federal government and the Government of the Northwest Territories have also committed...

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Kakfwi.

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

The Sahtu Dene and Metis participation will be through membership on public government boards and through consultation. The federal government and the Government of the Northwest Territories have also committed in the agreement to enter into negotiations with the Sahtu Dene and Metis in order to reach agreements on self-government.

Mr. Speaker, as the MLA for the Sahtu, I would like to acknowledge the people who made this land claim agreement possible. In particular, Mr. George Cleary, then president of the Sahtu Tribal Council and now

president of the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated; and Mr. Norman Yakelaya, the chief negotiator, who were very active in leading the Sahtu region during the negotiation of this agreement. I also wish to acknowledge the role played by Mr. George Barnaby, the vice-president of the Sahtu Tribal Council.

I would also like to acknowledge Mr. Dan Yakelaya, who negotiated the implementation plan for the Sahtu final agreement on behalf of the Sahtu Tribal Council. Finally, I would like to thank the following chiefs and presidents of the Dene bands and Metis locals in the Sahtu region who, over a period of years, put in effort and contributed to the conclusions of these claims negotiations: Chief Raymond Taniton, Chief Everett Kakfwi, Chief Isidore Manuel, Chief Freddie Doctor, Chief Richard Kochon; and, Rocky Norwegian, Roy Doolittle and Wilfred McNeely, Jr. who are the presidents of the Metis locals within the Sahtu region.

In conclusion, I wish to publicly wish all my constituents the very best as they begin the implementation of the Sahtu land claim agreement. Thank you.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Ballantyne.

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Member's Statement On Signing Of Agreements Between Treaty 8 Dene First Nations And Canada

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today is a historic day for the Treaty 8 Dene First Nations. Today at 3:00 pm in the Ndilo gym, the First Nations will be initialling a protocol agreement of treaty entitlement with the federal government. This initialling will be followed by the initialling of the terms of reference for the transfer of programs and services from Canada to the Treaty 8 Dene First Nations. The Treaty 8 Dene will also initial a process for negotiating a co-existent agreement on traditional lands.

At this time, I would like to extend my congratulations to the people who are very responsible for this important day: Chief Jonas Sangris, Chief Darryl Beaulieu, Chief Antoine Michel, Chief Jerry Paulette, Chief Don Balsillie, and Chief Magloire Paulette; the band councils and the elders; the people of the Treaty

8 First Nations; and, also, a special note of recognition to Mr. Francois Paulette and Mr. Felix Lockhart who are the negotiators.

Mr. Speaker, this is the end of a long, difficult journey and a beginning of a new, difficult journey and I think the people of the Treaty 8 First Nations deserve a lot of credit for their hard work and their patience for coming this far. I think I can speak on behalf of all Members of this Assembly in wishing them the best as they negotiate their treaty with the federal government. Thank you.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Hear, hear.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Ng.

Member's Statement On Cambridge Bay Nunavut Capital Campaign

**MR. NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm happy to announce today that the hamlet of Cambridge Bay has officially launched their Nunavut capital campaign.

---Applause

Like the old saying goes, better late than never. His Worship, Mayor Larry Ahnavigak is in Rankin Inlet currently and on his way to Iqaluit to promote the community of Cambridge Bay. As with all promotions, there is also propaganda that goes along with it. So, the Cambridge Bay Capital Committee has commissioned these T-shirts, which I present to all Members on their behalf...

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Shame, shame.

**MR. NG:**

Mr. Speaker, you will notice that these ones are in colour, and not black and white, like some of the others.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Ohh.

---Laughter

**MR. NG:**

I'd like to ask my honourable colleagues from Keewatin Central and from Iqaluit to possibly model these when they go back to their home constituency.

---Laughter

We also have caps and brochures that the Cambridge Bay Capital Committee has commissioned to go along with the T-shirts. But, unfortunately, they are not available at this time and I suspect it is because the caps are being made in the Keewatin and the brochures are being printed in Iqaluit.

---Laughter

But, all joking aside, Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish all communities luck in their efforts to become the capital of Nunavut. Regardless of which community it is, I think it's important that the best, most effective and most efficient delivery of government services to the residents of Nunavut is what counts. Thank you, very much.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Hear, hear.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Ng. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Nerysoo.

Member's Statement On Contributions To Aklavik Alcohol Committee

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you. Yes, Mr. Whitford, rare, but when I do speak, I hope it's worthy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to do what many others in this Assembly have done and that is recognize the contributions of many in my constituency to deal with the issue of alcohol and drug abuse.

Members should be aware that the Hay River alcohol centre is probably one of the oldest organizations dealing with alcohol. There have been many successes and many failures, or so-called failures.

But, the fact is, no matter what situation occurred, at least we were able to convince people that there is a need for them to deal with some of their personal issues, problems and development.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to pay tribute to those people in Aklavik, of the Aklavik Alcohol Committee. Historically, we have to recognize people like Danny and Annie B. Gordon, who were instrumental in the establishment of that committee. But, I also wanted to pay personal tribute to a lady who is our community school counsellor in Fort McPherson, a lady by the name of Hazel Nerysoo. Hazel Nerysoo has been involved in the development and establishment of a pride group in Fort McPherson. In the last three years, they've been attending most pride conferences and have been raising funds, even to this day, for people to take healing programs, particularly as they deal with personal drug and alcohol abuse, and solvent abuse. They are trying to get young people involved in community wellness and development.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this opportunity to say to those people and to the many staff who are working with these boards, committees and with our young. It is always our pleasure to see the commitment of our communities and our

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people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Your timing was perfect. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Ningark.

Member's Statement On Christmas And The Needy

**MR. NINGARK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think this is going to be the last day before Christmas, which is only about 40 days away. Publicly, I would like to wish the people of the NWT a very merry Christmas, especially my colleagues in this House. I find it very useful and educational to work with all my colleagues, the MLAs, in this government. I would also like to wish my constituents a very special Christmas.

Mr. Speaker, Christmas is a time to rejoice, share and be merry. However, there are many families that may not be as lucky as most of us. They may not be as healthy as we are, they may not be able to move

around and, financially, Mr. Speaker, families may not be able to enjoy a turkey dinner and kids might not be able to receive a Christmas present like most of our kids do, especially those of us who are in the system.

Mr. Speaker, my heart is very, very close to people who are struggling to make ends meet. Therefore, I would like to remind all the MLAs and the people of the NWT to walk that extra mile to help the poor people of this jurisdiction so that they may have the most pleasant, most enjoyable Christmas ever. Thank you.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Hear, hear.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Antoine.

Member's Statement On Economic Development Conference In Nahendeh

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. The Deh Cho First Nations want to host an economic development conference soon and I support that concept because in my constituency, there are many different economic opportunities that have been undertaken by individuals and different bands and companies over the years and there has never been an economic development conference in my constituency.

Over the past couple of years, there have been discussions on the community level to try to put together some sort of a conference. This is to try to develop a framework economic development strategy for the whole region. What will it achieve? Well, it will achieve formulating several actions plans for key economic sectors which will, in turn, roll into a comprehensive regional economic development strategy. There are different opportunities in each of these sectors presently: transportation, oil and gas; communications; mining; and, resource harvesting. That is naming just a few opportunities that are out there. Participation is very important for everyone in the region and in the communities to try to put our heads together to see what is there and plan for the future. I think it is very important in light of the fact that in 1999, once division happens, the north is going to have to be revisited and see what we have and

how we will deal with what we have. This is the direction in my constituency. There is a request to

the government by people in my area for financial support to put on such a conference.

Just recently, there was a conference in Rankin Inlet where the government supported this major initiative, so people could put their heads together and see how economic opportunities could be realized. This is similar to that type of request. I would just like the House to know that this is the direction people in my constituency are taking at this time. Mahsi cho.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Whitford.

Member's Statement Re Decision On Low-Water Surcharge

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as one of the few communities not seeking the Nunavut capital site, on behalf of Yellowknifers, I say that the long-awaited decision on the low-water surcharge to the North Slave region is certainly welcomed. We are happy that the decisions have been made, although we are not entirely happy with the decision, Mr. Speaker. We had hoped that we would see no rate increase and that the corporation would do the right thing and absorb that cost and probably work out some other form of recovery over a longer period of time.

However, Mr. Speaker, having said that, we are happy that the rate is not going to be 22 per cent, but down to 14 per cent. More importantly, we are very pleased with the fact that there is a very fixed period of time. The PUB were very timely in installing the one-year time period and no longer, in the event that the recovery is better, then the levy will be lifted sooner. We are very pleased with that, Mr. Speaker.

I am disappointed, however, that not enough comments were made on the long-term reserve fund that had been suggested by myself and others. We hope that the corporation will now take a long hard second look at that suggestion and implement an emergency fund for low-fuel or water reserves to avoid this rate shock that we are going to be experiencing in the next little while.

That said, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity as well to congratulate all of the employees of the Northwest Territories Power Corporation; the mechanics, the power plant operators; and, the line staff who work so hard to keep our lights going through some pretty tough conditions. I think some of the negative comments we make here about the corporation should not reflect on the hard-working staff. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Patterson.

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Member's Statement On Tribute To Dr. Paul Stubbings

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Thank you, Madam...Mr. Speaker, pardon me.

---Laughter

Mr. Speaker, I want to comment today on the recent statement from the president of the NWT Medical Association, Dr. Perry Caplan: that there are now more doctors in the NWT, that they are staying longer and many doctors who come to the Northwest Territories are attracted by the challenge of practising a different kind of medicine here than in many other parts of the country or the world.

I would like today to pay tribute to one of those doctors, the longest serving physician in Nunavut and one of the longest serving physicians in the Northwest Territories, Dr. Paul Stubbings, who has been practising medicine in Iqaluit, in one capacity or another, including a term as chief of staff of the Baffin Regional Hospital, and the establishment of the first private medical clinic in Iqaluit, since September 12, 1978.

Dr. Caplan, in his statement, pointed out that practising medicine in the NWT is especially difficult and challenging and involves much more primary care than elsewhere. Being a permanent resident of the community, getting to know your patients very well means the patients get excellent service, but I think it can also mean additional pressures on the person delivering the service. It must be much more difficult when you are a doctor who is close to your patient.



This emphasis on community and preventive primary health care is what makes our health system unique and even the envy of the rest of Canada. Paul Stubbings is a long-time home owner in Iqaluit. He is a keen hunter and respected outdoorsman. Last year, he travelled by snowmobile to Cape Dorset from Iqaluit. He knows the people in the Baffin region and he understands them. He knows a lot about the Inuit and their culture and he has freely passed on this specialized and valuable knowledge to the many shorter-term physicians and health professionals with whom he has worked over the years.

Over the years, Paul Stubbings has been there for us for the emergencies, the call-outs in the middle of the night and he has also delivered an awful lot of babies, and even their babies, in Iqaluit. He and his family have made an enormous contribution to the community.

I rise on behalf of the people of Iqaluit and the Baffin region to say thank you to Dr. Stubbings. He is a modest, humble man. He doesn't seek recognition or high visibility, however, we do recognize him and his great contribution to health services in the region. Thank you.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Item 3, Members' statements. Is there anyone on this side of the House? Mr. Pudlat.

Member's Statement On Wishing Merry Christmas To Constituents

**MR. PUDLAT:**

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to express my gratitude. We will probably be finishing today, Mr. Speaker. During the session, my constituents were expressing their concerns, and there were other matters, but I would like to thank them. They often help us along the way. They don't just express their concerns, they also help us. We can move further with the help of our constituents. We have to represent our constituents and they help us along the way.

I probably won't be able to go to all the communities in my constituency during the Christmas holidays, so as I won't see everyone during the holiday, I would like to wish them a merry Christmas, especially to those people who have physical disabilities and they can't go to any activities during the holidays. I am

sure there will be other people who will help them. I wish everyone a very merry Christmas. We will be taking time out to rethink our priorities. With that, Mr. Chairman, I would like people in my constituency and citizens of the NWT to have a very Merry Christmas. Thank you.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you very much, Mr. Pudlat. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Gargan.

Member's Statement On Relationship Between Justice System And Residents Of Small Communities

**MR. GARGAN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, for the last few years, one issue that has received a lot of attention and discussion is the relationship between aboriginal people and the justice system. Today I would like to talk about the relationship between the justice system in the Northwest Territories and the residents of smaller communities, both aboriginal and non-aboriginal.

In Canada, when a person comes into conflict with the law, they have the right to legal representation. This right is entrenched under section 10 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. If a person is detained by authorities, the exercising of this right poses certain duties on the police. The first is that they must give the person the opportunity to retain and discuss the situation with a lawyer without delay. The second is that the police must not attempt to extract information from the detained person until the person has had reasonable opportunity to retain a lawyer.

These two conditions, Mr. Speaker, place additional duties on the authorities. They must inform the person of the reason they are being detained, or arrested so that the person can exercise his or her right to counsel in a meaningful way. The accused must have a reasonable understanding of the trouble they are in. This understanding is even more important if a person should choose not to retain a lawyer.

From time to time, usually in the south, we hear of these basic rights being violated for one reason or another. Usually they are just honest mistakes that can sometimes have very serious consequences. We face a unique situation here in the north that could also have serious consequences. As an important

part of their obligation, the authorities must, as a matter of routine, inform the detained person of

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an existence and availability of legal aid in that jurisdiction. But, here in the north, Mr. Speaker, resident lawyers are few and far between outside major centres. In addition, Mr. Speaker, the unfortunate fact of life in the Northwest Territories is that the majority of crimes are committed under the influence of alcohol. This fact, coupled with the communication problems due to the many different languages in the north, requires policemen in the Northwest Territories to be especially diligent in ensuring that no one's rights are violated.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Gargan, your time is up.

