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**ITEM 1: PRAYER**

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Member's Statement On High Cost Of Living In Baffin

**SPEAKER (Hon. Samuel Gargan):**

Thank you, Mr. O'Brien. Orders of the day, item 2,  
Ministers' statements. Mr. Premier.

**ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS**

Minister's Statement 11-13(3): Minister Absent From  
The House

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to advise Members  
that the Honourable Manitoq Thompson has been  
delayed in Chesterfield Inlet and will be absent from  
the House today. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Ng.

Minister's Statement 12-13(3): Kugluktuk Recreation  
Facilities Destroyed By Fire

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we've learned  
of a major fire last night in the hamlet of Kugluktuk.  
Unfortunately, the hamlet's recreation complex,  
including an arena, curling rink and two community  
halls were completely destroyed. We were thankful  
that there were no injuries sustained in the blaze, but  
the community now faces the situation of being  
without important community recreation facilities.

I would like to assure the community and the  
Members of this Assembly that the Department of  
Municipal and Community Affairs will work with the  
community to develop a plan for replacing these vital  
community facilities. Our regional office has been in  
contact with the community. Mr. Speaker, the office of  
the fire marshal and the insurance company will be  
sending representatives into the community this week  
to review the fire damage and discuss insurance  
details.

The loss of this major community facility presents a  
challenge to the department and this government.  
Securing the resources and planning a replacement  
facility will take time, but every effort will be made to  
have a new facility as soon as possible. Thank you,  
Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

**ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Members' Statement On High Cost Of Living In Baffin

**MR. ENUARAQ:**

Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. Before I start with my  
statement, I would like to say hi to two of my brothers-  
in-law back home in Clyde River, Solomonie Natanine  
and James Arreak.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Hear! Hear!

**MR. ENUARAQ:**

Mr. Speaker, today I received a touching message  
from an Inuk who works as a school secretary in  
Pangnirtung. She was writing on behalf of the UNW  
employees of Attagoyuk School in Pangnirtung.

This young woman told me that she and her fellow  
workers are already finding it very difficult to live on  
the pay cheques they are now getting in the Baffin.  
She stated that food is now extremely expensive,  
much more than what it was in the past. My  
constituent also told me that right now she is paying  
\$238 a month rent for her small place, and that  
starting April 1st, her rent will go up to \$600 per  
month. She is wondering how she will be able to  
come up with grocery money. She asked whether our  
government knows how expensive it is to live in the

Baffin region. She asked whether the government cares. She asked if our government would prefer that people like her go on welfare. She asked me if I would support employees like her.

Mr. Speaker, I will do my best. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Enuaraq. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. O'Brien.

Member's Statement On Economic Growth And Job Creation

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my statement today is regarding economic growth and job creation. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday past, I spoke about the need for this Assembly to develop strategies to deal with the economic; and social challenges facing communities across the Northwest Territories. For many years, Mr. Speaker, the government has been the main engine of economic growth in the Territories, either through the direct creation of new jobs or the indirect creation of jobs by using policies to ensure that its capital budget benefits northern businesses.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear from the statements of the House, of the government, to date, that if government is the engine of economic growth in the Territories, then we have just

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slammed on the brakes. Government is restructuring in such a manner that will eliminate jobs, not create them. Spending on capital and government programs is expected to be reduced significantly, affecting a number of jobs in the private sector. Mr. Speaker, while the downsizing of government will be felt in headquarters and in the regional centres, the smaller centres that are even more dependent on government will be especially hard hit.

On Wednesday, I told Members about the RSV outbreak in Arviat and the underlying economic and social problems that I believe contributed to this tragedy. Mr. Speaker, the two communities that I represent face similar challenges to other communities in both the Western Arctic and Nunavut. They are not regional centres and for the most part do not have the economic opportunities available to them, aside from the pursuit of traditional activities. Unemployment rates in these communities are

astronomically high. For example, in Arviat and Baker Lake, although the official unemployment rate runs in the area of 25 to 30 per cent, the real unemployment rate is closer to 70 to 75 per cent. Many of the people in these communities have given up looking for work because there is none. As a result, they are not included in the Stats Canada estimates. At the same time, Mr. Speaker, the birthrates in these communities are amongst the highest in North America. The basic fact of the matter is that the problem is simply getting worse.

Mr. Speaker, reductions to government programs are felt more acutely in these communities. The more diverse economies in the larger regional centres make them better able to absorb these cuts. Mr. Speaker, I'm not trying to make light of the challenges facing the larger centres.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent to continue my statement.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Member for Kivallivik is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Conclude your statement, Mr. O'Brien.

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there are opportunities to be taken in all the communities if we can position these communities to take advantage of them. For example, all the communities in the Keewatin region have the opportunity to take advantage of the economic benefits from mineral exploration that is taking place in the area. These are the types of opportunities that we have to be prepared for.

Mr. Speaker, in my view, the mandate of the committee on economic growth and job creation would be to develop strategies that would place our communities in this position. In my view, it is not enough for the ordinary Members to simply review or criticize the initiatives that are brought forth by this government. It is our responsibility and our elected duty to offer constructive statements on how we can better deal with these problems; the problems that threaten people of the North who need our help the most: the unemployed and the less fortunate.

Mr. Speaker, I will be pursuing this matter with the Members during this Assembly. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. O'Brien. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Miltenberger.

Member's Statement On MLA Sharks Versus Media

**MR. MILTENBERGER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just rise briefly to acknowledge a somewhat happier event than has been addressed so far in the House, and that's the huge victory of the MLA Sharks.

The score was 10-3. In one game, we made up for four years' scoring losses.

Prior to the game, I used to hear people snickering behind their hands when they talked about the MLA Sharks, saying they're not sharks they're more like guppies. Now we can hold our heads high because we have finally proven that we are capable of wearing the shirt.

We have things like the Premier's incredible break-away, that if he would have just had another 30 seconds he would have got to the net and maybe even got a shot. We had intense levels of activity. We had this huge collision between Floyd "The Train" Roland and poor, small Don Avison who doesn't remember much of the game or Friday after that collision.

--- Laughter

Then we had some tremendous scoring heroes who came out of nowhere like Roy "Huff And Puff" Erasmus who is now Roy "The Trigger Man" Erasmus, with a hat trick; an amazing contribution to the effort.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Hear! Hear!

**MR. MILTENBERGER:**

Then we can't forget our friend from Iqaluit, Ed "Hard Luck Bay" Picco who seemed to spend more time being nursed than playing, but he too made his contribution.

So I think all in all, Mr. Speaker, the Assembly acquitted itself well and we've set ourselves a high standard to maintain next year. As the Premier said,

this year he intends to practise and stick to it. So when he gets his chance, he will be big. Thank you.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Miltenberger. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Evaloarjuk.

