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MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Goo Arlooktoo, Mr. Barnabas, Hon. Charles Dent, Mr. Enuaraq, Mr. Erasmus, Mr. Evaloarjuk, Hon. Sam Gargan, Mrs. Groenewegen, Mr. Henry, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Krutko, Mr. Miltenberger, Hon. Don Morin, Hon. Kelvin Ng, Mr. Ningark, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Ootes, Mr. Picco, Mr. Rabesca, Mr. Roland, Mr. Steen, Hon. Manito Thompson, Hon. John Todd

ITEM 1: PRAYER

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ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

SPEAKER (Hon. Samuel Gargan):

Thank you Mr. Rabesca. Good morning. Orders of the Day. Ministers' statement, Mr. Kakfwi.

Ministers' Statement 106-13(3): Socio-Economic Agreement With BHP

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to be able to inform Members of this Assembly this morning, that representatives of the Government of the Northwest Territories, together with senior representatives of BHP Diamonds Incorporated, have completed negotiations on the Socio-economic agreement regarding BHP's/NWT's Diamonds project. On behalf of the government I initialled that agreement yesterday, as did Mr. Jim Excel of BHP.

This agreement is an important step forward in moving the proposed BHP Diamond Mine in the Lac De Gras area towards reality. Together with the anticipated environmental agreement which this government has participated in, I believe we are at a point where we can be comfortable in clearly expressing our support for this project.

Mr. Speaker, the results of the past several weeks were very encouraging. This agreement establishes principles to ensure that to the greatest extent possible, the people of the north will have access to the training, employment and business opportunities associated with the project.

Mr. Speaker, I plan to say more about this next week. My goal today is to make this assembly aware of this important development and I would like to express my appreciation to BHP officials for the strong commitments they have brought to the table to move forward together on this important northern initiative. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Just for the record, this was an emergency statement and we did not have the translation quite completed for it. Ministers' statement. Mr. Dent.

Ministers' Statement 107-13(3): Graduates Of NWT Power Corp Training Program

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning.

Mr. Speaker, the Northwest Territories Power Corporation is committed to providing and maintaining safe, reliable and cost-effective facilities. As part of that commitment, the corporation recently honoured the first 15 graduates of an innovative training program for diesel plant operators.

These people have the critical task of supplying

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power to their communities, 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Their dedication to the job of keeping the lights on should not be overlooked.

The Power Corporation believes it is important that plant operators be able to upgrade their knowledge and skills. Well-trained operators are more confident in the job they are doing and they can do it more safely. Training programs are a wise investment because they provide employees with a solid opportunity for career advancement with the corporation.

The Operator Training Program brings regional operators together for two weeks of classroom training under the instruction of Ernest Murdoch, a veteran diesel-electric operator and stationary engineer with 20 years experience in the Territories. Mr. Murdoch also spends another week with each operator in their own plant.

The fifteen recent graduates are all from the Baffin region. They include ten Inuit operators, and among them is one woman. When the program is completed

in the spring of 1998, more than 60 operators in 43 communities will have had their skills improved. Other courses are now underway for system operators, and a third program is being developed for shift operators at large plants in Iqaluit, Yellowknife and Inuvik.

Mr. Speaker, these people have a great responsibility, not only to the corporation, but to their friends and neighbours in communities across the North. Making sure they have the right training is the best way to help them continue to do their jobs safely, effectively and efficiently.

Mr. Speaker, I know this Assembly joins me in congratulating these operators, and future graduates, on their accomplishment. Mahsi, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Dent. Ministers' statement. Mr. Todd.

Ministers' Statement 108-13(3): Correction To Statement Regarding Staff Housing

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Wednesday I made a statement in this House concerning staff housing. This statement contained some inaccurate information regarding or concerning the new deadlines we have established for our employees to take part of this program. I would like to correct that statement, if I may, Mr. Speaker, for the record.

We are extending the deadline for current tenants to submit an offer to purchase a single detached unit to November 30, 1996. The date to receive an expression of interest on multiplex units is extended to November 30, and on multiplex offers to purchase until January 31, 1997.

I apologize to my colleagues for any confusion that resulted from my previous statement and would ask for Members' assistance in providing their constituents with the correct information.

Thank you.

-- Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Todd. Ministers' Statement. Ms. Thompson.

Ministers' Statement 109-13(3): Concerns Voiced By The Status Of Women's Council

HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last May, I advised you that the Status of Women Council holds a vision that women's equality can be achieved through developing healthy families and communities -- where women's roles as nurturers, healers, leaders, advisors and teachers is respected and honoured.

The council's vision is in keeping with both this government's community wellness and community empowerment strategies.

The council has advised me that women are very concerned about the social issues that are seriously affecting our communities--suicide, depression, teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, child neglect and sexual abuse, family violence and sexual assault. I share their concern.

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The council believes that its expertise in community development and wellness is a tool that can be used to foster and support community wellness and empowerment initiatives and economic development.

Full scale economic development and job creation will not bring benefits to the north unless we have a healthy, educated labour force.

Looking ahead to division and beyond, we need to develop our young people so they are capable of taking on leadership in the future. But this will not happen if too many of our children and their children are incapacitated or ruined by the effects of alcohol, drugs, child abuse and violence.

The Status of Women met last week with officials from MACA and Health and Social Services to begin exploring ways the council's expertise could be used to assist in the implementation of community empowerment and community wellness strategies.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the council on its efforts to support the development of strong, healthy families and communities. I urge this Legislature's support for the valuable contribution the council can make to community wellness and empowerment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

-- Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Ministers' statement. Mr. Dent.