**MR. GARGAN:**

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Member is asking for unanimous consent to complete his statement. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and honourable Members. Most of the smaller communities in the north do not have a lawyer a person can call if they get into trouble. However, the government has made an effort to provide services to anyone who needs them. Legal aid is only a phone call away. In fact, a list of lawyers is posted in every police detachment in the Northwest Territories. As a condition of their duties, these lawyers are required to accept all collect calls. Legal aid also pays for telephone calls necessary to allow the lawyers to become familiar with the case.

Instead of calling a lawyer, a person can contact a regional legal aid clinic or a local community representative of the regional office. These representatives are members of the community who are able to steer citizens through the legal system.

I would like to note the ongoing commitment of this government to improving northern justice through aboriginal and community justice initiatives. I encourage future governments to continue to pursue

these goals. Every effort must always be made to ensure that residents, especially those in smaller communities, are granted all their rights and privileges under the law. Every effort must also be made to ensure that justice is done.

Mr. Speaker, under aboriginal initiatives, the community of Fort Providence has, during the last year, worked on creating the possibility of an aboriginal correctional facility in the community of Fort Providence. Unfortunately, to my disappointment, there is no money allocated for that initiative. And I'm truly disappointed that whether it's the government's fault or the Standing Committee on Finance's fault, I would like to say that it is a step for my constituency with regard to aboriginal justice initiatives. Mahsi cho.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Zoe.

Member's Statement On Unsafe Road Conditions Between Rae-Edzo And Yellowknife

**MR. ZOE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Rae-Edzo hamlet council at its regular meeting this past Monday, expressed concern over the extremely icy and dangerous condition of the highway between Rae-Edzo and Yellowknife, especially over the last two weeks. The history of this highway is well-known to all of us who live in this area. In recent weeks, the condition of the highway is inviting more serious accidents. I understand, Mr. Speaker, that there were numerous accidents that occurred over the last two weeks.

Of particular concern is the length of time it's taking the Department of Transportation to sand the highway. The highways are being left in a treacherous condition for lengthy periods of time, and it's creating a hazard not only for the residents of Rae-Edzo, but also for many other drivers who are using this highway on a daily basis.

Mr. Speaker, the municipality of Rae-Edzo and its residents are requesting our government's immediate assistance in addressing this public safety problem. They would like reassurance from our government that this section of the highway be kept in as safe a condition as possible. Thank you.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Item 3, Members' statements.  
Mr. Dent.

Member's Statement On GNWT Conviction In  
Sewage Lagoon Spill In Iqaluit

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to comment on a recent Supreme Court ruling, as a matter of fact I believe it was filed yesterday. Mr. Speaker, the ruling was on the appeal of the conviction of the Government of the Northwest Territories and the matter of the sewage lagoon spill in Iqaluit.

In this ruling, the justice increased the fine the Government of the Northwest Territories must pay, substantially, from \$49,000 to \$200,000. But, Mr. Speaker, in reading the ruling, I was surprised to note that the justice quoted from a Minister's statement made by former Government Leader Dennis Patterson. That statement was made in this House. The real surprise was that the judge said in his judgment that he presumed the Government Leader was speaking on behalf of the Legislative Assembly.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Shame.

**MR. DENT:**

Mr. Speaker, I had always understood that in government there are three branches: the Executive, the legislative and the judicial. And I think that it is not uncommon for this Legislature to pass motions which the Executive doesn't carry out. So it is not always the case that the Government Leader represents the Members of the Legislative Assembly.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, I know that the Premier would not be surprised to hear that I don't always agree with her, and that she doesn't always speak on my behalf.

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**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Ohh.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Hard to believe.

**MR. DENT:**

Mr. Speaker, I just thought that I would like to make sure that that was on the record in case any of my constituents should happen to read that ruling and think that I always had the same thoughts as the Members of Cabinet in this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Dent. Item 3, Members' statements.  
Item 4, returns to oral questions. Madam Premier.

**ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS**

Return To Question 26-12(7): Baseline Study On  
FAS

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Antoine on November 15th regarding a baseline study on FAS/FAE. Mr. Antoine asked if I would reconsider the decision of the department so that a baseline study on fetal alcohol syndrome and its effects can be carried out.

Mr. Speaker, the national population health survey will provide a great deal of valuable information on issues such as fetal alcohol syndrome. It will help the department to get a better understanding of the health and social issues affecting our children. When the results of this survey are analyzed, I will review the situation to decide where further research is necessary. It may be that the population health survey will identify other areas which also need research attention. At that point, a decision will be made about where research money can be best spent. I will brief the Member of the results of the survey and outline the further research that will be done. This will occur, Mr. Speaker, in the summer of 1995.

Return To Question 27-12(7): Community Transfer  
Agreement With Resolute Bay

Mr. Speaker, I have another return to oral question which was asked by Mr. Pudluk on November 14th regarding the request of the hamlet of Resolute Bay

for the transfer of health and social service programs. The honourable Member inquired about the status of transferring health and social services programs to the community of Resolute Bay.

The community has initiated the first step in the community transfer process. The letter from the hamlet council has been forwarded to the Honourable Stephen Kakfwi, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Kakfwi will be directing staff from the community transfer program to contact and meet with the hamlet. The hamlet will be briefed on how the community transfer program works and what steps and actions they must take to develop a community transfer agreement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Madam Premier. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 14-12(7): Designation Of Bathurst Inlet And Umingmaktok

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Ng on November 14, 1994, regarding the designation of Bathurst Inlet and Umingmaktok. As previously indicated to the Member, Bathurst Inlet and Umingmaktok are not incorporated. Further, neither are formally recognized by the government as communities. The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs does not provide any municipal services to Bathurst Inlet or Umingmaktok.

In response to the Member's question, it would be the responsibility of individual departments to address specific needs identified by the residents of Bathurst and Umingmaktok. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Item 5, recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Patterson.

ITEM 5: RECOGNITION OF VISITORS IN THE GALLERY

**MR. PATTERSON:**

I would like to recognize Mr. Ben MacDonald of the Union of Northern Workers.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Is there anybody else in the gallery you would like to recognize today? Okay, item 6, oral questions. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 6: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 28-12(7): NWTPC Rate Stabilization Fund

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to thank Mr. Koe for letting me go first. I have to go to the treaty entitlement ceremony. Mr. Speaker, though I agree with my colleague from Yellowknife that the decision of the Public Utilities Board is better than the proposal put forth by the Power Corporation, my constituents find it totally unacceptable. Mr. Speaker, it is absolutely unfair that the citizens of Yellowknife have to pay a penalty because of the lack of long-term planning by the Power Corporation.

So, my question, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister responsible for the Power Corporation is, why wasn't the \$7 million extra revenue that came out of the Snare system during the time of high water put into a stabilization fund to pay for the low-water years? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. I would like to remind the Member that I am not a Madam.

---Laughter

Would the Minister like to respond to Mr. Ballantyne's question?

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Return To Question 28-12(7): NWTPC Rate Stabilization Fund

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Mr. Speaker, the specific question Mr. Ballantyne is asking is with regard to planning for a calculation of unanticipated costs relating to the charges necessary when the environment doesn't allow for enough water to run a hydro system. Mr. Speaker, a stabilization fund was not set up because the rate of return did not allow enough to be able to absorb the expenses

incurred in trying to reach our commitment of providing infrastructure to communities, including the upgrading of the Snare Yellowknife system and the dividends paid to the territorial government for a subsidy of power. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Madam Premier. Mr. Ballantyne.

Supplementary To Question 28-12(7): NWTPC Rate Stabilization Fund

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. My apologies, Mr. Speaker. In the PUB report there is an unusual section which condemns the Power Corporation for not showing due diligence in setting up a stabilization fund. So, my question to the Minister is, when did the Power Corporation apply for a stabilization fund to the Public Utilities Board?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question 28-12(7): NWTPC Rate Stabilization Fund

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Madam Speaker, Mr. Speaker, sorry. Mr. Speaker, what I have indicated is that the rate of return that was allowed for the NWT Power Corporation in the past did not allow enough revenue to create a stabilization fund, although it was contemplated over a year ago, or earlier than that. There wasn't enough money by the time the Power Corporation had worked on infrastructure and had paid to the territorial government the subsidization for power. The rate of return only allowed for that, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Madam Premier. Mr. Ballantyne.

Supplementary To Question 28-12(7): NWTPC Rate Stabilization Fund

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

Thank you, Madam, Mr. Speaker. We are so used to this, Mr. Speaker, it will take us at least another day to get used to you being in the chair and then we won't be here, probably. But, I will try to remember.

Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. That didn't really answer my question. The Public Utilities Board is not able to read the minds of the Power Corporation. The Public Utilities Board, as I said, in quite an unusual part of the decision, condemned the Power Corporation for not exercising due diligence. As far as I'm aware, the Power Corporation hadn't specifically asked for the ability to set up a stabilization fund.

My question to the Minister is, can the Minister assure this House and assure the power consumers of the Northwest Territories that, in fact, a rate stabilization fund will be set up so that users in this particular system -- and it's their system -- will never again have to face an unacceptable high increase that they're facing today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question 28-12(7): NWTPC Rate Stabilization Fund

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Mr. Speaker, I don't know if the Member wants me to answer the two questions that are in his statement or his preamble. I'm not quite sure how I can be more specific. Maybe he can be more specific on exactly what the question is.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Madam. All you're required to do is make a response to a question. Your final supplementary, Mr. Ballantyne.

Supplementary To Question 28-12(7): NWTPC Rate Stabilization Fund

**MR. BALLANTYNE:**

I would be quite happy if the Minister answered my preamble, my example and my question. I would be happy for all three. But if the Minister only wants to answer one, will the Minister ensure that the Power Corporation sets up a rate stabilization fund so that the power users of the Snare system will never again have to face such an unacceptably high increase in one year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question 28-12(7): NWTPC Rate Stabilization Fund

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Mr. Speaker, in discussions with the Power Corporation, I can make one assurance. However, the problem in trying to answer the question of it never happening in the future...I can't predict nor can the Power Corporation what extremes can happen in the future. However, within reasonable variances, I can assure the Member that it is the intent of the Power Corporation to set up a stabilization fund. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Madam Premier. Next on my list is Mr. Koe.

Question 29-12(7): Criteria Used For AWG Site Selection

**MR. KOE:**

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. In awarding the Arctic Winter Games to Yellowknife, the international committee apparently used criteria which included size and population. Given how important these criteria were in the final decision, they must have known before the bid process began. My question to the Minister is, was the Minister and her department aware of the criteria which specified size and population, prior to the bid process?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 29-12(7): Criteria Used For AWG Site Selection

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Neither my department nor myself were aware that size and population were

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going to be a criteria in selecting the host community. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question 29-12(7): Criteria Used For AWG Site Selection

**MR. KOE:**

Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. The criteria for hosting games are laid out in a printed document. They're laid out in a handbook which is given to potential host communities, and they're prepared by the international committee. Was the Minister not aware of this document and its implications for hosting by smaller northern communities?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 29-12(7): Criteria Used For AWG Site Selection

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I am aware of the hosting societies manual. However, as I have indicated in this House, last winter in Slave Lake my predecessor had met with the participating jurisdictions' Ministers, including the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, and reached an agreement where smaller communities can participate in putting forth a bid and being able to host. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question 29-12(7): Criteria Used For AWG Site Selection

**MR. KOE:**

Mahsi. If that was the case then, did the current Minister follow up from the meetings that the previous Minister had on this issue of size and population?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 29-12(7): Criteria Used For AWG Site Selection

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I didn't, but my predecessor did back in January 1994; reconfirming the Northwest Territories appreciation, their

understanding and the support that that would allow communities in our jurisdictions to bid to host the 1998 Arctic Winter Games on the basis of splitting the games into two four-day sessions with half completed in each session. He further states that, "I interpret a consensus of support for our proposal in the regard, although such a format in other jurisdictions was not supported. We have proceeded to invite community bids to host the games on the strength of the support we received in Slave Lake." Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Final supplementary, Mr. Koe. You're finished? Next on my list is Mr. Ng.

Question 30-12(7): Minister's Knowledge Of Inuvik's Difficulty In AWG Site Selection

**MR. NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is again to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs respecting the Arctic Winter Games. Preparing a bid and hosting the bid committee for the Arctic Winter Games is an expensive process. In a time of limited funding, money should have been spent only if there was a reasonable expectation of success. I would like to ask the Minister, at what point in the bid process was she made aware of the potential difficulty in Inuvik not being able to be awarded the games because of its size?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 30-12(7): Minister's Knowledge Of Inuvik's Difficulty In AWG Site Selection

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I became aware of it on October 18th when Mr. Thick spoke to my deputy minister about which community would be hosting. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

That's your response, Ms. Mike. Ms. Ng. Mr. Ng, I'm sorry.

Supplementary To Question 30-12(7): Minister's Knowledge Of Inuvik's Difficulty In AWG Site Selection

**MR. NG:**

Thank you, Ms. Speaker. No, sorry, Mr. Speaker.

---Laughter

As the Minister said Gerry Thick from the international committee stated in CBC radio interviews that no small-sized communities can ever hope to host future games if the format remains the same, and that affects, of course, all NWT communities with the exception of Yellowknife because of its size. I would like to ask the Minister what she and the government are doing to address this issue. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Ng. Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 30-12(7): Minister's Knowledge Of Inuvik's Difficulty In AWG Site Selection

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I have already stated in this House, I plan to meet with the participating jurisdiction Ministers this coming winter. There is a meeting scheduled in Grande Prairie in February. I will further try to stress the fact that it is important that our smaller communities should be eligible to bid to be the host of the Arctic Winter Games. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Mr. Ng.