Member's Statement On Elimination Of Baffin Regional Director's Position

**MR. EVALOARJUK:**

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to make a statement on behalf of the Baffin Members of the Legislative Assembly. We are very concerned to learn the decision has been taken by Cabinet to eliminate the regional director's position in the Baffin region. There are a number of important issues in our region which the regional director is handling. The Baffin regional director has been

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providing very good support to the Baffin Leaders' Summit, which I chair.

It is helpful that the regional director can represent all departments and agencies of the government in the Baffin region. Community transfer is an important priority in our region. The regional director is chairing a committee of all the key departments overseeing implementation of Community transfer in our region. Having the regional director chair this committee shows that it is an important priority for Cabinet and not just one department.

At our recent Baffin Leaders' Summit, this initiative, which we know is also a priority of the government, was identified as a priority by Baffin leaders. It is especially important that it succeed in our region which, unfortunately, has more than its share of social problems.

Our regional director now chairs a regional wellness committee. If the regional director no longer chairs this committee, we are concerned that this might reduce the support given to this important committee by other departments.

We know that the regional director carries out a number of other important functions in the region. For example, the regional director looks after important visitors who regularly come to the Baffin region. Last

year, it was Prime Minister Chretien and Chancellor Helmut Kohl. There are other important visits and meetings planned for the coming year.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Evaloarjuk, your time is up for making a Member's statement.

**MR. EVALOARJUK:**

(Translation) Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to complete my Member's statement.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Evaloarjuk is seeking unanimous consent. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Conclude your statement.

**MR. EVALOARJUK:**

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When people become mentally ill, the regional director has the authority to commit them to a mental hospital without delay. Mr. Speaker, the regional director also looks after labour relation problems in the region. The regional director has signing authority in a variety of areas, such as special leave and travel. We do not know who will exercise these important functions if the regional director is gone.

We understand that the laying-off of a senior public servant such as our regional director requires that he be paid a lot of money as severance pay. We believe that with the important work which lies ahead in our region on community transfer and community wellness, the people would be better served if the regional director was actively working with the Baffin management team to conclude these initiatives, rather than doing nothing and still collecting his pay.

There are other important functions being performed by our regional director. He has participated actively on committees which make decisions on fishing and shrimp licences. The fishery is very important to our region. He has also been working very closely with the Nunavut Implementation

Commission to advise them on designing a new government for Nunavut. If the regional director is to be removed, Baffin MLAs will be asking questions to find out what plans the government has to make to make sure that these important jobs will continue to be done in our region.

Mr. Speaker, we believe that now, more than ever before, with the changes being made to try to save money, we need strong leadership at the regional level. For all these reasons, we would not like to see the Baffin regional director removed. If the Baffin regional director must be laid off, we suggest that he be given one year's notice, so that he can bring these initiatives to a successful conclusion and can be productively employed rather than getting paid for doing nothing. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Evaloarjuk. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Picco.

Member's Statement On Iqaluit For Capital Celebrations

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the people of Iqaluit for the enthusiasm they showed during last weekend's "Iqaluit for capital" celebrations. Mr. Speaker, invited guests included several Baffin mayors, as well as the mayor from Sisimiut, Greenland. I was not able to attend all the events, as I was here in Yellowknife, but I was able to attend the opening ceremonies.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Honourable Goo Arlooktoo and the Member for Kivallivik, Mr. Kevin O'Brien, for stopping in on the opening ceremonies on their way to Yellowknife. Mr. Speaker, over the past few years, our community has suffered some setbacks, but the pride and spirit shown by the elders and the community last week was indicative of a community which is moving forward towards division and Nunavut with confidence and energy.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate all the volunteers of the celebration and the people of Iqaluit.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Picco. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Barnabas.

Member's Statement On Effect Of Wage And Benefits Cuts To GNWT Employees

**MR. BARNABAS:**

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say hello to my wife and my children in Arctic Bay, as well as my constituents in Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay.

On Friday, I asked the Minister of Finance if he and his officials had done an analysis of what would be the actual effects of cuts in wages and benefits to a typical employee. I asked him how those cuts would affect a typical small, medium and large family in each of the eight different

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community groups which have been set up under the collective agreement for settlement allowances.

My constituents are very concerned about these changes and trying to figure out what will be the effect on the pay they take home every two weeks. This would be helpful to me because the effect of the changes are difficult to calculate, especially after taxes. I was pleased to learn that the Minister of Finance said that his officials have already calculated how the cuts would affect our employees and that he would make the figures available to us.

However, Mr. Speaker, in answering my questions, Mr. Todd said that he was not sure if he could divulge the information I asked for on an individual basis. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make it clear to the Honourable John Todd and Members of this House that I am not asking for information on individual employees. What I would like to see is how these proposed changes would affect typical families in my constituency and others throughout the Northwest Territories. This information would be very helpful in allowing us to compare how these cuts will affect people who live on and off the highway system, people who have big and small families and people who live near Yellowknife and very far away from Yellowknife. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Member for High Arctic is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Conclude your statement, Mr. Barnabas.

**MR. BARNABAS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand that it is not fair to ask for information about the pay of individuals in this House. Mr. Speaker, later today, I will be asking Mr. Todd if he could provide us with examples for typical employees with small, medium and large families and how their gross and net pay would be affected by these changes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Ootes.

Member's Statement On Canadian Championship Dog Derby

**MR. OOTES:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand that our broadcasts reach through the satellite system quite far and wide and, from time to time, reach the northern US and sometimes the southern US. We do get feedback on that. In that regard, I would like to tell those people out there about the fantastic Canadian Championship Dog Derby that we had here in Yellowknife over the past three days. This is run by the Yellowknife Rotary Club and they have run this for 25 years consecutively. The championship has been held in Yellowknife consecutively for 25 years.

It is a race that is 150 miles over three days. The rotary club does all the work for this. They are out on the ice on Great Slave Lake and throughout the community taking care of the paths and making sure that there are officials in case of accidents and so forth. It is a competition that attracts mushers from around the world, including France and the US, especially the northern US. As a matter of fact, the winner of this year's race was Tim White of Grand Marais, Minnesota.

It has been an extremely successful operation that the Yellowknife Rotary Club has conducted. I would like to make reference to our official here, the Sergeant-at-Arms, Tony Whitford, who is one of the people who hosted it last night. It has been a function that has a great safety record, but also draws a tremendous amount of tourists and business to this community. I would like to congratulate the 55 members of the Yellowknife Rotary Club for the tremendous dedication that they have shown to this race over the years. Thank you very much.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Ootes. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Krutko.