Ministers' Statement 110-13(3): Results of the NWT School Relationships Survey

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise this House that the results of the NWT School Relationships Survey have now been released. This project was initiated by the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association, which invited the Department of Education, Culture and Employment to participate.

The survey includes information from students, regional board members, teachers, principals, and other staff. It describes the relationships in NWT schools, and between schools and the community.

The results show that in schools with a positive climate, there is teamwork and an effective discipline policy that is applied consistently. The survey also shows that schools must be flexible and use a variety of approaches to find what is most effective for students, staff and community.

Mr. Speaker, the Department of Education, Culture, and Employment and the Teachers Association are already working with district education authorities and teachers to improve the relationships in NWT schools.

Several initiatives are designed to help students deal effectively with challenges. These include the use of school community counsellors and peer counselling. The school health curriculum helps students learn anger management, problem solving, and personal management skills.

Providing support to teachers is also very important. A staff member from the department has travelled extensively across the NWT to train teachers in non-violent crisis intervention so they can work more effectively with students. Through the Principal's Certification Program, principals learn how to foster a school environment that encourages learning.

Developing this climate depends very much on the co-operation of parents, elders, and the community. And to ensure that students, teachers, and the community know what is expected of them, the Education Act requires every school to develop a discipline policy. The relationships within a school, and between the school and community, are very

much a matter of community wellness. The resources of the entire community, including sport and recreation opportunities, play an important role in helping young people develop healthy lifestyles and the confidence they need to work effectively with others.

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Mr. Speaker, I am confident that the School Relationship Survey will encourage a healthy discussion of school relationships in communities across the Northwest Territories, and help stakeholders develop an action plan to improve relationships. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Dent. Ministers' statement. Mr. Ng.

Minister's Statement 111-13(3): Internet Access To Statutes Of The Northwest Territories

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, a data base of the consolidated Statutes of the Northwest Territories is on line and available on the Internet. The consolidated statutes are located within the Access to Justice Network, also called ACJNet, which is sponsored in part by the federal Department of Justice.

The statutes data base is a joint venture of the Government of the Northwest Territories and the federal Department of Justice, with the latter having agreed to bear the costs of creating and maintaining the data base.

The data base was set up in February, 1996. Since that time, users have been accessing NWT Statutes an average of 1500 times per month. These numbers should increase as the statutes data base and the GNWT web site are being hot linked together. A user will be able to travel either way between the sites at the click of a mouse.

The statutes data base will only be truly useful if it is kept current. To this end, the statutes will be updated twice yearly. The material necessary to update the statutes to October 1, 1996, has been submitted to the ACJNet manager. The data base will be next updated in the spring.

The statutes themselves and all the on-line tools that assist in accessing the statutes are fully bilingual in

English and French. I can report, Mr. Speaker, that consolidations of the Rules of the Territorial Court, Supreme Court, and Court of Appeal will also be made available on the ACJNet as the next phase of the project, which will culminate with the eventual expansion of the data base to include consolidations of territorial regulations.

The on-line availability of the statutes enhances the public's access to the laws of the Northwest Territories. ACJNet is a free service and for Internet users our statutes are only a few keystrokes away. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Ministers Statement. Members' Statement. Mrs. Groenewegen.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Members' Statement On Hay River Fire Department

MRS. GROENEWEGEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The week of October 6-12 is Fire Prevention Week, and this is the time of year when we honour those who devote their time, talents, and sometimes even their lives to protecting us from the dangers of fire.

Today, I rise to boast about the Hay River fire department. This all-volunteer department consists of 28 dedicated members under the direction of fire chief Ross Potter. Nowadays fire fighters just don't fight fires. Some of the most important work they do is working with community members to prevent fires. Teaching us to install and maintain smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, to install and know how to use fire extinguishers, to plan exit drills in the home and even to clean the lint out of our clothes dryers are all part and parcel of a modern fire fighter's duties.

Our fire fighters are as well trained as those anywhere. With the help of the St. John's Ambulance, Lethbridge and Red Deer Colleges, Alberta Fire Training Services, North American Rescue, and in-house training, our fire fighters are prepared for any emergency.

Fire fighters also handle medical emergencies. In

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Hay River, we have 2 ambulances with 3 trained emergency medical technicians, and 4 members with

emergency rescue status trained at NAIT and SAIT, and who are amongst our fire fighters, and they have handled 204 medical emergencies and 78 medevacs to date this year.

Through funding from both the federal and territorial governments, the Hay River fire department has used volunteer labour to build a 3 storey fire tower with annexed smoke house and training room on Vale Island. The complex also includes a hazardous goods training area, an extrication area, and a propane tree. This facility was opened during last year's Fire Prevention Week with its first live practice burn in the tower in May, 1996. The Town of Hay River has provided funding for 2 ambulances, 3 pumpers, 1 tanker, and heavy and light rescue vehicles, but the Fire Department itself funds a rescue boat and a winter rescue vehicle.

Mr. Speaker, I think we should all ensure that the fire fighters in our communities receive the respect and honour they deserve this week. I would especially like to recognize 4 outstanding, long-serving volunteers in Hay River's volunteer fire department; Ken Hunt, a fire fighter with 30 years service; Roger Reidman, 21 years; Floyd Hopkins, 20 years; and fire chief Ross Potter with 19 1/2 years service. Thank you to all our volunteer fire department members who improve the quality of life and safety in our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

-- Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mrs. Groenewegen. Members' statement. Mr. Ootes.

Members' Statement On Article Regarding Farley Mowat's Writings

MR. OOTES:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my statement today will be a little dated. This is the first session of the Legislature since this issue arose. Last spring, Saturday Night Magazine published an article accusing Farley Mowat, a Canadian author, of embroidering the tales in his popular books about the Arctic.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Shame, shame.