Supplementary To Question 30-12(7): Minister's Knowledge Of Inuvik's Difficulty In AWG Site Selection

**MR. NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The decision to not allow Inuvik to host the Arctic Winter Games is because of their size, and it will affect communities in the future in Nunavut from hosting these games as well because they are a lot smaller in size even than Inuvik. I would like to ask the Minister if this was ever considered when the Arctic Winter Games committee was choosing the Arctic Winter Games site for 1998.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Ng. Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 30-12(7): Minister's Knowledge Of Inuvik's Difficulty In AWG Site Selection

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That I don't know because I have not received a report from Mr. Gerry Thick, to date, although I have written a letter requesting him to provide me with the report. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Patterson.

Question 31-12(7): Direction Given To AWG International Committee

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is also on the Arctic Winter Games to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. In comments made surrounding the awarding of the 1998 games, there seems to have been some confusion emerging about the authority of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee. In statements made by Mr. Thick, in a CBC radio interview, he gave the impression that the international committee may have felt that it didn't have the authority or mandate to consider altering the format of the games to a split games format. Does the Government of the Northwest Territories give direction to their international committee representatives on the Arctic Winter Games International Committee? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 31-12(7): Direction Given To AWG International Committee

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to clarify Mr. Patterson's preamble, I do have the Arctic Winter Games International Committee breakfast meeting with political representatives minutes. Mr. Cooper, in looking at the minutes, summarized that the consensus was that in 1998, the Northwest Territories proposal for a split-week venue situation would be acceptable, if the cost was about the same. He further stated that this split-week venue would not become an Arctic Winter Games International Committee policy. In answering Mr. Patterson's

question, whether this government gives directions to the committee, that committee is at arm's length and I don't know where Mr. Thick got the idea that we can influence decisions that they make. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. I would like to remind Members that, as the Speaker informed us yesterday, we should try to keep our preambles short, so the Ministers know where the question is. Mr. Patterson.

Supplementary To Question 31-12(7): Direction Given To AWG International Committee

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the information provided by the Minister on this issue of concern is very interesting. Would the Minister be prepared to make the minutes of this breakfast meeting available to the Members of this House? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 31-12(7): Direction Given To AWG International Committee

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can make the minutes available to the Member. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Mr. Patterson.

Supplementary To Question 31-12(7): Direction Given To AWG International Committee

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister if she believes that the international committee has the authority and mandate to alter the format of the games, changing the format to accommodate split-week games. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

I believe the question was whether the Minister believes it or not, but perhaps you could respond on the basis of the facts you have. Ms. Mike.



Further Return To Question 31-12(7): Direction Given To AWG International Committee

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I have said already, whether it is my belief or not, the international committee is at arm's length from this government and in Mr. Cooper's summarized report, they made it very clear that the split venue situation can be acceptable if the costs are reasonable. However, they made it clear also that it would not become their policy. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Final supplementary, Mr. Patterson.

Supplementary To Question 31-12(7): Direction Given To AWG International Committee

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Mr. Speaker, I am frankly surprised that the Minister feels that members of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, who are recommended and appointed by the Government of the Northwest Territories, should be immune from any influence from the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that in the past initiatives of this government, including Greenland and the Soviet Union in the Arctic Winter Games, have resulted from active involvement of the Government of the Northwest Territories in the Arctic Winter Games through the representatives on the international committee, would the Minister reconsider the position of the Government of the Northwest Territories that the government should not provide advice and direction to their representatives on the international committee in future? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 31-12(7): Direction Given To AWG International Committee

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In listening to his preamble, my reply is yes, we can provide direction and work with the representatives that we have on the

international committee. However, in terms of the whole committee, I think it would not be proper for

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this government to be giving direction to the committee as a whole. I agree that we can work with our representatives and give some direction. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Mr. Antoine.

Question 32-12(7): Replacement Of AWG International Committee Representatives

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. With the recent resignation of both NWT representatives on the Arctic Winter Games International Committee, the NWT and the Arctic Winter Games lost individuals with very strong backgrounds in international sports. What is the Minister doing to replace these two members on the international committee? Mahsi.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 32-12(7): Replacement Of AWG International Committee Representatives

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my intention to deal with this issue as soon as I can. My preference would be to get some input from the sporting groups and associations, as well as from the Members of this House. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Mr. Antoine.

Supplementary To Question 32-12(7): Replacement Of AWG International Committee Representatives

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One of the criticisms of the current international committee is that members don't reflect the ethnicity of the people who participate in the games. It is important that our representatives reflect northern communities and northern values.

When the Minister is looking for new representatives for the international committee, will she ensure that consideration be given to those people who would reflect the population of the Northwest Territories? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 32-12(7): Replacement Of AWG International Committee Representatives

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, that is my intention. That is the reason why I would like to get involved and get input from MLAs and the sporting associations across the north, so we get a good selection of people.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Mr. Zoe.

Question 33-12(7): Development Of Policy For Sporting Events

**MR. ZOE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In 1970 we had the Arctic Winter Games. These games and the regional trials for them provided people from across the territories to gather together and share with each other. As games grew bigger and became more sophisticated, we have seen the rise of other events, such as the regional games, community games, aboriginal games, Dene and Inuit games and other sporting games which seem to try to catch the feeling of the original Arctic Winter Games. As the department responsible for sports and recreation, the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs should be reviewing all of these games and developing a policy which should guide funding and, in kind, support decisions made by the department.

My question to the Minister is, has the department undertaken this type of review? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Madam Minister.

Return To Question 33-12(7): Development Of Policy For Sporting Events

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I have indicated to this House, I still have not received the report from the Arctic Winter Games International Committee on the selection of the hosting community, how they arrived at the decision of Yellowknife and why Inuvik didn't get it. I'm still waiting for that. Once I have all the information I need, my department, as well as my colleagues in the Cabinet, will be reviewing the Arctic Winter Games as well as the aboriginal games that are carried out in the NWT.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you very much, Ms. Mike. Mr. Zoe.

Supplementary To Question 33-12(7): Development Of Policy For Sporting Events

**MR. ZOE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm a little confused, but the Minister did say the Arctic Winter Games and other games, so I assume what I was talking about was understood. I wasn't talking about the Arctic Winter Games, I was talking about other games, such as the regional games, Dene games and Inuit games. We have a number of games in the territories, including the North American Indigenous Games. My question is, because we have all these other games, if the department has undertaken a review of these games, especially for developing policy which would guide funding and support, is there a policy for guiding all these new games? Have they taken a look at the other games that are out there now?

I think the Minister has indicated that they will be reviewing all the games in the future. So, I would like to ask, will the Minister commit to providing to this House a progress report on this policy when the House reconvenes in February?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 33-12(7): Development Of Policy For Sporting Events

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I will.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Dent.

Question 34-12(7): Operation Of The NWT Liquor Board

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for the Liquor Board.

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Mr. Speaker, the Liquor Board hears applications for a variety of liquor-related items, including local option provisions. It is my understanding that the Liquor Board operates at arm's length from the government. Can the Minister confirm this?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Dent. Minister.

Return To Question 34-12(7): Operation Of The NWT Liquor Board

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Yes, Mr. Speaker, generally speaking, they work at arm's length and apply the rules that have been approved by this Legislature.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Mr. Dent.

Supplementary To Question 34-12(7): Operation Of The NWT Liquor Board

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary to the same Minister. Mr. Speaker, I've been told that the deputy minister of Safety and Public Services interfered in the application process by appearing before the Liquor Board recently to recommend against granting an application by a Yellowknife licensee for Sunday openings. Did the deputy minister appear before this arm's-length board is the specific question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Dent. Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 34-12(7): Operation Of The NWT Liquor Board

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am aware that the board requested that the deputy minister appear to deal with a number of issues, of which this particular matter was one.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Mr. Dent.

Supplementary To Question 34-12(7): Operation Of The NWT Liquor Board

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps to clarify the Minister's last answer, could I ask the Minister, did he direct the deputy minister to appear before the board or did he find out after the fact that the deputy minister had, in fact, appeared before the board?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Dent. Mr. Nerysoo.

Further Return To Question 34-12(7): Operation Of The NWT Liquor Board

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was made aware after the appearance; however, the deputy minister indicated to me that the board requested that the deputy minister appear for a number of issues, not only the Sunday opening issue. There were a number of other issues the board wanted to get clarification on.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Koe.

Question 35-12(7): Response To Inuvik's Concerns Re AWG

**MR. KOE:**

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. On November 9, 1994, the town of Inuvik wrote to the Minister and sent her a copy of a press release entitled, "Answers Needed for the Arctic Winter Games." When will the Minister be responding to the concerns raised by the town of Inuvik?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 35-12(7): Response To Inuvik's Concerns Re AWG

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As soon as I get the report of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee on the selection of the host community, I, or my deputy minister, will be informing the town of Inuvik, including the Member. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question 35-12(7): Response To Inuvik's Concerns Re AWG

**MR. KOE:**

Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Earlier today in my Member's statement, I stated that I would like this government to review the bid process to determine what happened and how and why it happened, with the intent that it doesn't happen again. My question to the Minister is, once she gets this information, will the Minister be reviewing the process and criteria used in selecting host communities for future Arctic Winter Games?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Koe. Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 35-12(7): Response To Inuvik's Concerns Re AWG

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Koe.

Supplementary To Question 35-12(7): Response To Inuvik's Concerns Re AWG

**MR. KOE:**

Will the Minister report her findings back to all Members of this House?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 35-12(7): Response To Inuvik's Concerns Re AWG

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will, perhaps sometime during the winter session, if not prior to that. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you very much, Ms. Mike. Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Dent.

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Question 36-12(7): Applications To LCB Prior To Introduction Of New Legislation

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have another question for the Minister responsible for the Liquor Board. Following up on my question about the recent hearing, I was told that the deputy minister of Safety and Public Services appeared before the board at that hearing before the applicant arrived and apparently told the board that it was to say no to the request with the reasoning being that these types of revisions should be dealt with under the Liquor Act review, which is currently under way.

Mr. Speaker, the review of the Liquor Act will be a slow and careful process, as it should be. To ensure the ideas that all northerners are considered, the process will take two or three more years. My question is, does the Minister feel it is reasonable to deny all applications of the local options provision until this review is completed?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Nerysoo.

Return To Question 36-12(7): Applications To LCB Prior To Introduction Of New Legislation

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, just so that the honourable Member is aware, after the meeting occurred -- and I'm not aware of the details of that discussion -- the indication was that there were a number of issues the board wanted to deal with, of which one was the Sunday opening issue. The fact is, the rules in the legislation do not allow for Sunday

openings at this particular time without the community having a plebiscite to determine whether or not Sunday openings would be allowed. I believe that is the kind of clarification that was sought and not a matter of the deputy minister trying to indicate yes or no to the applicant. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Mr. Dent.

Supplementary To Question 36-12(7): Applications To LCB Prior To Introduction Of New Legislation

**MR. DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So is the Minister saying that if a plebiscite is held in Yellowknife and the majority of people support it, it would be considered in the local option provision? Are petitions considered on an equivalent basis with a plebiscite under the local options provision?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question 36-12(7): Applications To LCB Prior To Introduction Of New Legislation

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The petition itself would request that a plebiscite be held on a specific issue and once that request came, we would deal with the legal validity of that particular petition. We would then proceed to deal with the question of the plebiscite itself.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Mr. Whitford.

Question 37-12(7): Acceptance Of AWG International Committee Representatives' Resignations

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question I would like to direct to the Minister of MACA and it concerns the Arctic Winter Games issue. There is a perception, Mr. Speaker, that two of the committee members were forced to resign their positions as a result of some pressure from the department. Has the Minister accepted those resignations?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Ms. Mike.

Return To Question 37-12(7): Acceptance Of AWG International Committee Representatives' Resignations

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I do realize there is a perception that our two representatives were forced to resign as a result of the interview with Mr. Thick, which I didn't hear, on the radio. However, as I have indicated, it was one of the options my deputy was instructed to do; to ask our representatives to consider resigning. They certainly weren't forced. They were asked to consider resigning. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 37-12(7): Acceptance Of AWG International Committee Representatives' Resignations

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know what the difference is. If the deputy minister suggests that they resign, what are they expected to do? Has the Minister accepted their resignations or not?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 37-12(7): Acceptance Of AWG International Committee Representatives' Resignations

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is a big difference when you give a person a chance to say yes or no. This is what my department did. No, I haven't accepted their resignations. However, Mr. Cooper has resigned for personal reasons. I don't know how much more I can explain to this House. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Antoine.

Question 38-12(7): Financial Support For Deh Cho Economic Development Conference

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. As I indicated in my Member's statement today, there is a need to bring people together in the Deh Cho region to discuss economic development. I also discussed this with many businesses in my constituency and I also discussed this with the Minister himself. The Deh Cho has never had a regional economic development conference. I am aware that other conferences have been held in other regions and major centres. As you all know, this type of conference will require extraordinary funds. Will the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism commit to supporting an economic development

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conference in the Deh Cho region? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 38-12(7): Financial Support For Deh Cho Economic Development Conference

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Ohh.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Speaker, I am sorry. Everyone else made a boo-boo, Mr. Chairman.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Ohh.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Speaker. I am so confused with Arctic Winter Games. I agree with the honourable Member that there is clearly a need to develop an economic strategy for his area. I was in that area about a year ago and, at the time, I thought it was awesome in terms of tourism. There is a resurgence of the lumber business and we need to put a plan in place. I am prepared, at this time, to state to the Member that in the new fiscal year, April 1st, we would be prepared to

provide some fiscal assistance to the people of his area to have an economic development conference.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Allooloo.