#### Member's Statement On Empowering Communities In Beaufort/Delta Region

#### **MR. KRUTKO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My statement is with regard to the establishment of the regional council in the Beaufort/Delta, which consists of the Inuvialuit and Gwich'in tribal councils. Also with the financial restraints in mind and the restructuring of government, this is the opportunity that we have to take over more initiatives, especially in the area of empowering communities and also empowering the region to manage and administer programs and services within that region.

Right now, the Gwich'in and Inuvialuit are presently in the negotiation process with the federal government for self-government. They are also in the process of establishing a regional government within the constitutional process and through the aboriginal summit.

The goal we see in the Beaufort/Delta region is to eventually eliminate or take over the establishment of boards such as education boards and health boards. We want to look at things such as health, housing, justice, economic development and tourism potential within that region. I think, at the end of the day, we have to allow the process to continue to empower communities and regional and aboriginal groups within those regions, so that they can eventually take over more responsibilities and control of those programs.

Also, what we say with regard to this process is fundamentally on the back of everyone's mind is financial restraint. We see a very large financial savings in establishing one body to oversee the operation of the whole region. Instead of establishing several boards and agencies, we will just have one administrative body that will oversee programs and services delivered in that region. I have a question which I will be raising later with the Premier. Thank you.

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

Thank you. Item 3, Members' statements. Do we have further Members' statements? The trophy that we won from the media is right here. I guess they thought they

were going to win so they didn't bother bringing the trophy to the arena. It's 72 hours late, but it's here.

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Item 4, returns to oral questions. Item 5, recognition of visitors in the gallery. Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Picco.

#### ITEM 6: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 43-13(3): Meetings With Federal Government Re Harmonization Of GST

#### **MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the federal government is now in the process of consultation with the provinces on the harmonization of the GST. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Finance Minister. To date, what negotiations have been held with the federal government with regard to the harmonization of the GST here in the NWT? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thank you. Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 43-13(3): Meetings With Federal Government Re Harmonization Of GST

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

We are involved, as the provinces are, in discussions about the possible replacement for the GST. Discussions are Linder way with us as they are with the Maritime provinces and others, to see what arrangements can be made to find a replacement or to harmonize some form of provincial sales tax and the GST. I think it's important to point out that our role is somewhat less than the other provincial jurisdictions because we don't have a sales tax. Thank you.

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

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 43-13(3): Meetings With Federal Government Re Harmonization Of GST

#### **MR. PICCO:**

Has the Department of Finance investigated possible repercussions to such harmonization of the GST here in the NWT?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 43-13(3): Meetings With Federal Government Re Harmonization Of GST

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's difficult to determine the repercussions because we don't know what the actual outcome of the negotiations with the provincial and territorial jurisdictions are going to be. As I said, we are involved in this discussion, we are partners in the process and we're adding our two cents' worth. My understanding right now is that discussions were under way last week in the Maritime provinces. We're a long way, I think, from reaching an arrangement; although, Mr. Martin, the federal Finance Minister, is trying very hard to do so. So, yes we're intimately involved. Yes, we're keeping our eyes on the implication for the Territories. Again, I stress, we are somewhat different because we don't have a provincial or territorial sales tax at this time. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Question 44-13(3): Impact Of Wage And Benefit Reductions

**MR. BARNABAS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Finance. On Friday, I asked the Minister of Finance if he could provide information on the effect of his announced reductions to pay and benefits of employees. The Minister of Finance said he wasn't sure if he could provide that information on an individual basis. Could the Minister of Finance provide information on the effect of layoffs for a typical family in the various regions of the Northwest Territories, without naming names?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

If I could just get clarification of the question; was that lay-offs or was that the changes in the northern allowance? I wasn't quite sure what the question was. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Barnabas, could you clarify your question, please?

**MR. BARNABAS:**

Mr. Speaker, thank you. Does the Minister of Finance have the analysis available for various families in the Northwest Territories?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 44-13(3): Impact Of Wage And Benefit Reductions

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe my honourable colleague is talking about the pay and benefits, the changes that we announced and the ones we're negotiating with the union right now. Yes, as we speak, we are putting that analysis together and I would be only too happy to share that with the honourable colleague in this House. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Question 45-13(3): Regional Input On Community Transfers

**MR. KRUTKO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Premier regarding the changes to dissolving the regional directors' offices and allowing MACA to implement programs such as community transfer initiatives. I would like to ask the Premier regarding that approach. As he is aware, from my earlier statement, presently in the Beaufort/Delta we are in the process of self-government negotiations. In those negotiations, we are looking at programs and services. How does the Premier see the aboriginal organizations, band councils in communities, Metis locals and aboriginal regional councils such as the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Inuvialuit Regional Council being involved in those deliberations or discussions coming up to those transfers taking place to the communities through community empowerment?

**MR. SPEAKER:**



Mr. Premier.

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Return To Question 45-13(3): Regional Input On Community Transfers

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I see that Metis locals as well as First Nations councils at the community level will be fully involved with community empowerment discussions with the Department of MACA or the Department of Health and Social Services on wellness. It will be up to them to decide amongst themselves where they will need a regional function. If they so choose, then they will be funded accordingly. Thank You.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Supplementary, Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary To Question 45-13(3): Regional Input On Community Transfers

**MR. KRUTKO:**

With regard to the initiative, because there is a possibility of duplicating tracts; one is the negotiation tract where you're dealing directly with the federal government regarding the land claims agreements, and also the goals that are spelled out in those agreements with regard to different programs, taking over initiatives Such as health, education, being able to look at taxation and other elements which are in those agreements. What I do not want to see is that there may be a possibility of having too much process and not enough work being done to have these processes concluded in the time frames that are set forth. The Gwich'in and the Inuvialuit are presently in the process of negotiating self-government agreements with the federal government and the GNWT to establish an agreement in principle by next year. What I would like the Premier to answer is does he see a process in which these people will be involved through consultation, or is it a process which is already spelled out in the establishment of this new initiative. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 45-13(3): Regional Input On Community Transfers

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to assure the Member that the communities will be fully consulted on the community empowerment approaches that we are trying to achieve. The whole reason for trying to work with the communities is so the communities can finally start making the decisions of their day-to-day lives in their communities on the programs that are being administered in their communities. So it will be done in a very close working relationship with the communities. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary To Question 45-13(3): Regional Input On Community Transfers

**MR. KRUTKO:**

I would like clarification of what he means by "consultation." Consultation could be a method of picking up a phone and making a phone call, or is he talking about regional meetings with the Beaufort/Delta leadership? Is he talking about meetings with the individual interest groups such as band councils, Metis locals or other groups such as the tribal councils?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 45-13(3): Regional Input On Community Transfers

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's very clear to me that there will be community meetings in every Gwich'in or Inuvialuit community. The community will have meetings with the local leaders and that's what will drive the process. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Henry.