MR. OOTES:

I am glad to see Saturday Night Magazine and author John Goddard, the author of the article, are not so easily duped by tall tales. In fact, they have now joined a long list of northern writers who have been rolling their eyes over Farley for years. Many of you have known Ernie Lyall and have likely read his book, his well publicized and best selling book, "An Arctic Man". Today, the Lyalls are a large and well known family here in the North. Betty Lyall works here as a translator in the Legislature. Any member of this clan is a highly qualified spokesperson on northern affairs. It was Ernie who first dubbed Farley Mowat as "Mr. Hardly Know it". Many of you also know News North columnist Cec McCauley. She is a Farley Mowat critic as well. In an item last May, Cec summed up the Saturday Night article with these words: "Poor Farley. They finally caught up with his fairy tales."

Mr. Mowat has not taken the criticism lightly. He has defended himself by saying he never intended to be a non-fiction writer. True; but neither did he take pains to say that he made up stories in his books, which have sold millions of copies world-wide.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Shame, shame.

MR. OOTES:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Saturday Night for publishing the article by John Goddard, who, by the way, once worked as a reporter here in the NWT. Northerners are taken for granted too often. People come up here, form opinions, and go away. I am mystified by the fact that other people take them seriously. Is it so hard to talk to us directly? Mr. Speaker, it took awhile, but the rest of the country now knows what residents of the NWT have known for years. Hopefully, the Saturday Night article will demonstrate that Northerners are the best experts on life in the North. Thank you.

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-- Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Ootes. Members' Statement. Mr. Henry.

Members' Statement On Yellowknife South Riding

MR. HENRY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I know that all of us who have been elected to the Assembly are proud of our constituencies. We all feel a sense of pride in our home communities and regions, and appreciate the unique benefits that each different part of the Northwest Territories brings to the whole picture.

I must confess I feel a special pride in my riding. Of course, I think it is the best place in the north to live. For that matter, it is the most heavily populated riding in the Northwest Territories, so I am glad to see that so many northerners agree with me.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. HENRY:

But the source of my greatest pride, Mr. Speaker, is seeing how many of my honourable colleagues in this assembly have chosen to live in Yellowknife South, when they are in the capital doing business. The honourable Members from Baffin South, Kitikmeot, North Slave, Inuvik, and Keewatin Central have all shown impeccable taste in their choice of Yellowknife residence.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Bravo, Bravo!

MR. HENRY:

Even the honourable Member from Yellowknife Frame Lake is a resident of Yellowknife South. I am honoured that such an impressive list of distinguished Members, including half of the cabinet, have chosen to join me in the best riding in the north, and I look forward to representing all of you to the best of my ability as elected member for my constituency. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

-- Laughter and applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you Mr. Henry. Members' statement, Mr. Picco.

Members' Statement On Access To Public Information

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, recently we had heard about the crisis in Great Britain. No, I am not referring to the continuing saga of the Royal Family, or the continued activities of the IRA. Mr. Speaker, I am referring to the outbreak of mad cow disease. Yes, Mr. Speaker, mad cow disease. Now it would seem that this most vicious and virulent strain has appeared in the NWT. It has taken on a new form and now is referred to as sacred cow disease.

Mr. Speaker, sacred cow disease is in evidence in the way this government continues to deny access to public information on all negotiated and sole-source contracts entered into by the government. Repeated attempts by yours truly to have this information available have been stifled at each request. My motion that requested the government to table the information has been ignored.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Kingsley may not be affiliated with a clandestine agency, but the Premier in his teflon and espionage-like way, must have had training at the Mondeno Top Secret facility for covert operations, the way he keeps ducking and diving on my questions concerning disclosure.

Mr. Speaker, the Premier said there were no sacred cows, but covertly, he did not mean public information.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the residents of Iqaluit, Apex, and Burwell very happy Thanksgiving, and thank the good Lord for his blessing and support.

As for the continued fight to eradicate mad cow disease, I will be ASKING, Premier Morin,

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asking, Premier Morin, later today about publishing the sole-sourced and negotiated contracts for the umpteenth time. I hope that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover is listening. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Members' Statement. Mr. Krutko.

Member's Statement On Senior's Fuel Subsidy

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to express opposition that our government that preached our community wellness, community empowerment at the

community level, and they would have the best means by using that information at the communities for having the knowledge, the experience to have a say on how the programs are going to be delivered by residents.

Yet, the government does not see fit to man the income eligibility for the senior fossil fuel subsidy in regards to the cost of living in communities and taking into account regional disparities. And also, the cost for individuals to maintain a home, and the number of individuals within that home.

Presently, the subsidy for a single senior home owner has been marked at \$12,973. It is nearly impossible to live in a home for below \$20,000, maintain your water bills, your upkeep, food, and clothe yourself, yet this Government states that they can do it for \$12,000. I would like to see them try it. Communities, especially with families where there is high unemployment, high rates of alcohol abuse, suicides, gambling, and other crimes associated with that are 2 to 3 times higher than the national average in most of the northern communities.

A motion that I put forth to the committee of the whole and the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, considering amending the seniors' fuel subsidy was rejected. But I also would like to put a face on a person, Mr. Ben Firth, and Sarah Firth, who is 74 years old, who is raising 2 of his grandchildren, and had a stroke over a year ago, has been 1 of the people excluded, and also there are 30 other families presently in the same dilemma. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to complete my statement.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Mackenzie Delta is seeking unanimous consent to complete his statement. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. You have unanimous consent, Mr. Krutko.