Question 39-12(7): Reduction Of RCMP In Baffin Region

**MR. ALLOOLOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Minister of Justice. Is it true that the number of RCMP in the Baffin region are being reduced?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 39-12(7): Reduction Of RCMP In Baffin Region

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Madam...Mr. Speaker...

---Laughter

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding, with the RCMP, that there is no reallocation of resources between regions and communities unless they check with me, so that I am always aware if there is an increase or reduction in specific communities and regions. To date, I am not aware of it. So whether that is true or not, I can't say. I can tell the Member that I am not aware of it.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi.

Supplementary To Question 39-12(7): Reduction Of RCMP In Baffin Region

**MR. ALLOOLOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Then would the Minister attempt to find out for the House and also for the people in Baffin, during this sitting of the Legislative Assembly, whether there will be a reduction or not? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Allooloo. Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question 39-12(7): Reduction Of RCMP In Baffin Region

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, there is a study being undertaken right now by the RCMP with regard to policing in the Northwest Territories; looking at the elements of safety and health concerns of the members; the fiscal constraints they are operating under; the policing agreement that they have with us; and, the implications of division. Within that, the RCMP are looking at how to make the best use of existing resources in the north today. I would expect that some time in the new year, we would get some indications of initial thinking in that regard. If there are any changes in the mean time, I will contact the chief superintendent this afternoon and ask for information through my office and relay it to the Members if there are any suggested changes or actual changes. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Mr. Gargan.

Question 40-12(7): Status Of PCB Storage In Pine Point

**MR. GARGAN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a question to the Minister of Renewable Resources, but he isn't here, so I would like to redirect my question to the Premier. In 1992, there was a PCB storage facility in Pine Point that had oil, PCBs and contaminated oil from transformers stored there. The department was made aware of it in April of 1992. Since the two-year period, has there been anything done with regard to the PCBs that were stored in Pine Point?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Madam Premier.

Return To Question 40-12(7): Status Of PCB Storage In Pine Point

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that some of the contaminants have been removed to Alberta to be disposed of in the Swan Hills dispensary. At this point

in time, I can't tell you whether all the material that has been stored in Pine Point has been taken. My understanding was that there was an agreement reached that we could begin to move the waste, however, they wanted to take it in certain amounts. Mr. Speaker, I believe some have gone and I will inform the Member perhaps tomorrow by letter, on behalf of the Minister of Renewable Resources, what has gone, what is left to be disposed of and when that will be done. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Madam Premier. Item 6, oral questions. Next on my list, on the other side of the chamber, is Mr. Whitford.

Question 41-12(7): Arctic A Airport Transfer

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to direct to the Minister of Transportation. Yesterday in the House, the Honourable Mr. Todd made a Minister's statement about Arctic airport transfers. He says he is very optimistic that it is going to happen soon. But, a couple of questions arose from this statement. I appreciate his optimism for the airport transfer, but I would like to know what would happen if

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negotiations broke down.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Minister of Transportation.

Return To Question 41-12(7): Arctic A Airport Transfer

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What would happen if negotiations broke down, an interesting question, Mr. Speaker. I would hope that we would be able to go back to the bargaining table and reach an appropriate accommodation that would fulfil the needs of northerners and the nine Arctic airports we are hoping to transfer at this time. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 41-12(7): Arctic A Airport Transfer

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The last question probably wasn't quite clear enough. I understand it is the territorial government that is negotiating with the federal government on Arctic airports. Because of the answer the Minister gave, I would like to ask the Minister if he's aware that there is a group which is also interested in obtaining the airports, a sort of local airport authority. It has happened in other jurisdictions, I understand. In Calgary, they have a Calgary airport authority. I would like to ask the Minister if he's aware of such a group and if he or his officials have had a chance to talk to it?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 41-12(7): Arctic A Airport Transfer

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's another good question. There is a concern, particularly on the part of Yellowknife city hall and the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce, that the Yellowknife airport be defined as a local authority, where the municipality would take over the running of the airport. These negotiations we are currently in are so far along that I believe we are very close to making an arrangement very, very soon.

Mr. Whitford's concern about discussions with those who would look at an alternative are valid and the department did meet with the mayor and the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce last week, and outlined where we stood on these negotiations. I met with the mayor over lunch and with Mr. Dent on the same issue and have assured the mayor and Mr. Dent, and now will assure Mr. Whitford, that we wish to proceed expeditiously with the transfer from government to government.

I will give an assurance to this House that, once that is done, we're prepared to work with the city through a committee or whatever to see if there is a possibility or opportunity for a local authority to be formed. That's the assurance I give to the Assembly. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 41-12(7): Arctic A Airport Transfer

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One final question, coming out of the statement the Minister made yesterday and that deals with one of the paragraphs on page 2, where he says that, "the benefits will accrue through the application of northern employment contracting and purchasing policy program." I would like to ask the Minister if he's going to ensure -- and I'm sure he has, but I just want confirmation of this -- that we get all the money that is associated with this transfer and that he will ensure that the federal government is aware of the northern purchasing policy he outlined, so there are no surprises later on. I'm just wondering if the federal government will go for these kinds of things. Is he making them aware of it?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 41-12(7): Arctic A Airport Transfer

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me assure the honourable Member, if an arrangement can be made between the federal and territorial governments to transfer these airports, that this fiscal arrangement would be added to the current base that the illustrious Mr. Pollard negotiates on a regular basis for us. Therefore, once the money is transferred and once the arrangement has been made by our trusted colleague in Finance, they would then fall under current territorial policies, of which the business incentive policy, northern hiring, et cetera, are part. I'm encouraged that we can do this. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Next on my list is Mr. Zoe.

Question 42-12(7): Delay In Maintenance Of Highways

**MR. ZOE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transportation. The question I'm



about to ask, Mr. Speaker, is of great interest to my colleague from Deh Cho, because he will be travelling the highway this weekend, going home.

---Laughter

My question to the Minister, Mr. Speaker, is why is it taking the Department of Transportation so long to maintain the road over the last two weeks? We had a number of snow falls, and it has been extremely icy and dangerous over the last two weeks. Why is the department taking so long to maintain these roads? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 42-12(7): Delay In Maintenance Of Highways

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're maintaining the same maintenance level as we have maintained in the past. I think we're all aware that this is a unique weather situation and every effort is being made to ensure that highway is as safe as possible. I know there was

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an accident there earlier last week. I don't know what the technical term is, I think it is scarifying or something, which means that they use graders and special equipment to rough up the roads so they are safe...

**MR. PATTERSON:**

(Microphone turned off)

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Would Mr. Patterson like to answer the question?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Ohh.

---Laughter

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Order, please. Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you. Every effort is being made to do this specialized road work because of the unique climatic conditions we have right now, where we've had mild weather and rain and it has caused an ice filament on the road. I want to assure the honourable Member that we're doing everything we can to ensure that this highway, which is the most heavily used in the Northwest Territories, is as safe as possible. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. Mr. Zoe.

Supplementary To Question 42-12(7): Delay In Maintenance Of Highways

**MR. ZOE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If that was the case, if there is routine maintenance of the road, as in previous years, then why would the municipality be raising this issue as a concern? Obviously, the people who are using the road must have observed that the highway isn't being maintained as it should be. That's why they are raising this issue now. So, my question to the Minister is, has there been any reduction in staff or reduction in the highway department in terms of cutting back on the number of times they go out to maintain the highway?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 42-12(7): Delay In Maintenance Of Highways

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Chairman, in the capital expenditures, we spend \$20 million on highways and \$9 million of it is spent on that highway. So I don't see where there are reductions. I am ensuring the honourable Member that the level of maintenance is being maintained. There are no cutbacks on this highway. We recognize the importance of it. We have the unique climatic conditions that have made the road somewhat difficult to maintain because of the global warming and rain, et cetera. We are making every effort to maintain the road, so it is safe and reliable for my colleague who will be travelling home to Providence on the weekend and for others. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Final supplementary, Mr. Zoe.

Supplementary To Question 42-12(7): Delay In Maintenance Of Highways

**MR. ZOE:**

It is my second supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if I could ask the Minister if he would assure the House that he will instruct highways division -- the one here and the one in Edzo -- to work extraordinarily, rather than just the regular routine. I understand that they don't work on weekends either. Can the Minister assure us that his department will undertake this initiative? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 42-12(7): Delay In Maintenance Of Highways

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe I answered the question. We are currently maintaining the road to the best of our ability. People are doing the best they can and we are going to continue to do that. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. Mr. Patterson.

Question 43-12(7): Results Of Investigation Into Nova Construction

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister for the Housing Corporation, I should direct my question to the Premier. Mr. Speaker, the Minister for the Housing Corporation, earlier this session, undertook to investigate certain concerns I had raised regarding Nova Construction and their rent supp project now under way in Iqaluit. I would like to ask the Minister, through the Premier, if he is willing to undertake to provide the results of this investigation to this Assembly? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Madam Premier.

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Mr. Speaker, I will take that as notice on behalf of the Minister.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

Question 44-12(7): Hunters' And Trappers' Assistance Programs

**MR. PUDLAT:**

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Minister of Finance. Perhaps the Minister of Finance could answer my question. I have raised this issue before. I know that hunters were provided assistance and this program no longer exists. Can the Minister of Finance, who has stated before that they would try to deal with this issue, tell this House when he will be providing assistance to the hunters? Or, will he be taking this question as notice? Perhaps in 1995, they will be dealing with this issue. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Mr. Pollard.

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Return To Question 44-12(7): Hunters' And Trappers' Assistance Programs

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon. Mr. Speaker, special ARDA was discontinued some years ago and I know that a lot of hunters and trappers in the Northwest Territories thought that that was a great program and that it provided them with some contributions to get out on the land and fish, hunt or trap. We have looked at the reasons why we took away special ARDA on several occasions by Renewable Resources. I will again go back to the Minister and ask him if there is a way to resurrect this program with the federal government and see, maybe in cooperation with Mr. Todd, if there is something that can be done in that regard. So I will pass it on to the Minister of Renewable Resources, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Pollard. Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Ningark.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

(Microphones turned off)

**MR. NINGARK:**

(Microphone turned off)...Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Unfortunately, the time had lapsed before I was able to recognize you. The time is now over for question period. Mr. Ningark.

**MR. NINGARK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to go back to item 5, recognition of visitors in the gallery.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Ningark. The Member is asking for unanimous consent to return to item 5, recognition of visitors in the gallery.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Ningark, please proceed.

REVERT TO ITEM 5: RECOGNITION OF VISITORS  
IN THE GALLERY

**MR. NINGARK:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize Mr. Mike Hart, the co-op manager of Pelly Bay. Mr. Hart has made the Pelly Bay Co-op one of the most prosperous co-ops in the territories. Thank you.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 7, written questions. Mr. Zoe.

**MR. ZOE:**

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to return to oral questions.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Zoe is seeking unanimous consent to return to item 6, oral questions. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Zoe.

REVERT TO ITEM 6: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 45-12(7): Tabling Of Evaluation Of  
Affirmative Action Programs

**MR. ZOE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On October 24th, I asked the Minister of Finance a question on the issue of evaluation of affirmative action programs. He responded, "I will await the recommendation made by the group today, then bring back to the House what the proposals were and how they should be handled." Since this is the last day before adjournment of the House, will he be tabling the response that he promised?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Return To Question 45-12(7): Tabling Of Evaluation  
Of Affirmative Action Programs

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I don't have a document to table in this House at the present time. The input from the people who were at the table, the people who wrote in, are being put together. Then we are going to go back to that same group again, Mr. Speaker, before I can bring forward a report. As you know, there were some complaints about the process and I have written to Mr. Bohnet, who was one of the complainants. I am now going to go back to the table with the group and make sure everyone understands exactly what we are doing. After I get that report back, I will have something for the Members. If it occurs between sessions, as I think it will, Mr. Speaker, I will mail it to people.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Pollard. Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Patterson.

Question 46-12(7): Options For Eastern Arctic Fuel  
Resupply

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Premier. Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee on Finance noted that fuel resupply in the eastern Arctic, the examination of future opinions, is divided between two departments: the Department of Transportation is examining options in the Keewatin; and, the Department of Public Works and Services is examining options in the Baffin. The committee recommended that this important initiative should be directed by one Minister. I would like to ask the Premier whether she has had an opportunity to act on this recommendation. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Madam Premier.

Return To Question 46-12(7): Options For Eastern Arctic Fuel Resupply

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Mr. Speaker, no, I have not considered that item. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Mr. Patterson.

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Supplementary To Question 46-12(7): Options For Eastern Arctic Fuel Resupply

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Madam Speaker...Mr. Speaker, pardon me. My supplementary question is can the Premier explain how it came to be that an important issue such as fuel resupply, one would think economies of scale could be achieved by looking at the eastern Arctic marine resupply as a whole, in two different regions of Nunavut? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question 46-12(7): Options For Eastern Arctic Fuel Resupply

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Mr. Speaker, as the Member knows, the fuel resupply to the Baffin region is one process. The resupply in the other area is another process. I know, Mr. Speaker, that both departments are working together

to try to come to some conclusions about the best way to get the best deal for the dollars we have. I'm well aware of the recommendation; however, because there hasn't been one person named to handle the whole affair, I can assure the Members that these two different Ministers are working very closely together to take into consideration the best options we have for the most cost-effective way of getting the supplies to communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Madam Premier. Mr. Patterson.