Question 46-13(3): Non-Unionized Reductions

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Finance. In his statement in the House last Thursday, the Minister indicated that non-unionized

employees of the Government of the Northwest Territories will have their remuneration rolled back 6.5 per cent. Do these rollbacks include Hay Plan employees of Workers' Compensation and the Power Corporation?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Speaker, I will take that question as notice so I can give my honourable colleague the correct answer. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. The question has been taken as notice. Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Erasmus,

Question 47-13(3): Community Empowerment Opportunities In Yellowknife

**MR. ERASMUS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Premier regarding community empowerment. I know that it may be a little early in the process to be asking this type of question; however, we also all know that Yellowknife is a very different community from the rest of the communities in the Western Arctic and the East, as well. The communities will be given the opportunity to take over various areas such as the Department of Public Works, Housing and those types of things. Since Yellowknife already maintains the roads, streetlights and all this type of stuff, what types of opportunities will Yellowknife have through the community empowerment process?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Premier.

Return To Question 47-13(3): Community Empowerment Opportunities In Yellowknife

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yellowknife is not totally on its own when you're talking about community empowerment, being the only unique community that we do have. We also have other tax-based municipalities that carry out similar functions as Yellowknife does. I guess the biggest advantage to those larger communities is the block funding

arrangement that we've been talking about, and the ability to control their own programs in their own communities. I make it very clear that also includes those tax-based municipalities; they also have to work with the Metis and Dene people in those communities. Thank you.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Erasmus.

Supplementary To Question 47-13(3): Community Empowerment Opportunities In Yellowknife

**MR. ERASMUS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Premier made reference to taking over programs. When reference is made to programs, what types of programs does this mean?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 47-13(3): Community Empowerment Opportunities In Yellowknife

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For example, in some of our tax-based municipalities, communities will have the ability to take over not only the municipal programs that they already are handling, but also education, health, social services; all programs that are delivered by this government. The basic thing that has to be accomplished is that those groups that are presently doing that function have to get together in the same room to discuss how we could do it more efficiently and better for the betterment of that community. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Picco.

Question 48-13(3): Iqaluit Airport Fire Department

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, a serious matter has occurred which I must address in this House. Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Aviation Regulations Advisory Council last month published a list of 28 airports required to provide airport fire

departments. Mr. Speaker, the largest and busiest, as well as the new capital of Nunavut and the only international airport in Nunavut, Iqaluit, was not on that list. Mr. Speaker, several of my constituents have called and have written to me on this serious oversight by the advisory council. My question is for the Minister of Transportation. Is the Minister aware of any plans to close down the Iqaluit Airport fire department, and will he commit to look into this serious matter and report back to the House? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

That was two questions. Minister of Transportation, Mr. Antoine.

Return To Question 48-13(3): Iqaluit Airport Fire Department

**HON. JIM ANTOINE:**

Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Transportation, I'll reply to the honourable Member for Iqaluit. I am aware that Transport Canada has developed Canadian aviation regulations and that it is to come into force some time soon. There are three airports in the North - Yellowknife being one, Norman Wells and Iqaluit -- which presently have the fire emergency response at the airports. According to the advisory council, you're right that Iqaluit is on the list not to have this service provided any longer after these regulations come into force which, at the present time, are still pending. Yes, I will instruct my department to look into this matter and I'll report to the House accordingly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Question 49-13(3): Time Frame For Amalgamation Of ED&T, EM&PR And Renewable Resources

**MR. OOTES:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of ED&T, EM&PR and Renewable Resources. I would like to know what the time frame is for the amalgamation of the three departments, if he could answer that for me, please.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 49-13(3):Time Frame For Amalgamation Of EM&T, EM&PR And Renewable Resources

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, as the now Minister of at least two of those departments, I will have that information available to Members of the Legislature by Friday at the latest. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Question 50-13(3): Differentiation In Taxable/Non-Taxable Northern Allowance

**MR. PICCO:**

Mr. Speaker, in this House on Friday, I asked the Minister of Finance what portion of the new northern allowance was VTA travel and which portion was for the settlement allowance. That question was taken as notice. Mr. Speaker, my question today to the Minister of Finance is how will Revenue Canada know what portion of the northern allowance is the non-taxable VTA benefit and which portion is the taxable settlement allowance.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 50-13(3):Differentiation In Taxable/Non-Taxable Northern Allowance

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Speaker, we have to negotiate with Revenue Canada on this important issue. As I said earlier, I would be prepared to answer that question once we have a full and comprehensive report from Revenue Canada and ourselves put together. Hopefully, either this week or later on in the next session, I'll be able to report to the Member exactly what it is. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 50-13(3): Differentiation In Taxable/Non-taxable Northern Allowance

**MR. PICCO:**

Mr. Speaker, I've had some time over the past weekend to review the new northern allowance amounts. My supplementary question to the Minister of Finance is how did he come up with these new northern allowance amounts? Where did they come from?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

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Further Return To Question 50-13(3): Differentiation In Taxable/Non-taxable Northern Allowance

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

The new northern allowance amounts come from the amalgamation of the housing allowance, settlement allowance and VTA reductions based upon a new formula based upon the criteria set and an escalating factor for the cost-of-living allowance across the Territories based upon the cost of living in the communities.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 50-13(3): Differentiation In Taxable/Non-taxable Northern Allowance

**MR. PICCO:**

If that's the case, Mr. Speaker, then why is there a settlement allowance now for Yellowknife, which never had one before, which is now the northern allowance?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 50-13(3): Differentiation In Taxable/Non-taxable Northern Allowance

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

This isn't a northern allowance for Yellowknife, Mr. Speaker. This is a northern component of the new northern cost-of-living allowance. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Final supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 50-13(3): Differentiation In Taxable/Non-taxable Northern Allowance

**MR. PICCO:**

Isn't it true, then, Mr. Speaker, if that's the case, that now the northern allowance in places where there was no settlement allowance before, in some instances -and I will be prepared to table in this House these instances, tomorrow -- in actuality, people in Yellowknife, especially single individuals, will actually get a net benefit from this new northern allowance; whereas, in the East --and I will be prepared to table this tomorrow in the House -- have a deduction of up to 20 per cent in some cases because of the new northern allowance?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 50-13(3): Differentiation In Taxable/Non-taxable Northern Allowance

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The new northern allowance replaces the VTA, the housing allowance, et cetera, that we alluded to earlier. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Item 6, oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

Question 51-13(3): Addictions Consultant Job Competition Advertisement

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Health. Mr. Speaker, I refer to job posting number 01 1-0060TRW-005, consultant, addictions, East. Mr. Speaker, this competition closes on March 29, 1996. My question is why is this job advertised as a Yellowknife based position when clearly by description, the job should be positioned and physically located in the East. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Ng.