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I would like to thank those Members, Mr. Barnabas, Mr. Evaloarjuk, Mr. Ningark, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Picco, Mr. Rabesca, and Mr. Steen, for supporting me in the Motion, regardless of the fact that it did not go forth. I believe our message is now out there, where people can say this is an important item to the people on this side of the House. In concluding, Mr. Speaker, I find it awfully hard to believe that in this day and age when we talk about stimulating our economy, keeping incomes in

our community, and keeping healthy and economically stable communities, to start taking away those little privileges that people have put into our society by paying mortgages for these units they live in, paying their property taxes, paying for the services that they use, water, sewer, light bills, which we, on the other hand, subsidize to the hilt of God knows what, in regards to all the other programs, especially in social housing.

So an individual who tries to maintain his own way of living by being independent, being productive to the community and society in general is being penalized. Yet this government spends in the area of \$600,000, or \$600,000,000 to clarify my point, in the area of the Social Envelope. To incarcerate people, pay for judges to basically incarcerate, to take children away from people's families, to basically penalize those people who are trying to be examples in communities, and basically find the resources to incarcerate people and also use those revenues for an individual who can be in government social housing, be an elder, and not pay any rent. Yet an individual who tries to maintain a household is penalized. There is

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something wrong with that.

We have to look at it in the context of how do we run government, and who are we penalizing here? The economy of the North should be maintained so that it is economically sound. Healthy communities have healthy people who are independent and show that they can make it.

Do not put them to the point where they become another social statistic in our elders' homes or in our social programs and dollars are being used to clothe, feed and in most cases, incarcerate those people at a fee of \$80,000 a year to have 1 individual in the correctional system. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

-- applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Thank you Mr. Krutko. And just to remind the Members, under the rules, there is a section in there regarding, referring to an issue that has been decided during the current session. I believe in this case the subsidy for fuel has been referred to a committee for discussion and should not be brought up while that discussion is still being decided. Members' statement, Mr. Miltenberger.

Members' Statement on Draft Constitutional Package

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, over the summer the Constitutional Working Group, made up of Members from the Western Caucus of the Legislative Assembly and Members from the Aboriginal Summit, has been working to draw together 30 years of northern constitutional discussions into a draft constitutional package.

Press reports this morning seem to suggest that this draft, which will be tabled in this House next week, is a done deal. Nothing could be farther from the truth. It is and has always been the intention of the Constitutional Working Group to prepare a draft package which we would give to the people and give them something concrete to talk about.

After the package is tabled, an intensive process of consultation across the western NWT to get feedback will take place. The people of the western territory need to review the package and talk about it. Our constitution will set our course for the future. We need the ideas of everyone to make sure the final constitutional package is something we can all agree and live with.

Yes, Mr. Minister Antoine is in Ottawa, and will talk to Mr. Irwin about our constitutional development process. It is critical that we keep the federal government aware of what we are doing. However, the decision about what our final constitution will look like will be decided first and foremost by the people of the western territory.

Over the winter we will have an opportunity to shape the draft package until it reflects the constitution we want to have. Finally Mr. Speaker, we will be the authors of our own destiny. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statement. Mr. O'Brien.

Members' Statement On Beneficial Results Of Budget Cuts

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, although I have many reservations and concerns about the serious budget cutting course that we are on, as I have mentioned on many occasions in this House, before we continue with this exercise, we should be

able to demonstrate and also be able to measure the beneficial results of this process. To speak on a positive note, we should also be thankful for what we do have.

With that, I wish a very pleasant Thanksgiving to all the residents in Arviat and Baker Lake, especially the seniors and the children. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' Statement. Returns to Oral Questions Mr. Ng.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Return To Oral Question 393-13(3): Concerns Regarding the Registration Process For Nurses

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HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Picco on October the fourth, 1996, in respect to the registration process in the nursing profession in the NWT. The nursing profession in the Northwest Territories is a self-governing profession.

The registration process is done by the Northwest Territories Registered Nurses Association's Registration Committee. The Committee meets every three weeks to review applications. The NWTRNA at their biannual general meeting this summer revised the bylaws related to the registration committee to appoint more members to the Committee.

These changes have improved the review process. The expectation is that it should be easier to obtain a quorum to consider applications. Delays in registration are often due to missing documentation that needs to be provided by the applicant.

Registration cannot be taken lightly, as the primary purpose is to ensure protection of the public; therefore, documentation must be complete. The operations process has been improved by notifying applicants of what documentation is missing from the applicant's file.

A survey of the turnaround time of other Canadian licensing jurisdictions conducted by the NWTRNA shows that the time it takes for registration in the NWT is reasonable. In the 1996 year, 789

registrations were completed by the registration committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Returns to Oral questions. Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 380-13(3): Person Year Reduction Figures

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two returns to oral questions. One asked by Mr. Ootes and one by Mr. Krutko on October 3 and 4 with respect to position reductions and layoffs. A number of questions have been asked in the past regarding position reductions and layoffs within the GNWT as a result of the Deficit Recovery Plan. In the fiscal year 1996/97, to date there has been an overall reduction of 345 positions. This figure includes positions reduced debt, pardon me, includes position reductions made by all government departments, divisional boards of education and colleges, but does not include position reductions made by health boards. Information on health board reductions is being gathered, and I will update this figure when the information becomes available.

Every effort has been made within the government to minimize the impact of the budget reductions on employees by wherever possible eliminating positions that are vacant or redeploying staff.

As a result of these efforts in 1996/97 to date, a total of 207 GNWT employees have been laid off, of whom 22 have been rehired and redeployed. We do anticipate further position reductions and possible layoffs in 1997/98 as we implement year two of our Deficit Recovery Plan.

Departments are finalizing business plans for next year, and are in the early stages of preparing the 1997/98 budgets. However, we will not know the full extent of potential reductions; that will be Main Estimates tabled in the House next January.