Supplementary To Question 46-12(7): Options For Eastern Arctic Fuel Resupply

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I note the Premier's assurances that the departments are working together. In my opinion, having looked at this, the departments are doing parallel and probably duplicate work and they are working with varying degrees of intensity on this important issue. I won't tell you which department is working with more or less intensity. I guess I would like to ask the Premier, without pre-judging what the Cabinet is going to do, does she agree in principle that, with such important initiatives that cross over regional boundaries and perhaps department boundaries, it is desirable to have one Minister clearly responsible and leading the resources of the government in examining the issue? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Madam Premier.

Further Return To Question 46-12(7): Options For Eastern Arctic Fuel Resupply

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Mr. Speaker, even though there hasn't been a formal assignment, in fact, by practice, the Minister of Transportation is taking the aggressive role and the Department of Public Works is feeding into the overall assessment and review of how we're going to accomplish the economies that we want to accomplish. In fact, it is happening, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you very much, Madam Premier. Mr. Patterson, final supplementary.

**MR. PATTERSON:**

I'll leave it, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Pudlat.

**MR. PUDLAT:**

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. This is probably not an appropriate question as the appropriate Minister is not here right now. But, I would like to ask a question regarding RCMP officers who are on holidays. I have known of an incident where if an RCMP member is on holidays, there are no replacements. In my community last spring, our RCMP officer went on a holiday. There was no RCMP officer during that time. If an emergency or incident had occurred, people had no idea who to turn to for help. This was a grave concern. Mr. Speaker, do they replace RCMP officers when they go on holidays? What is the procedure when RCMP officers are away on holidays? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Pudlat. You have to direct your question to somebody, otherwise, no one will know who has been designated to answer for that appropriate Minister. Mr. Pudlat.

Question 47-12(7): Replacement Of RCMP Officers On Holiday Leave

**MR. PUDLAT:**

(Translation) I'm sorry I didn't direct my question to a particular Minister. I will direct the question to Madam Premier, about whether they replace RCMP officers when they are away on holidays. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Pudlat. Madam Premier.

Return To Question 47-12(7): Replacement Of RCMP Officers On Holiday Leave

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Mr. Speaker, the Minister responsible for Justice is attempting to deal with adequate representation of personnel in various communities. I know that the

Minister is trying his very best to make sure that communities are covered off. However, it is not uncommon to have a community left without coverage or a substitute person when an RCMP member is on holiday. I imagine it is a judgement made by the regional superintendent who would designate officers from time to time. Decisions would be made at that level. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Madam Premier. Next on my list is Mr. Whitford.

Question 48-12(7): Authority Responsible For DM's Instruction Re AWG Representatives' Resignations

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question I would like to direct to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs and it concerns the decision about the Arctic Winter Games. There is just something I haven't been able to clear up and I thought maybe the Minister could help. Earlier on, I heard the reply that the deputy minister was instructed to suggest to the two members that they should resign in protest. I would like to ask, who instructed the deputy minister to pursue that strategy? Who instructed the deputy minister?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Ms. Mike.

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Return To Question 48-12(7): Authority Responsible For DM's Instruction Re AWG Representatives' Resignations

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated earlier in this House some time ago, it wasn't an instruction. It was among the options that were given to the deputy minister for him to consider and look at what we could do about how the selection process was handled for the Arctic Winter Games. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 48-12(7): Authority Responsible For DM's Instruction Re AWG Representatives' Resignations

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you. Who gave these options? Who discussed these options that the deputy minister was given?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 48-12(7): Authority Responsible For DM's Instruction Re AWG Representatives' Resignations

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did and if somebody else did, I don't know who would. It was me.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question 48-12(7): Authority Responsible For DM's Instruction Re AWG Representatives' Resignations

**MR. WHITFORD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier on, I asked the status of the two resignations and I only got one answer, that Mr. Cooper's resignation was official. I would like to know what the status of Mr. Legaree's resignation is?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Ms. Mike.

Further Return To Question 48-12(7): Authority Responsible For DM's Instruction Re AWG Representatives' Resignations

**HON. REBECCA MIKE:**

I am in receipt of Mr. Legaree's resignation and it is in protest of the way Inuvik's bid was handled. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Mike. Item 6, oral questions. Item 7, written questions. Item 8, returns to written questions.

Item 9, replies to opening address. Item 10, petitions. Item 11, reports of standing and special committees. Mr. Antoine.

**ITEM 11: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Committee Report 1-12(7): First Report Of The Special Joint Committee On Division

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present the first report of the Special Joint Committee on Division.

**Executive Summary**

The special joint committee was established by Motion 14-12(5) of the Legislative Assembly on February 25, 1994. This report outlines some of the activities in which the special joint committee has been involved, indicates the main issues that have received consideration and presents a number of recommendations.

Over the past decade the people of the Northwest Territories have taken enormous steps in their political evolution. The highlights include responsible government, the acquisition of more province-like powers, land claims settlements and the passage of the Nunavut Act.

These are remarkable feats, of which the people of the Northwest Territories may justly feel proud. But these accomplishments give rise to further challenges that must be met before our tasks are complete.

We must ensure that division occurs in a way that is not disruptive, either to Nunavut or to the west. We must ensure that the fiscal base of the territories is not subject to continuing erosion in the period leading up to 1999 and that the incremental costs of division are met by the federal government. We face the challenge of designing -- through the Constitutional Development Steering Committee and the constitutional conferences -- a constitutional framework for the west. These goals must be met in a climate of severe fiscal restraint.

The remaining life of this Assembly will correspond to a period of crucial decision-making that will determine how division is to proceed. In January and February, the Nunavut Implementation Commission will be carrying out a process of community consultation, prior to finalizing a major report by the end of March.

This report is expected to deal with such issues as a process for determining the location of a capital for Nunavut, the administrative design of the Nunavut government, training and human resource development issues and infrastructure requirements. It is intended to provide the basis for a federal Cabinet submission for the fall of next year. It is very clear, then, that in this period we must work closely with the NIC and with Nunavut Tunngavik on the Nunavut planning process and ensure that all the cost implications are identified and provided for by the federal government. This period is a window of opportunity. What happens may determine the direction of key division events over the next four or five years. It is an opportunity we cannot afford to miss.

For the western NWT, the next period will also be of critical importance. Here the challenge is for many diverse groups to work together to craft a governmental structure which can serve all, but respect the diversities between us. The Constitutional Development Steering Committee has been created as a forum where aboriginal and non-aboriginal interests, women's groups, tax-based municipalities and MLAs can work towards the goal of a governmental structure appropriate to the western NWT that can be put in place when division occurs. The holding of a major constitutional conference from January 19th to 22nd of next year, preceded by a period of community consultations that is already under way, will be a benchmark in this process. Mr. Speaker, with your permission, I would ask my co-chair, Mr. Todd, to present the balance of the

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report. Mahsi.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Mr. Antoine. While the division process will impact the west and Nunavut in different ways, there are common elements both east and west that are useful to remember. We have a common interest in ensuring that our funding base is protected. We have a common interest in decision-making through a consensual process. We realize, both east and west, that fragmented we will accomplish nothing, but that together we can do remarkable things. We face many similar problems of

protecting our aboriginal cultures and languages, of improving social and economic conditions in communities, of training a workforce with the skills required for the 21st century. We face great challenges, but believe that we can meet those challenges.

The special joint committee has also given attention to some of the legislative and constitutional implications of division. Although existing territorial laws will continue in force in each territory after division, there will be a need for separate statutory consolidations. In addition, it is important that both Nunavut and the western territory receive representation in the Senate in accordance with Canadian constitutional precedent. While these issues may appear to be somewhat distant in time, they will be affected by decisions over the next 10 to 12 months.

The report of the special joint committee contains a number of recommendations to the Executive Council and others, based on our deliberations since February. As we have observed, we are entering into a period when critical decisions will be taken, and we must ensure that these decisions are carefully considered and in our fundamental best interests.

The recommendations of the special joint committee are in keeping with the assessment that is sketched above:

-we agree with the assessment of the NIC that the original date proposed for the federal Cabinet submission on Nunavut -- that is, March of 1995 -- is unrealistic and should be deferred, as suggested, to September;

-a consultative mechanism needs to be developed by the Government of the NWT to allow individual departments to provide advice to the NIC;

-all government departments need to begin now to develop comprehensive implementation plans for division;

-training strategies, both for Nunavut and the western territory, are required and incremental funding must be identified for training and human resources development;

-Mr. Speaker, the business incentive policy must be applied to Nunavut infrastructure, and the responsibility for the management of infrastructure

construction should be transferred to the Government of the NWT;

-funding options for the two territories require further consideration and discussions should be begun with the federal government on the recovery of incremental costs;

-a statute revision bill should be enacted at the next session of the Legislative Assembly to provide for the appointment of a Statute Revision Commissioner; and,

-the Executive Council should pursue the issue of Senate representation with the federal government to ensure that both Nunavut and the western territory are represented in the Senate of Canada after 1999.

Mr. Speaker, prior to proposing the motion for receiving the report of the Special Joint Committee on Division, our report is very lengthy, Mr. Speaker, therefore, I seek unanimous consent to consider the report read, as presented, and printed in Hansard.

#### **MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister is asking that the report be considered read, presented and printed in Hansard. Are there any nays? There are no nays.

#### Summary Of Recommendations

1. That the timing of the federal Cabinet submission on the establishment of Nunavut be deferred until September 1995 in accordance with the recommendation of the Nunavut Implementation Commission.
2. That the Government of the Northwest Territories develop a consultation mechanism to allow individual departments, agencies, boards and corporations to provide advice to the Nunavut Implementation Commission on the manner in which programs can most effectively be delivered in Nunavut after 1999.
3. That the Government of the Northwest Territories direct each of its departments, agencies, boards and corporations develop a comprehensive implementation plan for division.
4. That the Government of the NWT work with the other parties to the division process to develop a training strategy for Nunavut public government.

5. That requirements for adequate incremental training moneys be identified in the process leading up to the 1995 federal Cabinet submission.

6. That delivery arrangements for incremental training moneys be developed in a collaborative process with the parties to the establishment of Nunavut.

7. That the Government of the NWT begin the development of a training strategy appropriate to the western NWT in collaboration with the parties to the western constitutional process.

8. That suitable arrangements be made to transfer the responsibility for the construction of Nunavut infrastructure to the Government of the NWT, up to 1999, and the Government of Nunavut, after 1999;

9. That the business incentive policy of the Government of the NWT, as amended from time to time, be applied to the construction and maintenance of all Nunavut infrastructure.

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10. That available funding options for two distinct territories be assessed, including transition arrangements for an interim period following 1999, consistent with the constitutional evolution of the NWT and the provisions of the Nunavut political accord.

11. That discussions be initiated with the federal government on the recovery of "reasonable incremental costs" incurred by the Government of the NWT from the establishment of Nunavut.

12. That the Government of the NWT ensure that the issue of incremental costs be resolved in a satisfactory manner through the 1995 federal Cabinet submission.

13. That the Executive Council request the Department of Justice to prepare a statute revision bill for consideration during the First Session of the 13th Assembly;

14. That the said bill provide for the appointment of a Statute Revision Commissioner with the responsibility of preparing the statutes of Nunavut and the western territory.

15. That the Executive Council secure the agreement of the Government of Canada that the costs of preparing the legislative revisions be



regarded as "reasonable incremental costs" within the meaning of part 8.3 of the Nunavut political accord.

16. That Nunavut and the western territory receive separate representation in the Senate of Canada;

17. That the Executive Council address the issue of Senate representation with the federal government prior to the 1995 federal Cabinet submission on Nunavut.

#### Introduction

The Special Joint Committee on Division was established by Motion 14-12(5) of the Legislative Assembly on February 25, 1994. Since its establishment, the special joint committee has held a total of 12 meetings as well as a number of administration meetings.

The special joint committee delivered its first report to Members at the April 11 to 14, 1994 strategic planning workshop in Fort Smith. A further report was provided to Caucus on August 19, 1994.

This report is provided to the Assembly to inform Members of some of the issues that the special joint committee has been considering and to advise the Assembly and Executive Council as to certain conclusions and recommendations upon which the Members of the special joint committee are agreed.

#### The Challenge

The people of the Northwest Territories have accomplished enormous political and constitutional tasks in the past decade. We have seen steady progress through the attainment of responsible government, the gradual acquisition of province-like powers and responsibilities, the settlement of aboriginal land claims, the decision to establish Nunavut and to frame a constitution for the western territory.

On April 1, 1999 we will have two territories. We will thus have accomplished one of our greatest aspirations. But this great aspiration is also a great challenge. It will require our concentrated attention to ensure that division occurs in a way that is not disruptive to our citizens in Nunavut and in the west, that our financial stability is not eroded in the process and that the federal government meets all its obligations under the Nunavut political accord, and other agreements and understandings, in a timely manner.

The year 1999 is now less than five years from us, and we do not have the luxury of extra time. It is important that the division planning process proceed quickly and that it be guided by a clear political vision.

This report is of an interim nature and is not intended to articulate that vision. But it does state some of the key tasks to which the special joint committee has given attention, outlines some of the work that is currently under way and indicates steps that need to be taken in the period ahead.