Return To Question 51-13(3): Addictions Consultant Job Competition Advertisement

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure about the reasoning for why it's only posted in Yellowknife, if that's the case. I would assume that if there was a job advertised throughout the Northwest Territories that it would also be advertised in the Eastern papers, the Nunatsiaq News and the Kivalliq News. I'll check into that matter and get back to the honourable Member. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. O'Brien.

Supplementary To Question 51-13(3): Addictions Consultant Job Competition Advertisement

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that's not the focus of my question. My question was why this job -- that in the description indicates that it's a consultant for addictions, East -physically located in Yellowknife as opposed to being located physically in the Eastern Arctic. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 51-13(3): Addictions Consultant Job Competition Advertisement

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm not entirely sure of the reasoning for that. It's probably because the office space and position is currently located within the headquarters level to administer services to the Eastern communities. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. O'Brien.

Supplementary To Question 51-13(3): Addictions Consultant Job Competition Advertisement

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, would the Minister review this issue to see if there's a possibility of the position being physically located in the Eastern Arctic? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 51-13(3): Addictions Consultant Job Competition Advertisement

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, yes, I would be willing to take a look at it. Of course, it would depend on the most cost-effective way of delivering the service to the residents. The decision would be based a lot on that. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

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Question 52-13(3): Youth Employment Programs

**MR. KRUTKO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education and Youth. With regard to the federal government budget speech about the new Youth initiative and resources in that area, has the Minister and the government looked at the possibility of taking advantage of these resources with regard to youth and the possibility of summer employment; accessing some of these resources? What's the plan of this government to inform the Members of this House exactly how they see these programs being delivered in the North? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, Mr. Dent.

Return To Question 52-13(3): Youth Employment Programs

**HON. CHARLES DENT:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the details on how that plan might work in the Northwest Territories were not available when my officials met with Human Resources Development Canada people just a couple of weeks ago. I did ask to be updated on the issue on Friday and have not yet heard back from my department. I do expect we'll have something for this House before the end of this week and the Member can be sure that I will pass it on as soon as I do have some more information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Item 6, oral questions. Item 7, written questions. Item 8, returns to written questions. Item 9, replies to opening address. Item 10, petitions. Mr. Ootes.

#### ITEM 10: PETITIONS

##### **MR. OOTES:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wish to file a petition with respect to the public service lay-offs and wage reductions. The petitioners request that MLAs oppose the government's initiatives to cut positions and roll back wages of UNW members. Petition No. 3-13(3) has been signed by 17 people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Thank you. Item 10, petitions. Item 11, reports of standing and special committees. Item 12, reports of committees on the review of bills. Item 13, tabling of documents. Item 14, notices of motion. Item 15, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Mr. Erasmus.

#### ITEM 15: NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Bill 5: An Act To Amend The Motor Vehicles Act

##### **MR. ERASMUS:**

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, March 27, 1996, I shall move that Bill 5, An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act, be read for the first time.

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

Thank you. Item 15, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Item 16, motions. Item 17, first reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

#### ITEM 17: FIRST READING OF BILLS

Bill 1: Interim Appropriation Act, April 1 To June 30, 1996

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 1, Interim Appropriation Act, April 1 to June 30, 1996, be read for the first time.

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

Thank you, Mr. Todd. 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

Bill 1 has had first reading. Item 17, first reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 4: Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1995-96

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 4, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1995-96, be read for the first time.

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

Thank you, Mr. Todd. 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

Bill 4 has had first reading. Item 17, first reading of bills. Item 18, second reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

#### ITEM 18: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Bill 1: Interim Appropriation Act, April 1 To June 30, 1996

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

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 1, Interim Appropriation Act, April 1 to June 30, 1996, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill

authorizes the Government of the Northwest Territories to make interim appropriations for the period April 1 to June 30, 1996.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. To the principle of the bill.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

--- Carried

Bill 1 has had second reading and, accordingly, is ordered into Committee of the Whole for today.

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Item 18, second reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 4: Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1995-96

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank You, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 4, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1995-96, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations for the Government of the Northwest Territories for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1996. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. To the principle of the bill.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

---Carried

Bill 4 has had second reading and, accordingly, is ordered into Committee of the Whole for today.

Item 18, second reading of bills.

Bill 2: Write-Off Of Debts Act, 1995-96

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 2, Write-off of Debts Act, 1995-96, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the write-off of debts under section 24 of the Financial Administration Act.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Mr. Todd. To the principle of the bill.

**AN HON. MEMBER:**

Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

--- Carried

Bill 2 has had second reading and, accordingly, stands ordered into Committee of the Whole for today.

Item 18, second reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 3: Forgiveness of Debts Act, 1995-96

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 3, Forgiveness of Debts Act, 1995-96, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes forgiveness of debt under section 25 of the Financial Administration Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd, did you say Bill 4 or Bill 3?

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

That was Bill 3, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. 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. Bill 3 has had second reading and accordingly stands ordered to a standing committee. Item 18, second reading of bills. Item 19, consideration in Committee of the Whole of bills and other matters: Bill 1, Interim Appropriation Act, April 1 to June 30, 1996; Bill 4, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1995-96; Tabled Document 1-13(3), Report of the Commission on MLA Compensation, with Mr. Steen in the chair.

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

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

I would like to call the committee to order. We have Bill 1, Bill 4 and Tabled Document 1-13(3), Report of the Commission on MLA Compensation. How do you wish to proceed? Mr. Todd, would you like to proceed with Bill 4?

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to suggest for the MLAs' consideration that we proceed with Bill 4, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1995-96. If we can conclude that, I would like to suggest that we move on to Bill 1, Interim Appropriation Act, April 1 to June 30, 1996. Thank you.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

We have heard the suggestion from the Minister. Are there any comments? If there are no comments or changes, we will proceed with Bill 4, Bill 1 and then the Report on the Commission on MLA Compensation. We will ask the Minister to introduce the bill.

I think that the committee should take a break at this time.

--- Applause

--- SHORT RECESS

Bill 4: Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1995-96

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

I would like to call the committee back to order. We are on Bill 4. I will ask Mr. Todd to introduce the bill.

**Minister's Introductory Remarks**

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a few opening remarks. If you so wish, I could go to the table with witnesses. Mr. Chairman, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1995-96, requests authority for additional appropriations of \$1.810 million. The supplementary appropriation includes the additional appropriations of \$2.732 million for operations and maintenance expenditures and a reduction of \$922,000 of capital appropriations. These supplementary appropriations should all have funding offsets and will not contribute to the accumulated deficit. However, one of these revenue offsets

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. I will now ask the chairman of the Standing Committee on Government Operations for his comments on the bill. Mr. Erasmus.