Return To Question 398-13(3): Contract Hiring Of Laid Off Employees

If I may Mr. Speaker, I have another one asked by Mr. Ootes on October 10, 1996, again specifically with respect to staff reductions in Yellowknife. In the fiscal year 1996/97, to date there has been an overall reduction of 175 positions in Yellowknife, out of a total of 345 within the government system. During this year

90 people have received lay-off notices in Yellowknife. Three of these people were redeployed, and one lay-off notice rescinded, leaving a total of 86 people laid off. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Returns to oral questions. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Morin.

ITEM 5: RECOGNITION OF VISITORS IN THE GALLERY

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize Marie Coe, who is a long-time employee of this Legislative Assembly and did Hansard for previous Legislative Assemblies. She is a long time friend of many of the older sitting Members; not older sitting, any of the Members that sat here for more than one term. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Welcome to the Assembly. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Oral questions. Mr. Evaloarjuk.

ITEM 6: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 468-13(3): Suicide In Inuit Community

MR. EVALOARJUK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health and Social Services concerning suicide. Suicide is an issue of great concern to me; I see so many people lose relatives to suicide nowadays. It is something that has not been part of traditional Inuit ways.

I am looking for answers. I wonder why some people seem to fear death. I wonder how alcohol and drugs affect people's fear of death, or their decisions to attempt suicide. I wonder how much of an effect violence on television or violent music or lyrics has on suicide attempts. I wonder how the availability of shelters has affected the suicide rate.

Can the Minister tell me whether his department has done any studies on these issues, and can he provide us with any answers those studies may have found? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Return To Question Suicide In Inuit Community

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is a serious issue that is of major concern to many of us. The department has not done any formal studies on suicide. What we have done is held our sponsored regional and Territorial forums in the past, with community agencies and community leaders and interested individuals, to try to come to an understanding of some of the causes of suicide, and to try to formulate suggestions on how to tackle this significant issue, Mr. Speaker.

What those forums did identify were that some of the issues relating to suicidal behaviours were indicated to be: abuse, whether it was sexual abuse, spousal abuse, alcohol and drug substance abuse; conditions in housing; personal conditions of whether you were employed, what your personal relationships were with your peers and your family members, the past loss of maybe close family or friends. There are a whole multitude of factors that come into consideration in leading an individual to try to move to the drastic step of attempting to take their own lives, Mr. Speaker.

So what we found also, Mr. Speaker, from these discussions that were held, these issues that were brought up as possible causes or contributors to the possibility of suicide, they were very consistent with other studies that have been done by other jurisdictions, and nationally, for groups and formal studies that had taken place. We recognize that our circumstances are certainly no different except for the fact that our rates, Mr. Speaker, are significantly higher than the national standards. In fact, anywhere from 2 1/2 to 5 times the national average, depending on which year you compare suicide rates to. It continues to be an issue of great concern, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Picco.

Question 469-13(3): Contract Information

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this government does list all contracts entered into. That is true. But this voluminous book does not indicate what is negotiated or what is sole-sourced. Can the Premier indicate when he will provide that information?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Premier.

Return To Question 469-13(3): Contract Information

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We continue to provide this information to the Standing Committee on Government Operations on an annual basis and on a quarterly basis. So it is provided to Members. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral question. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 469-13(3): Contract Information

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the list provided to the Government Operations Committee is not a complete list. For example, it does not give you what has been sole-sourced. It is provided to the Government Operations Committee but it is not provided to the public at large. So when will the Premier be allowing this government to table sole-source and negotiated contracts entered into by this government on an annual basis for public review? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 469-13(3): Contract Information

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This fine document here, which is a contract report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1995, is provided to the public in general, and it is available to the public. All Members of this Assembly receive this report, and they receive it at no charge, because we believe in sharing information.

The public is asked in the spirit of cooperation and user pay, that they pay nine dollars for that document, and it is available to all public that want to pay that price. We, as Members of this Assembly, all of us have to watch how we produce paper. We as politicians seem to produce a lot of paper, and there is a cost associated to that. I know that we are all on restraint budgets, so the public will continue to pay nine dollars, and they can get the information. I am sure that if the press wants that information, they can pay the nine dollars as well. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral question. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 469-13(3): Contract Information

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I do not have a copy of the voluminous book. I am glad to see the Premier has a copy of it, and as we know, it does list all contracts entered into by this government, that is true. But it does not specify what contracts were negotiated, or what contracts were sole-sourced. A simple asterisk on the listed contract -- two for sole-sourced, and one for negotiated -- will tell you that information.

So, indeed, the contracts are listed, but it does not specify what I have been requesting for the last six months, and what the public want. So, my question again is to the Minister -- to the Premier -- when will that information will be available? When do you actually break it down into what is negotiated and what is sole-sourced? I cannot make it any clearer than that, Mr. Speaker. I have tried, I have tried, I have tried. And I am sure the Premier has tried and tried and tried.

Maybe the Minister could give us an example out of the book of a contract that has been negotiated. Could he find one? I do not think he could, because it is not listed as such. So when will he list the contracts as negotiated or sole-sourced? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 469-13(3): Contract Information

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My understanding from the Minister responsible for putting that document together is that it took approximately five PYs approximately two months to put this document together for public information.

Like I have told Members, and I continue to tell Members, if you have an issue to raise, get to the point, get directly to that point. You can ask a question in a broad statement if you want to find out information. But if you have a specific contract you are interested in, we will be happy to answer those questions, or the Minister responsible would be happy to answer any questions any Member of the Legislative Assembly has with any contract this government has.