#### Establishment Of Special Project Panels/Working Groups

The special joint committee's terms of reference provide it with the authority to establish special project panels on matters where specialized advice and expertise or a common information base may be required.

Consultation has taken place at the officials level with the Nunavut Implementation Commission (NIC), Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI), the Constitutional Development Steering Committee (CDSC) and the federal government on the setting up of a number of panels or working groups on a range of division topics. The Executive Council, through the Division Review Secretariat, has also been consulted on these initiatives.

A Coordinating Committee of Officials, with representation from all of the groups noted, has been established to oversee the working groups. On the advice of the coordinating committee, the special committee has approved the formation of four special project working groups, with an agreed membership, to address the following issues:

-Nunavut infrastructure;

-human resource planning and training for Nunavut public government;

-administrative structures for Nunavut public government; and,

-financing two territories.

It is intended that the working groups complete their agreed research projects by the end of this calendar year. At that time, an assessment of the data gathered will be made and further research needs determined. The special joint committee will therefore provide further details on the status of the working

groups, and the outcome of the research, in a future report.

#### Nunavut Sivummut - Rankin Inlet Economic Conference

The mandate of the special committee contemplated a working group on economic opportunities arising from division. However, following consultation through the Coordinating Committee of Officials,

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it was decided to limit the number of working groups to the four areas noted, as these were considered to require the most immediate attention. Nevertheless, to ensure some focus upon the economic area, the special committee provided the NTI with financial assistance to organize a conference in Rankin Inlet on October 25th to 27th entitled "Nunavut: Building Our Economy Together."

This conference was attended by approximately 140 people including representation from NTI, NIC, the MP for Nunatsiag, the Senator for the NWT, four MLAs, private sector interests and federal and territorial officials.

Over the three-day period, this large and diverse gathering succeeded in articulating the elements of a "common vision" for the future development of Nunavut. These were that the social ills affecting Nunavut society are a priority which must be addressed; that formal education, the completion of higher grades and continuation into post-secondary education must be encouraged; that practical training applicable to the job market must be developed; and, that students must be given support and preparation for participation in the workforce.

The NTI intends to analyze the information brought forward by the conference delegates and to create an economic development action plan based on the common vision. The special joint committee regards this as an important initiative toward the end of ensuring that social, economic and political development reinforce and strengthen each other in a common process. The special joint committee intends to give further attention to economic development, as a vital part of the division process, in the new year.

#### Rescheduling Of March 1995 Federal Cabinet Submission On Nunavut

When it approved the establishment of Nunavut, the previous federal government also decided that the

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development should return to Cabinet in March of 1995 for further direction on the creation of Nunavut. In particular, major funding allocations for division were not made by the federal Cabinet in 1993.

The delay in establishing the Nunavut Implementation Commission (NIC) and other factors have since made the March 1995 target date unworkable. In particular, this deadline does not allow sufficient time for the process of community consultation and consensus-building that the NIC must carry out in order to develop its recommendations.

The special joint committee's co-chairs met with their NIC and NTI counterparts on May 31, 1994 to review this issue. On September 19, 1994 the chairperson of the NIC wrote to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the president of NTI and the Premier to recommend that the federal Cabinet submission be rescheduled to September of 1995. By letter dated October 26, 1994, the Premier advised the other parties to the Nunavut process of her support for this proposal.

#### Recommendation 1

That the timing of the federal Cabinet submission on the establishment of Nunavut be deferred until September 1995 in accordance with the recommendation of the Nunavut Implementation Commission.

#### The GNWT's Role In The Preparation Of The Federal Cabinet Submission

As noted in the previous section, all major parties in the establishment of a new Nunavut government have recommended that the federal Cabinet submission on Nunavut be rescheduled to September 1995. It is our understanding to meet this deadline, the comprehensive report that the Nunavut Implementation Commission will submit to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, that will assist in the submission of the set of recommendations to the federal Cabinet, must be completed by March of 1995. This is only four short months away.

The GNWT, through the Division Review Secretariat, is working with the Nunavut Implementation Commission to provide detailed information of a financial, structural and program nature to assist the NIC with this report.

At the same time, the special joint committee understands that officials of the Nunavut Implementation Commission will be meeting with deputy ministers and other senior managers next week. We are of the view that such meetings are critical as NIC begins to develop its comprehensive report, a document that will outline in great detail the administrative structure and financial costs of the new Nunavut government. We encourage a more coordinated process to ensure that deputy ministers and other senior managers, who are now responsible for the provision of government programs, provide advice directly to the NIC during the development of this document.

#### Recommendation 2

That the Government of the Northwest Territories develop a consultation mechanism to allow individual departments, agencies, boards and corporations to provide advice to the Nunavut Implementation Commission on the manner in which programs can most effectively be delivered in Nunavut after 1999.

At the same time, the special joint committee recognizes the importance for each department of the GNWT to have a comprehensive operational plan and trained management staff in place to continue to deliver programs in Nunavut and the west in an effective and efficient manner after April 1, 1999. It is our view that each department should have a comprehensive implementation plan in place to ensure that this will occur.

#### Recommendation 3

That the Government of the Northwest Territories direct each of its departments, agencies, boards and corporations develop a comprehensive implementation plan for division.

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#### DIAND Nunavut Training Budget

Another issue which emerged shortly after the Fort Smith workshop concerned federal financial support for training initiatives to prepare Nunavut residents for public sector employment opportunities. Although significant progress has been made in improving the recruitment of Nunavut residents within the territorial public service, Nunavut poses new challenges and new opportunities. Among the most important tasks we face in the period to 1999 is that of ensuring that

Nunavut residents have the opportunity to acquire the skills needed to staff the Nunavut public service.

Recognition of the importance of training and human resources planning is contained in the Nunavut political accord, which states that "investing in people is of greater value than investing in infrastructure." Effective investment, however, whether in people or in infrastructure, requires sound analysis and planning as well as a source of funds.

In the latter regard, DIAND has made funding of \$420,000 available for fiscal year 1994-95, to be directed through contribution agreements to support Arctic College and GNWT programs. A further \$2.5 million is available for allocation in 1995-96. This funding is incremental to existing federal and territorial training moneys and was secured by DIAND through the 1993 Cabinet submission. Incremental funding beyond fiscal year 1995-96 is expected to be determined by the federal Cabinet through the 1995 submission. The special joint committee was pleased to note the utilization of Arctic College to provide this additional training.

It is critical, for further training funding to be secured and effectively utilized, that a training strategy be developed to cover the establishment of Nunavut. This strategy can most effectively be developed on a cooperative basis between the NIC, NTI and the federal and territorial governments.

With regard to the western NWT, although the situation is more complex, a beginning needs to be made towards the development of an effective training strategy that can be meshed with the process of western political development.

#### Recommendation 4

That the Government of the NWT work with the other parties to the division process to develop a training strategy for Nunavut public government.

#### Recommendation 5

That requirements for adequate incremental training moneys be identified in the process leading up to the 1995 federal Cabinet submission.

#### Recommendation 6

That delivery arrangements for incremental training moneys be developed in a collaborative process with the parties to the establishment of Nunavut.

## Recommendation 7

That the Government of the NWT begin the development of a training strategy appropriate to the western NWT in collaboration with the parties to the western constitutional process.

### Construction Of Nunavut Infrastructure - Northern Benefits

While the extent of additional infrastructure construction required for Nunavut is still in the process of determination, it is critical that the benefits of this construction not be reaped primarily by companies located in southern Canada using an imported workforce. The Government of the Northwest Territories has a management regime in place and has the technical expertise to handle such construction. In addition, through its Business Incentives Policy (BIP), the Government of the NWT has developed procedures and policies to ensure northern and local benefits. The BIP is currently being reviewed through a process of public consultation to ensure its effectiveness in this regard.

Currently, DIAND's Nunavut Implementation Secretariat has the planning budget and the project leader responsibility for the construction of additional territorial infrastructure required for Nunavut. The project management responsibility for this infrastructure has been assigned to Public Works Canada (PWC). In addition, PWC has both the project leader and the project management responsibility for any additional federal infrastructure required as a result of division.

Following consultation with NIC, NTI and the Executive Council, the special joint committee therefore recommended to the Premier that the federal government should transfer responsibility for the construction of Nunavut infrastructure to the GNWT, through to 1999, and the Nunavut Government, after 1999. On this basis the Premier wrote to the Minister of DIAND on August 19th to convey a firm statement of the Government of the NWT's position on this matter.

## Recommendation 8

That suitable arrangements be made to transfer the responsibility for the construction of Nunavut infrastructure to the Government of the NWT, up to 1999, and the Government of Nunavut, after 1999.

## Recommendation 9

That the business incentives policy of the Government of the NWT, as amended from time to time, be applied to the construction and maintenance of all Nunavut infrastructure.

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### Formula Negotiations And Incremental Costs Of Division

Another matter which the special joint committee has addressed involves advice to the Minister of Finance on division issues and the relationship of these to the negotiation of a new federal/territorial formula financing agreement.

The current formula financing agreement is scheduled to expire on March 31, 1995, and discussions are in progress on a successor agreement. As all are aware, a climate of "fiscal constraint" is now pervasive. A serious concern on the part of the special joint committee is that the federal government's commitment, given in the Nunavut political accord, to fund "reasonable incremental costs arising from the creation and operation of the Government of Nunavut" will be devalued by adjustments to the formula or by funding erosion in other areas. Such funding erosion has already been experienced in the critical area of housing.

In this context, the special joint committee has conveyed to the Minister of Finance the view that it is imperative that extraordinary costs accruing to the Government of the NWT relating to education, training, human resource development and infrastructure, and other incremental costs incurred in the process leading up to the establishment of two territories, be recovered from the federal government. A further issue is posed by incremental costs that may arise from the negotiation of self-government in the western territory. Such incremental costs, arising from federal commitments and the special constitutional status of the aboriginal peoples, must likewise be met by the federal government. In addition, careful analysis needs to be made of the future funding arrangements that may apply to the two territorial governments after 1999. At the present time, it is not at all clear how the present formula arrangements could apply in the context of division, and this issue requires scrutiny.

The special joint committee is advised that, in response to these representations, the Financial Management Board Secretariat has directed that managers track all division-related expenditures,

including time spent on division-related activities. The Financial Management Board has also issued directives that all expenditures for service benefits and all revenues be coded for geographic assignment.

Data to permit further analysis of the type of formula arrangements that might be applicable to two new territories after 1999 is currently being gathered under the auspices of the working group on financing two territories.

#### Recommendation 10

That available funding options for two distinct territories be assessed, including transition arrangements for an interim period following 1999, consistent with the constitutional evolution of the NWT and the provisions of the Nunavut political accord.

#### Recommendation 11

That discussions be initiated with the federal government on the recovery of "reasonable incremental costs" incurred by the Government of the NWT from the establishment of Nunavut.

#### Recommendation 12

That the Government of the NWT ensure that the issue of incremental costs be resolved in a satisfactory manner through the 1995 federal Cabinet submission.

#### Legislative Requirements Arising From Division

The special joint committee requested a review by the Department of Justice of the legislative requirements arising from division.

These revisions could be accomplished by the appointment of a single Statute Revision Commissioner with the statutory authority to prepare legislative revisions for both territories.

#### Recommendation 13

That the Executive Council request the Department of Justice to prepare a statute revision bill for consideration during the First Session of the 13th Assembly;

#### Recommendation 14

That the said bill provide for the appointment of a Statute Revision Commissioner with the responsibility

of preparing the statutes of Nunavut and the western territory.

#### Recommendation 15

That the Executive Council secure the agreement of the Government of Canada that the costs of preparing the legislative revisions be regarded as "reasonable incremental costs" within the meaning of part 8.3 of the Nunavut political accord.

#### Constitutional Issues

There are references to the "Northwest Territories" in a number of constitutional documents which should be modified to refer to Nunavut and the western territory. Of particular importance is the Constitution Act (No. 2), 1975, which provides for a single Senator to represent the Northwest Territories. Unless this act is amended by 1999, a constitutional anomaly will be created whereby two jurisdictions are represented by a single Senator. In accordance with Canadian constitutional practice, Nunavut and the western territory should each receive representation in the Senate.

In order to ensure that this issue is addressed by the federal government, it should be raised in senior bilateral discussions. While this issue is not of compelling urgency, it is an issue on which discussions should commence.

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#### Recommendation 16

That Nunavut and the western territory receive separate representation in the Senate of Canada.

#### Recommendation 17

That the Executive Council address the issue of Senate representation with the federal government prior to the 1995 federal Cabinet submission on Nunavut.

#### Public Information Initiatives

The special joint committee's terms of reference specifically state that it will not undertake any public information programs on division issues. Rather, the committee may contribute material to public information programs initiated by other participants in the division process.

At the request of the Division Review Secretariat, consideration was given to a modest proposal to produce a brochure or flyer which primarily intended to identify participants in the division process, their mandates and contacts for further information. The proposal also included preparation of text on division which could be inserted in MLAs' constituency newsletters.

The special joint committee recommended that preparation and distribution of the brochure or flyer and newsletter text should be the responsibility of the Assembly's public information office.

The former has been distributed to the public through NWT newspapers in late June and early July. The latter is available to MLAs upon request.

Consideration will also be given to ongoing contributions by the special joint committee to public information initiatives such as the Nunatsiak News special report on Nunavut which contained reports on implementation of the Inuit land claim and activities of NIC and other Nunavut organizations. Consideration will also be given to contribute to the public information that will be produced by the Constitutional Development Steering Committee.