**Standing Committee On Government Operations  
Comments**

**MR. ERASMUS:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Standing Committee on Government Operations met on March 23, 1996 to examine the items contained in Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1995-96. Committee Members agreed that the supplementary appropriation was ready to be debated in the House. Members will take this opportunity to raise any specific questions they may have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Erasmus. Mr. Todd, would you like to bring in witnesses?

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

I would, Mr. Chairman, thank you.



**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Mr. Todd, please introduce your witnesses.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my immediate right is Mr. Voytilla. He is with the FMBS.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Next we have general comments on the bill by Members. Are there any general comments? There are no general comments. We will then go line by line, starting with page 5. Mr. Seamus.

General Comments

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I noted Mr. Todd's comments earlier that it would not substantially add or detract from the present projected deficit. Would he put a caveat on that as regard some negotiations with the federal government that are still going on? What are the implications there on that?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Seamus. Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is in relationship to the recovery of the wage package that was related to the transfer of federal nurses to territorial nurses when we did the health transfer a few years ago. In previous arrangements, we have recovered these costs. We have every confidence, given the precedent established in recovery of these costs, that we will be able to cover these ones. Like any politician, we have to ensure that the language is sufficiently clear that it is understood that it is subject to negotiations with the federal government. Under previous negotiations, there was no problem with respect to the recovery of these costs.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. I should have said Mr. Henry instead of Mr. Seamus. Do you have any more comments, Mr. Henry? Are there any more comments from the Members? We will then deal with the detail of the bill before we proceed with the clause-by-clause consideration of the bill. We will start on page

5. We are under tab four of the general legislation binder.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Line By Line

Legislative Assembly, Office of the Clerk

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Page 5, Legislative Assembly, operations and maintenance, office of the clerk, not previously authorized, \$114,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Total department, \$114,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department of Executive

Financial Management

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Executive, operations and maintenance, financial management, not previously authorized, \$850,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Total department, \$850,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Public Works And Services

Accommodation Services

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Page 7, Public Works and Services, accommodation services, not previously authorized, \$269,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

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**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Total department, \$269,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department of Renewable Resources, policy and planning

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Renewable Resources, policy and planning, not previously authorized, \$206,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Total department, \$206,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department of Health and Social Services, community programs and services

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Page 9, Health and Social Services, operations and maintenance, community programs and services, not previously authorized, negative \$114,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

---Agreed

Health services development

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Health services development, \$1.607 million.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Total department, \$1.493 million.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department of Energy, Mines And Petroleum Resources

Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, operations and maintenance, energy, mines and petroleum resources, not previously authorized, negative \$200,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Total department is negative \$200,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department of Health and Social Services

Community Programs and Services

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Page 11, Department of Health and Social Services, capital, community programs and services, not previously authorized, negative \$922,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Total department, negative \$922,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

We will now go into a clause-by-clause review of the bill. Bill 4, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1995-96, and we are working from the green binder.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Clause by clause

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Clause 1.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Clause 2.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Clause 3.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Clause 4.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Clause 5.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Clause 6.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Clause 7.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Clause 8.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Part I, vote 2, capital, total capital, negative \$922,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Part II, vote 1, operations and maintenance, total operations and maintenance, \$2.732 million.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Total supplementary appropriations in part I and II, \$1.81 million.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Does the committee agree that Bill 4 is ready for third reading?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Bill 4 is now ready for third reading.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

I would like to thank the Minister and his witnesses for attending.

We will now deal with Bill 1, Interim Appropriation Act, April 1 to June 30, 1996. I will ask the Minister responsible, Mr. Todd, to introduce the bill.

Bill 1: Interim Appropriation Act, April 1 To June 30, 1996

**Minister's Introductory Remarks**

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the interim appropriation act for the 1996-97 fiscal year is required because the main appropriation act for the upcoming year is still under development, pending completion of the main estimates and a review by the standing committees. The government needs interim appropriation authority by April 1, 1996 to allow it to make expenditures for continuing operations in accordance with the Financial Administration Act, which requires that no government expenditures be made which are not pursuant to an appropriation.

The interim requirements were calculated based on operating needs for the first three months in the 1996-97 fiscal year. Although the present legislative schedule anticipates approval of the 1996-97 appropriation act during the month of May, the three-month period prevents a problem if the session schedule shifts a few days.

Departments were instructed to use the 1995-96 fiscal year as a base, but to assume as a guideline that appropriate amounts for 1996-97 would be 10 per cent less than the expenditures during the same period in 1995-96.

Within this broad guideline, the interim appropriation amounts were based on estimated requirements in four areas: one, salaries, wages and benefits for the seven pay periods falling between April 1, 1996 and June 30, 1996; two, amounts required to fund grants and contributions for the first three months of 1996-97; three, other operations and maintenance requirements because the requested appropriation authority provides for the commitment of the full volume of the contracts that must be entered into during the first month of the fiscal year, such as a rental of photocopying equipment. In accordance with the Financial Administration Act, the full amount payable under these contracts during 1996-97 must

be charged to an appropriation when the contract is signed; and four, interim requirements for capital expenditures for multi-year projects with contracts which span the 1995-96 and 1996-97 fiscal years, are projects where deadlines due to the shipping requirements or other factors require early approval.

The authority issued under the interim appropriation act expires once the regular appropriation act is assented to in the Legislative Assembly. The regular appropriation act replaces the interim appropriation act retroactive to April 1, 1996. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. Do we have comments from the chairman of the Standing Committee on Government Operations, Mr. Erasmus?

Standing Committee On Government Operations  
Comments

**MR. ERASMUS:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Standing Committee on Government Operations met on March 19 and 20, 1996, to examine the interim appropriation for 1996-97. Committee Members agreed that the individual envelope committees should examine the various parts of this interim

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appropriation separately. As a result, the standing committees on Infrastructure, Social Programs and Resource Management and Development met on March 21st to consider the individual items covered by the interim appropriation. The Government Operations committee then met again on Saturday, March 23rd, and Monday, March 25th, during Caribou Carnival, to complete the review of this important bill.

Having spent almost three months reviewing the draft business plans of government departments, Members paid careful attention to the items contained in the interim appropriation. This was to ensure that the interim appropriation properly reflects the government's direction as outlined in the business plans, as well as to ensure that the various recommendations of the standing committees concerning the department's business plans were being met.

While the standing committee agreed that the interim appropriation was ready to be debated in the House,

committee Members did note a number of concerns. While many of those were addressed by the Minister of Finance and his staff in committee meetings, some further concerns still remain. These will be addressed by Members here in the House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Erasmus. Mr. Todd, you wish to have witnesses at the witness table. Does the committee agree?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

For the record, Mr. Todd, could you introduce your witnesses?