We have already been advised by Justice that the way we are doing business right now, by sharing the information with the Standing Committee on Government Operations, is the right way to do business. That leaves us with enough flexibility so that we give them all the information, and if the general public want the information, they can pay the nine dollars for this document. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Final supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 469-13(3): Contract Information

MR. PICCO:

This is like pulling teeth, Mr. Speaker. That is true, the document is available, and it is true that the contracts are all in there, and it is true that it has been given to the Government Operations Committee. The cost associated with putting in a couple of stars..

Every other jurisdiction in this country publishes in the public accounts copies of the negotiated and sole-sourced contracts. If I wanted to know about a contract in Fort Smith -- I do not live in Fort Smith, so I would not know what was negotiated in Fort Smith and how many contracts were going in there. I do not live in Paulatuk so I would not know what was negotiated or sole-sourced in Paulatuk.

I am not on a witch hunt, I am not on a vendetta, I do not like to go to the Minister and ask, can I find out

about the negotiated contract in Toughluck Bay? That is not my point.

My point is, when it is listed as to what is sole-sourced and negotiated, when I see a line in there, Len Flett, Len Flett, Len Flett, Len Flett, then I can ask a question. Why is Len Flett getting 15 sole-source contracts making a living in Resolution, or making a living in Toughluck Bay? I do not know where he lives. But when you see that.. So my question again is, will that information be made available so that the public can look and see what has been negotiated and what has been sole-sourced? When? When? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Again, just a friendly reminder to our Members. In question period, your preamble explains the intention of your question. I think the first time the Minister hears it, and understands where the Member is coming from; your supplementary should be a response to the Minister's question. Members do waste quite a bit of time if you continuously repeat your preamble to the question. So just to remind the Members to try to put your preamble across and then ask for Supplementary questions. Again, Mr. Morin.

Return To Question 469-13(3): Contract Information

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member asks, when, when, when will the information will become public? The information is public, it is public, it is public, and the public will pay \$9.00 for that information. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions, Mr. Henry.

Question 470-13(3): Resignations of Therapists Contracted for EAP

MR. HENRY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health and Social Services. I

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understand that 4 therapists employed in the Employee Assistance Program in Yellowknife have resigned. I believe these therapists had a large workload. My question to the Minister is, if this

information is correct, what provisions has he put in place to indeed take care of the large workload that the government employees here in Yellowknife may require services on? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Return To Question 470-13(3): Resignations of Therapists Contracted for EAP

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, is the honourable Member referring to the Family Assistance Program for our employees? Thank you. Then if that is the case, Mr. Speaker, that service is provided under contract with the NWT Family Services local group here in Yellowknife. They have the responsibility for providing the counsellors for that service.

I am aware that there is some staffing turnover with the NWT Family Services. I am not aware at this time whether or not the positions are vacant. Certainly I can check into the matter and follow up on it to see if the services continue to be provided. To my understanding right now, I have not heard any information that would suggest otherwise, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Erasmus.

Question 471-13(3): Positive Relationships in NWT Schools

MR. ERASMUS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment. It is in reference to a statement earlier today regarding the NWT school relationships survey. The Minister indicated that the results show that in schools with a positive climate there is teamwork and an effective discipline policy that is applied consistently. Can we take it to mean that where there is not a positive climate there is no teamwork, and that discipline policies are applied inconsistently?

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment. Two questions.

Return To Question 471-13(3): Positive Relationships in NWT Schools

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think the survey demonstrates that creating effective and positive relationships is one of the most challenging tasks that schools face. There is no doubt that some schools are better than others in creating the atmosphere that fosters satisfaction in the school.

I think that rather than taking the view that the Member seems to bring forward, I would say that the survey has helped us determine which schools need some assistance to work at fostering a better consistency of approach and better teamwork to ensure that all students feel comfortable and safe, that the same is true for the staff, and that the programs are being delivered effectively. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral question. Supplementary, Mr. Erasmus.

Supplementary To Question 471-13(3): Positive Relationships in NWT Schools

MR. ERASMUS:

Thank you. Mr. Speaker, did the survey indicate whether a low or a high student-teacher ratio affects a positive climate in the schools?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dent.

Further Return To Question 471-13(3): Positive Relationships in NWT Schools

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The survey did not attempt to address that issue. This survey was addressed to determine the current situation and the results that staff and students were seeing in the schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral question, final supplementary, Mr. Erasmus.

Supplementary To Question 471-13(3): Positive Relationships in NWT Schools

MR. ERASMUS:

Mr. Speaker, could the Minister indicate how our current student teacher ratio compares to the provinces' ratios?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dent.

Further Return To Question 471-13(3): Positive Relationships in NWT Schools

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe that our student teacher ratio is among the highest in Canada. It may be the highest; it is difficult to tell. We are at 17.4:1 officially in this school year. Last year Alberta was at 17.9:1 but I am aware that they have added money back into their programs and I am not quite sure yet whether that has brought them back down so that they would be below us or just slightly above us. In any case, Mr. Speaker, the Northwest Territories will have the highest or very close to the highest student teacher ratio in Canada. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Krutko.

Question 472-13(3): Aboriginal Rights Recognized in GNWT Planning

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the honourable Member for Health and Social Services, Mr. Ng. My question is in relation to this government's commitment to make sure that aboriginal rights, Treaty rights, aboriginal concerns and views are taken into account in the planning, process, and decisions of this government, especially in relation to people that we represent at the community level.

The aboriginal organizations also represent the same people that this government delivers programs on behalf of in regards to the government and the Assembly's work towards healthy communities and community based programs and solving and trying to find ways of resolving those areas, especially based on community wellness. Is that still the position of this

government to work in conjunction with those organizations in relation to those issues?