#### Liaison With Other Participants In The Division Process

Formal and informal contact between the co-chairs and their NIC/NTI counterparts has been productive and while there are no plans to institute regular sessions, agreement has been reached to meet as required to deal with outstanding concerns or issues before they become major problems.

The special joint committee will be seeking a briefing on the CDSC process once plans are confirmed for the upcoming constitutional conference.

The special joint committee's support staff are in regular contact with their counterparts in the Division Review Secretariat which is the "window" into the administration on division issues. Officials have also maintained contact with and participated in meetings of representatives from all participants in the division process, including NIC, NTI, CDSC and the federal government.

Members are advised that the special committee helped to facilitate a briefing by CDSC chairman, Mr. Koe, at the June Nunavut leaders' meeting in Iqaluit. In addition, the special committee has assisted the

Nunavut Caucus in preparing for Nunavut leaders' meetings.

#### Future Activities

The period from now until the federal Cabinet submission on Nunavut, expected in the fall of next year, will be critical. The special joint committee must continue to work in cooperation with the NIC, NTI and other northern interests to ensure that our vision of the way division should occur is a common one, and one that is conveyed to the federal government forcefully and effectively. Especially critical areas for attention are human resources development and training, responsibility for infrastructure construction, the securing of reasonable incremental costs, the protection of the existing fiscal base and a satisfactory resolution of constitutional issues.

In the western NWT the process is at a different evolutionary stage. However, the special joint committee sees as critical the consultative process that the CDSC is now undertaking in western communities, and the first of the two proposed constitutional conferences.

It also important that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development clarify his policies to northerners with regard to the western constitutional process and its relationship to such other processes as self-government and the inherent right. It is difficult for the CDSC and the special joint committee to clarify the options for western constitutional development given the uncertainty that is now current with regard to federal intentions.

#### **MR. SPEAKER:**

Please proceed, Mr. Todd.

Motion To Receive Committee Report 1-12(7) And Move To Committee Of The Whole, Carried

#### **HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that concludes the report of the Special Joint Committee on Division. Therefore I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh, that the first report of the Special Joint Committee on Division be received by the Assembly and moved into committee of the whole.

#### **MR. SPEAKER:**

That is a motion, but we don't have a quorum. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Clerk has rung the bell. The motion is in order. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive rule 93(4) and have the first report of the Special Joint Committee on Division placed on the order paper for committee of the whole today. Thank you.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to waive rule 93(4) and place the report in committee of the whole today. Are there any nays? There are no nays.

The report is referred to committee of the whole for today.

It has been a long afternoon and I've been called a Madam and a Chair, and a few other things. But, now we've been called to join Mr. Kakfwi who will be making a presentation, I believe, during the break. So, we will have a short break and will continue the business of the House after we've had a 15-minute rest.

---SHORT RECESS

**MR. SPEAKER:**

We're on item 11, reports of standing and special committees. Item 12, reports of committees on the review of bills. Item 13, tabling of documents. Mr. Nerysoo.

ITEM 13: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two documents to table. I wish to table the following document, Tabled

Document 9-12(7), Partners in Learning: Arctic College Annual Report, 1993-94.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to table the following document, Tabled Document 10-12(7), New Horizons: Science Institute of the Northwest Territories Annual Report, 1993-94. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Item 13, tabling of documents. Mr. Kakfwi.

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following document, Tabled Document 11-12(7), which contains declarations on zero tolerance for family violence from the following Gwich'in communities: Sambaa K'e Dene Band, Trout Lake; NWT Association of Municipalities; town of Fort Smith council; hamlet council of Aklavik; town of Hay River council; hamlet council of Gjoa Haven, city of Yellowknife council. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Item 13, tabling of documents. Item 14, notices of motion. Item 15, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Item 16, motions. Mr. Ng.

ITEM 16: MOTIONS

Motion 1-12(7): Funding Assistance To Unorganized Communities Under The Canada/NWT Infrastructure Agreement, Carried

**MR. NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS, the residents of Umingmaktok and Bathurst Inlet have infrastructure needs similar to those of all other NWT residents;

AND WHEREAS, their needs have been ignored by the Canada/NWT community allocations under the national infrastructure program;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that the Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories consider an allocation of \$50,000 total to the communities of Umingmaktok and Bathurst Inlet

under the Canada/NWT infrastructure agreement.  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Ng. The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Ng.

**MR. NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there are 60 residents in the community of Umingmaktok and 22 residents in the community of Bathurst Inlet. Even though these communities are not formally recognized as communities by the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Government of the Northwest Territories does provide a school in Umingmaktok, including a teacher, housing through the alternate housing programs, health care, social services, funding for northern games and the POL supply to both of those communities.

There are other communities in the NWT that are of the same or smaller size that have received an allocation, even though it may be the minimum allocation of \$25,000 under the Canada/NWT infrastructure agreement. I don't believe it is fair to exclude other communities because of their designation or lack of official recognition by our government. The communities of Umingmaktok and Bathurst Inlet have identified needs for infrastructure. Recently, they've requested that there be community freezers placed in their communities because they don't have any power there, so they need some kind of food storage over the summer months.

As I've mentioned before, they have additional housing needs that haven't been attended to over the years. And another recent issue that has come forward from the community of Umingmaktok regards their school. They have asked that their school be renovated because it was built in 1977. It is 1,047 square feet and while it may have been adequate when it was built, since the growth of the community, it is no longer adequate.

Finally, I think that the Canada/NWT infrastructure agreement currently has an amount of \$800,000 identified as a contingency fund for addressing special needs and I think this particular circumstance would warrant that they be eligible under this fund. So, I would like to ask all Members to support this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Ng. To the motion. Mr. Antoine.

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to be supporting this motion. I agree that traditional communities, even though they aren't recognized by this government, should get the necessary funding that is required to make life a little better and a little easier for people who choose to live in these communities. It is not a community recognized by the government; however, this is a traditional community which has been there for many, many years.

I recall that when we were in Cambridge Bay for our workshop a couple of years ago, we went to the elders' centre and many of the elders who spoke talked about how they weren't from Cambridge Bay

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but they were from other communities that no longer exist. They talked in a longing way that they would still like to be in these places. Unfortunately, they were moved to this big centre. These are two communities who are choosing to remain.

There is a contingency fund in the Canada/NWT infrastructure agreement of \$800,000 and the request in this motion is for a small portion of that. As a result, I support this motion 100 per cent, that they should get the funding that has been requested. Mahsi.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. Is there anybody else who wants to speak to this motion? Mr. Patterson.

**MR. PATTERSON:**

Mr. Speaker, I just want to briefly speak in favour of the motion. We talk often in this Assembly about fairness and equity and Mr. Morin, particularly, often uses that term. I think it is a laudable goal in all the operations of our government. I believe, simply, that fairness and equity demand that these two communities be recognized, along with the other smaller communities that were recognized in the GNWT infrastructure agreement. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you very much, Mr. Patterson.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**



Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. We don't have enough people to vote. Okay, I recognize a quorum. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

---Applause

We are now on Motion 3-12(7). Mr. Nerysoo.

Motion 3-12(7): Tabled Document 1-12(7), "Legislative Discussion Paper On The Draft New Education Act" Be Referred To The Standing Committee On Legislation, Carried

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that Tabled Document 1-12(7), "Legislative Discussion Paper on the Draft of the New Education Act," be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for review.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

---Carried

Motion 4-12(7). Mr. Nerysoo.

Motion 4-12(7): Tabled Document 2-12(7) "Rewriting Liquor Laws In The Northwest Territories, A Legislative Action Paper" Be Referred To The Standing Committee On Legislation, Carried

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin Central, that Tabled Document 2-12(7), "Rewriting Liquor Laws in the Northwest Territories, A Legislative Action Paper," be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for review.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Your motion is in order.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

---Carried

Item 17, first reading of bills. Mr. Pollard.

ITEM 17: FIRST READING OF BILLS

Bill 6: An Act To Amend The Petroleum Products Tax Act

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The motion is in order.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

---Carried

Bill 6 has had first reading. Mr. Pollard.

Bill 11: An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin Central, that Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Pollard. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

---Carried

Bill 11 has had first reading. Mr. Pollard.

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Bill 15: An Act To Amend The Elections Act

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Elections Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 15 has had first reading. Item 17, first reading of bills. Madam Premier.

Bill 8: An Act To Amend The Dental Mechanics Act

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Dental Mechanics Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Madam Premier. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 8 has had first reading. Item 17, first reading of bills. Mr. Nerysoo.

Bill 2: An Act To Amend The Apprenticeship And Trade Certification Act

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin Central, that Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 2 has had first reading. Item 17, first reading of bills. Mr. Nerysoo.

Bill 10: An Act To Amend The Liquor Act

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Liquor Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 10 has had first reading. Item 17, first reading of bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

Bill 3: An Act To Amend The Judicature Act

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Judicature Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 3 has had first reading. Bill 17, first reading of bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

Bill 4: An Act To Amend The Limitation Of Actions Act

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Limitation of Actions Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 4 has had first reading. Mr. Kakfwi.

Bill 5: An Act To Amend The Maintenance Act

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 5, An Act to Amend the Maintenance Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour?

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All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 5 has had first reading. Item 17, first reading of bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

Bill 7: An Act To Amend The Co-operative Associations Act

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Hay River, that Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Co-operative Associations Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 7 has had first reading. Item 17, first reading of bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

Bill 9: An Act To Amend The Legal Profession Act

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Legal Profession Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 9 has had first reading. Mr. Kakfwi.

Bill 12: An Act To Amend The Judicature Act, No. 2

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Hay River, that Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Judicature Act, No. 2, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 12 has had first reading. Mr. Kakfwi.

Bill 13: An Act To Amend The Fair Practices Act

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Fair Practices Act, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 13 has had first reading.

Bill 14: Miscellaneous Statutes Amending Act, 1994

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta that Bill 14, Miscellaneous Statutes Amending Act, 1994, be read for the first time.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 14 has received first reading. Item 17, first reading of bills. Item 18, second reading of bills. Mr. Pollard.

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:**

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to move to second reading of Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with Bill 6. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Pollard.

ITEM 18: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Bill 6: An Act To Amend The Petroleum Products Tax Act

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Act, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Petroleum Products Tax Act to clarify that a collector need not collect tax on petroleum products sold to another collector. The bill requires any person exporting petroleum products from the territories to report the intended exportation to the Minister and provide a deposit for taxes that would otherwise be payable.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, the bill changes references from the Commissioner and the Comptroller General to the Minister. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

The motion is in order. To the principle of this bill.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 6 has received second reading. Mr. Pollard.

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to move to second reading of Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with Bill 11. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Pollard.

Bill 11: An Act To Amend The Income Tax Act

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin Central, that Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Income Tax Act to incorporate the following changes required by recent amendments to the Income Tax Act of Canada. The changes, Mr. Speaker, allow the calculation of compound interest payable under the act; allow reassessments to be made after the normal reassessment period where a taxpayer may be entitled to a refund; allow for the payments of refunds after the normal period; allow the imposition of a penalty to be imposed on corporations that fail to file a return; clarify certain penalty provisions; allow the taxpayer to apply for an extension of time to file a notice of objection; clarify that interest is payable from the beginning of the year in which an amendment becomes applicable; broaden and clarify certain provisions respecting enforcement; and, delete reference to the Comptroller General who no longer performs duties under the Income Tax Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Pollard. The motion is in order and you've outlined the principle of the bill. To the principle of the bill.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 11 has received second reading. Mr. Pollard.

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again, I seek consent to move to second reading of Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Elections Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with Bill 15. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Pollard.

Bill 15: An Act To Amend The Elections Act

**HON. JOHN POLLARD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Elections Act, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Elections Act to allow the chief electoral officer to set the period for enumeration. The bill also permits inmates serving sentences of less than two years to vote in an election and makes technical amendments relating to advanced polls, election officials, and the reporting of campaign financing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The motion is in order, Mr. Pollard, and you've outlined the principle of the bill. To the principle of the bill.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 15 has received second reading. Madam Premier.

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to move to second reading of Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Dental Mechanics Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with Bill 8. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Madam Premier.

Bill 8: An Act To Amend The Dental Mechanics Act

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that Bill 8, An Act to Amend the Dental Mechanics Act, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill provides for the registration of dental mechanics who are qualified to make partial dentures with a prescription from a dentist. The bill prohibits dental mechanics from taking and interpreting X-rays and from making diagnoses of oral health. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Your motion is in order and you've outlined the principle of the bill. To the principle of the bill.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 8 has received second reading. Mr. Nerysoo.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 2.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with Bill 2. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Nerysoo.

Bill 2: An Act To Amend The Apprenticeship And Trade Certification Act

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin Central, that Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Act, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Act to give administrative power to designate occupations for the purpose of certification. This amendment requires a corresponding change in the name of the act and the powers of the supervisor and board. This bill also amends the act to reduce the number of times the board must meet and allows the Minister to establish an appeal panel as needed.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you very much, Mr. Nerysoo. The motion is in order. The Minister has outlined the principle of the bill. To the principle of the bill.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 2 has received second reading.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Nerysoo.

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to seek consent from Members to proceed with second reading of Bill 10.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with Bill 10. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Nerysoo.

Bill 10: An Act To Amend The Liquor Act

**HON. RICHARD NERYSOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that Bill 10, An Act to Amend the Liquor Act, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill provides that by-law officers serving in municipalities that have approved liquor prohibition may be appointed by the Minister as special by-law officers with the authority to search for and seize liquor in vehicles. The bill also provides peace officers and special by-law officers with the authority to stop vehicles for the purposes of searching them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Minister. To the principle of the bill. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:**

Mr. Chairman, not all communities have by-law officers nor can afford to have by-law officers. I don't know if having by-law officers stop and search vehicles without the proper training would put these people in a situation that is really the authority of police officers, so I can't support the principle of this bill.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

To the principle of Bill 10.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 10 has received second reading. Item 18, second reading of bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 3.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. The Minister is seeking consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 3. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed.