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my immediate right is Mr. Voytilla. He is in charge of FMBS. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you. We are now in general comments. Are there any general comments on the bill? Mr. Picco.

General Comments

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I have some problems with the appropriation with regard to different departments that were under the chairmanship of my committee; the Standing Committee on Infrastructure. I will be asking those questions when we go line by line, for the record, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Picco. Any further comments? If there are no further comments, we will go into detail before we proceed with clause by clause.

Legislative Assembly

We have interim appropriation for fiscal year March 31, 1997, operations and maintenance, Legislative Assembly, total Legislative Assembly, \$469,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Executive

Executive Offices

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Executive, Executive offices, total, \$2.37 million.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Financial Management Board Secretariat

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Financial Management Board Secretariat, total, \$11.755 million. Did someone have any comments? Can we have a five-minute break?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

---Agreed

--- SHORT RECESS

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

I would like to call the committee back to order. For Members' information, we are on tab one, page 5. We left off on the Executive offices. Are we all on the same page now?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Executive Offices

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Executive offices, total, \$2.37 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Financial Management Board Secretariat

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Financial Management Board Secretariat, total, \$11.755 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Personnel Secretariat

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Personnel Secretariat, \$746,000.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

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Intergovernmental And Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Ministry of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, the activity is intergovernmental and aboriginal affairs, \$537,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Total Executive, \$15.408 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

NWT Housing Corporation

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

NWT Housing Corporation, the activity is NWT Housing Corporation, total, \$16.3 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Finance

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Finance, \$4.161 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

---Agreed

Department Of Justice

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Justice, total, \$32.877 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Safety And Public Services

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Page 6, Safety and Public Services, total Safety and Public Services, \$1.79 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Public Works And Services

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Public Works and Services, total Public Works and Services, \$51.763 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Mr. Ningark.

MR. NINGARK:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Under Public Works and Services, accommodation services, perhaps the appropriate Minister could explain what that is.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The accommodation services, Mr. Chairman, are things like leases we have on offices, houses, janitorial and security, et cetera. Mr. Chairman, when I went before the committee, I did indicate that these were one-year commitments based upon the Financial Administration Act and that is why this number is as large as it is. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Any other questions? Mr. Ootes.

**MR. OOTES:**

Could the Minister confirm if he said this was the full commitment for the year?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Ootes. Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

That is correct, Mr. Chairman. Based upon the legal commitment we have with respect to leases across the Territories, when we explained the interim appropriation, we explained that while this is only a three month interim appropriation, we have to show the commitment for the 12-month period where we have contractual financial arrangements. Mr. Ootes is correct.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Mr. Krutko.

**MR. KRUTKO:**

With regard to expenditures, how long are the leases? Are they 10-year leases? You are saying it is on a yearly basis.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Krutko. Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is a variety of leases and a degree of where they are at. In some cases, we have 10-year leases and five-year leases. Each lease is in a different phase in terms of its expenditure base, et cetera. There are a variety of leases, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Mr. Krutko.

**MR. KRUTKO:**

Could we have a listing of all these leases that the government presently holds and who these companies are, so we can get a breakdown? There is a lot of competition out there and we may have to look at the alternative of tendering some of these leases when they are up and the time frames for when these leases are up.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Krutko. Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Chairman, I believe the Minister of Public Works will be prepared to provide all that information to the committee and to the House. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Further questions or comments? We're back to total of Public Works and Services, \$51.763 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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--- Agreed

Department Of Transportation

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Transportation, total Transportation, \$24.354 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Renewable Resources

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Renewable Resources, total Renewable Resources, \$22.318 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Municipal And Community Affairs

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, page 7, total Municipal and Community Affairs, \$18.825 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Health And Social Services

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Health and Social Services, total Health and Social Services, \$75.262 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Mr. Ootes.

**MR. OOTES:**



Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could be given the figure of the total budget for the year for the Department of Health and Social Services.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Ootes. Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last year's total budget for Health and Social Services was \$247.788 million.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Any further questions on Health and Social Services? Total Health and Social Services, \$75.262 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Energy, Mines And Petroleum Resources

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, total Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, \$920,000. Agreed?

--- Agreed

Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Economic Development and Tourism, total Economic Development and Tourism, \$8.262 million. Agreed?

--- Interjection

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Correction there: \$8.282 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Education, Culture And Employment

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Education, Culture and Employment, total Education, Culture and Employment, \$86.861 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Total operations and maintenance, \$363.79 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

NWT Housing Corporation

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Page 8, capital. NWT Housing Corporation, total NWT Housing Corporation, \$9.544 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Justice

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Justice, total Justice, \$355,000. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Public Works And Services

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Public Works and Services, total Public Works and Services, \$3.474 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

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Department Of Transportation

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Transportation, total Transportation, \$28.062 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Renewable Resources

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Renewable Resources, total Renewable Resources, \$1.121 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Municipal And Community Affairs

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, total Municipal and Community Affairs, \$13.868 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Mr. Picco.

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, as I mentioned earlier in my brief remark to the capital budget of MACA, the Infrastructure committee had requested an additional \$3.8 million in capital projects to be deferred from the MACA capital plan in the projects labelled as "unlabelled." There are three categories in the MACA plan: must-do projects; should-do projects; and, unlabelled projects. They are

priorized with must-do and should-do being one and two, with three being the unlabelled projects. Mr. Chairman, my committee asked the Department of MACA, in that \$7 million for the capital projects, could they find an additional \$3.8 million. To my surprise and chagrin, Mr. Chairman, I see that those projects were not cut. I know \$3.8 million is a lot of money, Mr. Chairman. I also realize that when these projects go ahead, they create jobs. It was very difficult for me, for example, to commit to that when I see a dump truck or a pick-up truck because they do create a lot of jobs in communities, of course, so I can't buy into that.

Mr. Chairman, my feeling has been from the beginning that we're going to sing from the same song sheet, we have the common agenda, the common touch, the common people, the collective of the board working here. My feeling is that I'd rather see \$3.8 million taken out of capital projects than hearing on the radio today that \$1 million has been cut from one of the hospital boards. Mr. Chairman, that's what I'm saying. I know that MACA has met its target in the Infrastructure committee but I am not prepared to sit here today and put \$3.8 million in the capital project of MACA under unlabelled projects when we are cutting social assistance. I will not do that on the backs of the unemployed. That is my point, Mr. Chairman. I made it this morning in committee and I will make it in the House tomorrow, I will make it in the House today, or whenever.

If we're going to be serious about deficit reductions then we should go back and look at the projects that we need. My committee took this very seriously. Maybe someone else from the committee might want to speak to it. Like I said, I don't see the need for a lot of the things in unlabelled.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Picco. Are there any other comments? Would you like to respond, Mr. Todd?