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is the intent, as we move towards reforming our health and social services system, to work with all organizations that will be impacted by these changes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary To Question 472-13(3): Aboriginal Rights Recognized in GNWT Planning

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Minister of Health and Social Services commit to enter into negotiations on funding options in conjunction with other departments on core funding for the Tl'oondih Healing Society?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng.

Return To Question 472-13(3): Aboriginal Rights Recognized in GNWT Planning

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I have indicated in the past, we will try to do all we can to assist the Tl'oondih operation and other operations to make them viable and assist in trying to enable them to provide programs for people throughout the Territories, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Krutko.

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MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is the Minister of Health and Social Services committed to the whole concept of community empowerment and involving community organizations such as the Gwich'in Tribal Council, the band councils, and metis locals in those communities to strive towards community empowerment of their members?

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is this government's position, and mine is included in there, that we are fully supportive of community empowerment initiatives and giving the decision making authority down to the local community level. So in answer to that question the answer is yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions, Oral questions, Mr. Krutko.

Supplementary To Question 472-13(3): Aboriginal Rights Recognized in GNWT Planning

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister of Health and Social Services provide an exact budget figure his department is willing to contribute as block funding towards community wellness, to my constituency, in regard to the aboriginal organizations that I represent.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng

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HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, those amounts, depending on the programs and how the funding and the resources for these programs are put out into the communities will come at a later date. I can't at this time commit to any dollars or figures or numbers, because of the fact that there is a vast array of programs out there, there are different communities at different levels of empowerment, of asking for and receiving responsibilities for deliveries on these programs.

So it is something that is an issue, and a number that will continue to be amended as different programs come on line and as the restructuring of the health and social services system takes place in the Northwest Territories, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Miltenberger.

Question 473-13(3): Communities Surveyed re: School Relationships

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment. In regards to his statement on the Northwest Territories school relationship survey, I concur that effective learning takes place only in better schools, where there is a positive climate.

I was wondering if the Minister could indicate to the House, were all communities surveyed as part of this initiative?

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Return To Question 473-13(3): Communities Surveyed re: School Relationships

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am not, I cannot answer the question about the methodology of the report with that detail. I would be happy to give a copy of the detailed report to the Member, but whether or not every single school in the Northwest Territories was recorded in the study, I can't answer at this time.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. Miltenberger.

Supplementary To Question 473-13(3): Communities Surveyed re: School Relationships

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister indicate then whether the results were collated by region, is that too specific a question?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dent.

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HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the report the results are not reported by region, by specific region. It is taken as an indication of how schools seem to be performing in this area in general. There is a comparison in the report to how respondents see schools in their region comparing to other schools in the NWT. But the specific results by region are not broken up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. Miltenberger.

Supplementary To Question 473-13(3): Communities Surveyed re: School Relationships

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the Member indicate whether the document he has held up will in fact be a document available for public consumption, and will it also be used as a planning tool? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dent.

Further Return To Question 473-13(3): Communities Surveyed re: School Relationships

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Mr. Speaker, this is a public summary. We had intended to make a summary of the report public, and not necessarily the detailed one, largely because of the cost of distributing the extra number of pages. But the intent is that the report can be available to those who have need to use it and the public summary will be widely distributed and completely public by the end.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Miltenberger.

Supplementary To Question 473-13(3): Communities Surveyed re: School Relationships

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Mr. Speaker, I didn't catch the last part of the Minister's answer, but I would also like to know, maybe he did answer when will that document be available?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dent, I would ask you to just clarify your last response first.

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HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was saying that the document was intended to be publicly available, and in answer to the Member's most recent question, it has been publicly released and is available now.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions, Mr. O'Brien.

Question 474-13(3): Reductions in Fire Fighting Training

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday I spoke in recognition of national firefighting week. In reference to my statement, I would like to ask The Minister of MACA if there have been any cuts to the budget regarding the volunteer fire fighters, with regard to their training. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Thompson.

Return To Question 474-13(3): Reductions in Fire Fighting Training

HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The funding for the program in 1996/97 is \$200,000, and the scope of the program for this year will be to concentrate on training, along with additional basic fire training as requested by the communities so we are doing some training work with

the volunteers at the community level. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question 474-13(3): Reductions in Fire Fighting Training

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Mr. Speaker, my question was whether or not there was a reduction to the monies that were allocated for training for volunteers. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Thompson.

Further Return To Question 474-13(3): Reductions in Fire Fighting Training

HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I realize that at the community level this is a very important initiative. We value the fire fighters and we are doing everything we can to assist them in their training. I will get back to the Member with the details on the cuts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Enuaraq.

Question 475-13(3): Causes Of Fatalities In Correctional Centres

MR. ENUARAQ:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Justice. In the last few years, not last year but the year before, there were cases of deaths in some correctional centres.

My question to the Minister is that people that have died in the correctional facilities. I am sure the families of those people would like to know the reasons for the deaths and how they died. I wonder if the staff has checked to see what the causes were, and in the future will they be looking into the reasons why there

were these deaths in the corrections facilities? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Justice. Mr. Ng.

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HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am not positive there have been any deaths in correctional facilities. However, I will check into that, and if it were to happen, of course it is a very serious matter, in the respect that those individuals will have been incarcerated under our jurisdiction. Since it would be our responsibility, I would assume that there would be a full investigation into the reasons behind it. And all Members, all family members and individuals concerned would be notified because of that.

Mr. Speaker, I know that there have been some deaths in RCMP cells, if that is what the honourable Member is referring to. Again, because of the fact that those individuals are under custody, in those circumstances a coroner's inquest is held to determine the causes of death. Of course, with that there is a full public inquiry process that takes place with those inquests, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral question. Supplementary. Mr. Enuaraq.