Bill 3: An Act To Amend The Judicature Act

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Judicature Act, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Judicature Act to provide that the rate of prejudgment and post-judgment interest will be determined twice each year on the basis of the "prime business rate" published in the Bank of Canada review. The bill provides that a court has discretion to disallow prejudgment or post-judgment interest, increase or decrease the rate of interest, or fix the day from which interest is to run. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. The motion is in order and you have outlined the principle of the bill. To the principle of the bill.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 3 has had second reading. Mr. Kakfwi.

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed to second reading of Bill 4.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. The Minister would like proceed to second reading of Bill 4. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Kakfwi.

Bill 4: An Act To Amend The Limitation Of Actions Act

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Limitation of Actions Act, be read for the second time.

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Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Limitation of Actions Act to permit actions arising from an assault of a sexual nature to be brought at any time where the person committing the assault was in a position of trust with the victim, had an intimate relationship with the victim or was someone upon whom the victim was dependent. For an assault of a sexual nature in other situations, the victim would have two years to commence an action from the time he or she had the capacity to commence the action. This bill also gives a court the power to decide whether a foreign limitation period applies and to exempt an assault of a sexual nature from the application of a foreign limitation. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Minister. The motion is in order and you have outlined the principle of the bill. To the principle of this bill.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 4 has had second reading. Mr. Kakfwi.

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I wish to proceed with second reading of Bill 5.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister is seeking consent to proceed to second reading of Bill 5. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Kakfwi.



Bill 5: An Act To Amend The Maintenance Act

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 5, An Act to Amend the Maintenance Act, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Maintenance Act to provide that common-law spouses are eligible for maintenance, and permits common-law spouses to exempt themselves by agreement from the application of the act.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Your motion is in order, Mr. Kakfwi, and the principle of the bill has been outlined. To the principle of this bill.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 5 has had second reading. Mr. Kakfwi.

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

I seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 7.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister is seeking consent to give Bill 7 second reading. Are there any nays? I heard one nay. Please proceed, Mr. Kakfwi, you have consent.

Bill 7: An Act To Amend The Co-operative Associations Act

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin Central, that Bill 7, An Act to Amend the Co-operative Associations Act, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Co-operative Associations Act to provide that the Minister instead of the Commissioner is to receive inquiry reports,

action inquiry reports and approve the registration of a federation of co-operatives. The bill makes the process for application for registration of an extra-territorial co-operative association and an amalgamated co-operative association similar to the incorporated process.

This bill also allows the issuance of restricted preferred shares and sets out the procedure for electing directors to represent those shareholders, the bill removes the requirement for the members of the co-operative association to sign the standard by-laws and streamlines the registration process for by-laws. The bill also removes the requirement for the registrar to publish a notice two months before dissolving a co-operative association.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Minister. Your motion is in order and you have outlined the principle of the bill. To the principle of the bill.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 7 has had second reading. Mr. Kakfwi.

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

I seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 9.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister is seeking consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 9. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Kakfwi.

Bill 9: An Act To Amend The Legal Profession Act

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Legal Profession Act, be read for the second time.

This bill makes a number of changes to the Legal Profession Act relating to the discipline of members of the law society and students-at-law for misconduct. The most significant amendments will permit the chairperson of the discipline committee to appoint a one-person "sole inquirer," as opposed to establishing a three-person committee of inquiry, to conduct an inquiry into the conduct of a member or a student-at-law in circumstances where a finding of misconduct against the member or student-at-law will not likely result in the imposition of severe penalties such as the suspension or disbarment of a member or the suspension or termination of the articles of a student-at-law. A sole inquirer will be empowered to issue a reprimand and impose a fine or an order for costs where the inquiry results in a finding of misconduct.

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This bill also amends the act to:

-permit the executive of the law society or the chairperson of the discipline committee to designate a vice-chairperson of the discipline committee to act in the place of the chairperson or to perform specified functions or duties of the chairperson;

-increase the maximum fine that can be imposed against a member of student-at-law by a committee of inquiry; and,

-provide for the automatic suspension of a member or student-at-law who does not pay a fine or an order for costs within the time set by a sole inquirer or committee of inquiry.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. The motion is in order. To the principle of Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Legal Profession Act.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 9 has received second reading. Item 18, second reading of bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 12.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 12. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Mr. Kakfwi.

Bill 12: An Act To Amend The Judicature Act, No. 2

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin Centre, that Bill 12, An Act to Amend the Judicature Act, No. 2, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Judicature Act to eliminate references to the rules of the Alberta Supreme Court. This bill also transfers to the Commissioner, from the Supreme Court, the regulation-making power to set tariffs of fees and prohibits the payment of fees to persons selected for a jury panel and to non-expert witnesses. This bill also provides for the position of chief justice in the composition of the Supreme Court. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. The motion is in order. To the principle of Bill 12.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 12 has received second reading. Item 18, second reading of bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 13.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 13. Are there any nays? There are no nays, Mr. Kakfwi, so proceed.

Bill 13: An Act To Amend The Fair Practices Act

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Fair Practices Act, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Fair Practices Act to expand the powers of fair practices officers for investigations, hearings and disputes. The bill also provides for the registration of the order of a fair practices officer with the territorial court. The bill also creates a separate offence for disobeying an order or decision of a fair practices officer and sets fines for those offenses. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. The motion is in order and we've heard the principle of the bill. To the principle of the bill.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 13 has received second reading. Item 18, second reading of bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 14.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 14. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Kakfwi.

Bill 14: Miscellaneous Statutes Amending Act, 1994

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 14, Miscellaneous Statutes Amending Act, 1994, be read for the second time.

This bill corrects certain anomalies, inconsistencies, archaisms and errors in the statutes of the Northwest Territories. The bill also deals with other matters of a non-controversial and uncomplicated nature in the statutes and repeals certain provisions of the statutes that have expired or lapsed or otherwise ceased to have effect. Thank you.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. 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? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 14 has received second reading. Item 18, second reading of bills. Have we concluded with second reading of bills? Bills 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 have had second reading and, accordingly, the bills stand referred to a committee. Item 19, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. There is one item, Committee Report 1-12(7), First Report of the Special Joint Committee on Division, with Mr. Ningark in the chair.

**ITEM 19: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS AND OTHER MATTERS**

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. The committee will come to order. I believe Mr. Antoine, the Member for Nahendeh has opening remarks. Mr. Antoine.

Committee Report 1-12(7): First Report Of The Special Joint Committee On Division

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first report of the Special Joint Committee on Division was given to this House and this report was moved, as read, into the record. We have a number of recommendations, Mr. Chairman.

Committee Motion 1-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 1, Carried

The first recommendation is under the topic, rescheduling of March 1995 federal Cabinet submission on Nunavut, page 3 and 4. Therefore, I have a motion, Mr. Chairman. I move that this committee recommends that the timing of the federal Cabinet submission on the establishment of Nunavut be deferred until September 1995, in accordance with the recommendation of the Nunavut Implementation Commission.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Proceed, Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 2-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 2, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Recommendation 2 is under the heading GNWT's role in the preparation of the federal Cabinet submission. I move that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories develop a consultation mechanism to allow individual departments, agencies, boards and corporations to provide advice to the Nunavut Implementation Commission on the manner in which programs can most effectively be delivered in Nunavut after 1999.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question has been called. I believe we are missing one Member in order to make a quorum. I will ring the bell. We have a quorum. We have recommendation 2, and question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 3-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 3, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have another motion under this heading. I move that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories direct each of its departments, agencies, boards and corporations develop a comprehensive implementation plan for division.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

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

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 4-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 4, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, under the heading, DIAND Nunavut training budget, there is a recommendation. I move that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories work with the other parties to the division process to develop a training strategy for Nunavut public government.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question is being called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motions is carried. Proceed, Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 5-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 5, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

I move that this committee recommends that requirements for adequate incremental training monies be identified in the process leading

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up to the 1995 federal Cabinet submission.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 6-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 6, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that this committee recommends that delivery arrangements for incremental training monies be developed in a collaborative process with the parties to the establishment of Nunavut.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 7-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 7, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories begin the development of a training strategy appropriate to the western NWT in collaboration with the parties to the western constitutional process.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you, Mr. Antoine. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 8-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 8, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is under the heading, construction of Nunavut infrastructure -- northern benefits. I move, that this committee recommends that suitable arrangements be made to transfer the responsibility for the construction of Nunavut infrastructure to the Government of the Northwest Territories up to 1999 and the Government of Nunavut after 1999.

The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 9-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 9, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that this committee recommends that the business incentives policy of the Government of the Northwest Territories, as amended from time to time, be applied to the construction and maintenance of all Nunavut infrastructure.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 10-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 10, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under the heading, formula negotiations and incremental costs of division, I have the following motion. I move that this committee recommends that available funding options for two distinct territories be assessed, including transition arrangements for an interim period following 1999, consistent with the constitutional evolution of the NWT and the provisions of the Nunavut political accord.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 11-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 11, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

I move that this committee recommends that discussions be initiated with the federal government on the recovery of "reasonable incremental costs"

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incurred by the Government of the Northwest Territories from the establishment of Nunavut.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 12-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 12, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

I move that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories ensure that the issue of incremental costs be resolved in a satisfactory manner through the 1995 federal Cabinet submission.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

The honourable Member for Nahendeh, Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 13-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 13, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under the heading, legislative requirements arising from division, I have the following motion. I move that this committee recommends that the Executive Council request the Department of Justice to prepare a statute revision bill for consideration during the First Session of the 13th Assembly.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 14-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 14, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that this committee recommends that the said bill provide for the appointment of a statute revision Commissioner with the responsibility of preparing the statutes of Nunavut and the western territory.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 15-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 15, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that this committee recommends that the Executive Council secure the agreement of the Government of Canada that the costs of preparing the legislative revisions be regarded as "reasonable incremental costs" within the meaning of part 8.3 of the Nunavut political accord.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

The motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

Committee Motion 16-12(7): To Adopt Recommendation 16, Carried

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under the heading, constitutional issues, we have two final motions. I move that this committee recommends that Nunavut and the western territory receive separate representation in the Senate of Canada.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Koe, are you going to speak to the motion?

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Question has been called. All those in favour? Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:**

Is that one in the west and one in Nunavut or can we look at more than one?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Mr. Antoine.

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The motion is that we have one Member of the Senate of Canada in Nunavut and one in the western territory. Later on, it could be two each, et cetera.

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. I believe the Senate will be for both the west and the east. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:**

Mr. Chairman, I have problems with that. I think we should have at least two for the east and two for the west. If we get one in each territory, that's good, but we should at least try to...

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. Recommendation 16 doesn't signify if there is going to be one or two. Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Chairman, that was the point I was trying to make. The Nunavut and western territories receive separate representation and it's open. That's the answer, I think, to Mr. Gargan's question. It could be six. It leaves it wide open. What we're saying here is as long as the representation is equal.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

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

---Carried

Mr. Antoine.

**MR. ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is the final motion, I believe, of this report.

Committee Motion 17-12(6): To Adopt Recommendation 17, Carried

I move that this committee recommends that the Executive Council address the issue of Senate representation with the federal government prior to the 1995 federal Cabinet submission on Nunavut.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you kindly, honourable Member for Nahendeh. The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:**

I'm not too clear on this. What is this with the time of the 1995 federal Cabinet submission on Nunavut? Is that legislation that we're talking about?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Mr. Antoine.

**MR. ANTOINE:**

There is to be a report to the federal government next year by September 1995, as recommendation 1. It's going to be presented by NIC's recommendations.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you. To the motion.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Question.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**



Question is being called. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Does the committee agree that the report of the Special Joint Committee on Division, Committee Report 1-12(7), is concluded?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Since there are no further items in committee of the whole, I will rise and report progress on your behalf to the Speaker.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

We're on item 20, report of committee of the whole. Mr. Ningark.

ITEM 20: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark):**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Committee Report 1-12(7) and would like to report progress with 17 motions being adopted, and that Committee Report 1-12(7) is concluded. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of committee of the whole be concurred with. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Qujannamiik, Mr. Ningark. Your motion is in order. Is there a seconder for this motion? The seconder for this motion is Mr. Antoine. To the motion. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Item 21, third reading of bills.

Prior to asking the Clerk to read the orders of the day, I would like to take this opportunity to express on your behalf, appreciation to our new Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Robert Atkinson...

---Applause

...and the more than 60 Pages who have served us over the last six weeks.

---Applause

I would also like to express our appreciation to all our interpreters...

---Applause

...and translators for their excellent service, and, of course, our very busy Hansard staff.

---Applause

Last and by no means least, the Clerk of our Legislative Assembly...

---Applause

...our Acting Clerk Assistant...

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---Applause

...and the very hard working staff who do things that they're told to do under their direction.

---Applause

I would like to wish you, my colleagues, and all your families a very peaceful and joyous Christmas, and please look after yourselves until we meet again in this Chamber in the new year.

---Applause

Item 22, Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

ITEM 22: ORDERS OF THE DAY

**CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):**

Mr. Speaker, orders of the day for Wednesday, February 15, 1995.

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions

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17. First Reading of Bills
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20. Report of Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House now stands adjourned until Wednesday, February 15, 1995.

**---ADJOURNMENT**