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We all take the budget exercise seriously. If we're going to take it seriously then we should argue and debate it seriously; we should have concrete, solid arguments as to why there should be changes made. That \$3.8 million of additional reductions, the FMB and myself, as the Finance Minister, disagreed with it. I've told Mr. Picco, as I've told the committee, that on occasion there will be disagreements in this House. Certainly, Mr. Picco is at liberty to speak to it and this committee is at

liberty not to support it. However, it's the opinion of the FMB and my department that all of these projects should move forward and that they don't and shouldn't jeopardize other projects. It's part of an overall capital expenditure plan that was put in place five years ago that involved municipal governments in determining the priorities of these expenditures along with the acceptance of the MLAs. These are not some ad hoc, arbitrary decisions on how we expend capital money. This is a program that's been designed over a five-year period. Let me assure my honourable colleague that, on occasion, FMB and the Cabinet will be in disagreement with some of the committees. In this particular situation, I believe these expenditures are required in the time and the way they were laid out. Subject to House approval, we will proceed with them. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. I will call it out again Municipal and Community Affairs, total MACA, \$15.858 million.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

I am of the opinion that this is agreed to by a majority of the Members

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

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Department Of Health And Social Services

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Health and Social Services, total Health and Social Services, \$1.569 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Department of Economic Development and Tourism, total ED&T, \$5.502 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Do I have a nay? Mr. Picco.

**MR. PICCO:**

With the announced plan of the Premier to privatize parks and visitors' centres, could I be informed on what capital we would be building in these parks that are going to be privatized and turned over to private ownership? Should we be spending money on privatization of capital and something we won't own in a few months? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Picco. Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Let me assure my honourable colleague that it is going to take more than two months to privatize parks and that the system of government still has to function. It will take some time. The Minister responsible knows it is a priority and I am sure we will be able to come forward with a comprehensive plan on privatization of parks as we will with other aspects of government. However, in the meantime, there are still a number of programs under way and signed contracts that we have commitments for which we have to fulfil. For example, in your riding, Mr. Chairman, Tuktoyaktuk parks, sites and facilities of \$40,000. That is a signed contract. Regarding Sylvia Grinnel Park in Iqaluit, we have a signed contract for \$80,000. So, Mr. Chairman, it is important to understand that we are under obligations here and while Mr. Picco does imply that we are going to privatize this, we are not sure about the time lines for privatization. That is currently being worked out by the new Minister and the new Department of Economic Growth which Mr. Kakfwi heads up.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. I will call the total again. Mr. Ootes.

**MR. OOTES:**

Before we go to the total figure, I would like to know if the Minister may have a total of the projected O and M for the coming year and a total of the capital.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Ootes. Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Just one moment, Mr. Chairman. Parks and visitors' centres last year was \$3.864 million.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. Mr. Ootes.

**MR. OOTES:**

I may have jumped the gun. I meant in terms of the total territorial budget, what the projected O and M is and what the projected capital expenditure is.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Ootes. Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Are we talking about the budget we are going to be presenting in April or May?

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Mr. Ootes.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Chairman, this is an interim appropriation we are dealing with today and the budget is being developed right now. We will be presenting the budget to committee soon and, at that time, based on the advice we get from the committee and the agreements we reach, we will be able to determine targets. As Finance Minister, with my colleagues in Cabinet and with the support of committees, we will then develop a budget which we would then present to the House. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. Mr. Ootes.

**MR. OOTES:**

The reason for my question, Mr. Chairman, is I wanted to know if the Minister may be able to project what the deficit projection looks like for next year.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Mr. Todd, are you prepared to do that at this time?

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

No, I am not prepared at this time, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Further questions, Mr. Ootes?

**MR. OOTES:**

No, thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Any more comments or questions? If not, I will read the total for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism again, \$5.502 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Department Of Education, Culture And Employment

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

I am of the opinion that the vote for the total is agreed to by the majority of the Members. We will move on to the Department of Education, Culture and Employment, total Education, Culture and Employment, \$24.761 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Total capital, \$88.246 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

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--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

If there are no further comments, we will go clause by clause. Mr. Henry.

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For the record, I would like to declare that I was out of the House for the total operations and maintenance on page 7 and I declare a conflict of interest in Public Works and Services.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Mr. Todd, would you like to respond to that?

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

No, I can appreciate what Mr. Henry is doing. We should proceed clause by clause.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Are we prepared to go clause by clause?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

Clause By Clause

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Bill 1, Interim Appropriation Act, April 1 to June 30, 1996, clause 1.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Clause 2.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

---Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Clause 3.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Clause 4.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Clause 5.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Clause 6.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Schedule, part I, operations and maintenance, total appropriation, \$363.79 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Part II, capital, total capital, \$88.246 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Total appropriation, \$452.036 million. Agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Bill as a whole?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Does the committee agree that Bill 1, Interim Appropriation Act, April 1 to June 30, 1996 is ready for third reading?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

--- Agreed

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Bill 1 is now ready for third reading. I would like to thank Mr. Todd and his witnesses.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

We are now on Tabled Document 1-13(3), Report of the Commission on MLA Compensation. What is the wish of the committee at this time? Mr. Miltenberger.

**MR. MILTENBERGER:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that we report progress.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

We have a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

--- Carried

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

I will now rise and report progress.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

I call the House back to order. Item 20, report of Committee of the Whole. Mr. Steen.

ITEM 19: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. STEEN:

Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 4, Bill 1 and would report that bills 4 and 1 are ready for third reading and, Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of Committee of the Whole be concurred with.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Seconded by Mr. Ningark. 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

Item 21, third reading of bills. Mr. Ng.

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

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

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Member for Kitikmeot is seeking unanimous consent to go back to item 5, recognition of visitors in

the gallery. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Mr. Ng.

REVERT TO ITEM 5: RECOGNITION OF VISITORS IN THE GALLERY

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize, on his first visit to our Assembly, His Worship Mayor Donald Havioyak, of Kugluktuk, in the gallery. Thank you.

--- Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Welcome to the Assembly. Item 5, recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Arlooktoo.

**HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:**

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize, once again, the mayor of Kimmirut, formally Lake Harbour, Mayor Kowisa Arlooktoo and councillor Matthew Akavak.

---Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Welcome to the Assembly. Item 5, recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Krutko.

**MR. KRUTKO:**

I would like to recognize all those people up there who haven't been recognized.

--- Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

ITEM 22: ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Mr. Speaker, there will be a meeting of the Nunavut Caucus at 5:00 p.m. this evening and there will also be a meeting of the Management and Services Board this evening at 6:00 p.m. Tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. of the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

Orders of the day for Tuesday, March 26, 1996:

1. Prayer
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  - Bill 4, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1995-96
22. Orders of the Day

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned  
until Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

**--- ADJOURNMENT**