Supplementary To Question 475-13(3): Causes Of Fatalities In Correctional Centres

MR. ENUARAQ:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was talking about the people who are in the jail cells in communities and this has come up. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Was there a question there, Mr. Enuaraq?

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MR. ENUARAQ:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe my question was not translated properly. My question to the Minister of Justice was that I was referring to people spending a

night in the cells, not in correctional centres. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

I still did not hear a question there, Mr. Enuaraq.

Supplementary To Question 475-13(3): Causes Of Fatalities In Correctional Centres

MR. ENUARAQ:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was talking about, I was asking a question about people who were locked up overnight. I was not referring my question, I was not asking a question about correctional centres, but I was asking a question about people being locked

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up, overnight, at RCMP cells. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng.

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HON. KELVIN NG:

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I believe if individuals were to pass away while in the custody of the RCMP, in their custody, then a coroner's inquest would be held, as I indicated. Due to the fact that we would want to determine the causes of the death, certainly, and make sure it was the full public process in that determination, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral Questions. Mr. Ootes.

Question 476-13(3): List of Negotiated and Sole-Sourced Contracts

MR. OOTES:

Mr. Speaker, my apologies. I was on the run. My Speaker, I was the seconder of Mr. Picco's motion on disclosure which was passed on May 13th and I have listened to the Premier's replies to Mr. Picco's questions.

I appreciate what he stated, that there were five PY's involved and they worked for two months to produce the document. I am now making some assumptions

that this is computerized, and that to me, the staff are there to be directed to do as requested. To me it would not be an onerous task to identify which are contracts that were negotiated, and which are contracts that are sole-sourced.

My question is, can the Premier provide a list of all the negotiated and sole-source contracts that this Government entered into for the year ended March 1996.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Premier.

Return To Question 476-13(3): List of Negotiated and Sole-Sourced Contracts

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We do, do that, and we do provide that list to the Standing Committee of Government Operations already. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Ootes.

Supplementary To Question 476-13(3): List of Negotiated and Sole-Sourced Contracts

MR. OOTES:

Can the Premier tell me if it is specifically identified by negotiated contracts and sole-source contracts. Are they identified separately.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 476-13(3): List of Negotiated and Sole-Sourced Contracts

HON. DON MORIN:

During the previous government, Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee on Finance requested information on all negotiated contracts. The government agreed to provide the information to committee on a regular basis. The practice has continued into the present government and a listing of all Cabinet approvals related to negotiated contracts is compiled into the document that is released to the Standing Committee of Government Operations, on a periodic basis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Ootes.

Supplementary To Question 476-13(3): List of Negotiated and Sole-Sourced Contracts

MR. OOTES:

Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have to be honest, perhaps I have not seen it in my committee. I wonder if the Premier would undertake to provide me specifically with only the list of negotiated and sole-source contracts that were entered into for the year ended 1996. Only the negotiated contracts and the sole-sourced, thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Morin.

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HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have a problem with providing the Member with that information for contract or sole-sourced contracts over \$5,000.00. We cannot do it under that because you buy pencils, or a few pencils and that would be it.

And the second part of that motion, just for the Member's information; Mr. Speaker they have presented to this House, May 13 and it was voted on - - it was moved by Mr. Picco and seconded by Mr. Ootes; there were 5 in favour.

We will look also at addressing the public disclosure of the salaries and I am sure these two Members are very interested in us doing that. We may not, but we know what that will do to the morale of the public service. I know Members have a concern about that but, we must take direction of this House. So, we will look at following up on Mr. Picco and Mr. Ootes' motion on the disclosure of their salaries, as well, Mr. Speaker, and I have instructed my competent Minister of Finance to look into doing that and we have explored it fairly well.

We all know that when we run for public office, Mr. Speaker, as politicians our salaries will be disclosed. Civil servants, on the other hand, don't run for public service. But we will look at that and we will look at

disclosing all our salaries, over \$50,000.00, because that is the basic salary of a Member of this Assembly as well.

We will be talking to the boards, the hamlets, the bands, the metis as well as NTI and etc., if they will do this as well, and work with us to do that, because the Members are so interested in that as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Final supplementary, Mr. Ootes.

Supplementary To Question 476-13(3): List of Negotiated and Sole-Sourced Contracts

MR. OOTES:

I wish to thank the Premier for offering to provide that information.

I guess my desire is that he live up to what the motion asks for, and I have no problem to getting that information and living up to any criticism that may result from that. I have no problem with that whatsoever.

But I would like to ask the Premier a question as to when he can provide that information for us. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 476-13(3): List of Negotiated and Sole-Sourced Contracts

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the interest of good government and in the interest of the process that we all agree to amongst the Members of this Legislative Assembly, I will check with my Ministers who are responsible as to how soon we can get this information. I would be providing that information to the proper committee prior to providing it to Mr. Ootes. And once it goes to the committee, then we will give it to the Member. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Steen.

Question 477-13(3): Responsibilities For Repatriation of Remains

MR. STEEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister responsible for Health.

Mr. Speaker, could the Minister tell me if his Department is responsible to bear the cost for returning the remains of a person who died while being treated in the south. Is the Government responsible to bear the cost of returning the remains to the community? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if the individual is out for medical treatment and were to, unfortunately, pass away at that time, yes, the Department would be responsible, from my understanding, for returning the remains of that individual, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Steen.

Supplementary To Question 477-13(3): Responsibilities For Repatriation of Remains

MR. STEEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Are there any circumstances when the department would not be responsible?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng.

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HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I am not fully aware of that instance, or those types of circumstances, so I will have to check into that and

report back to the honourable Member on that, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Steen.

Supplementary To Question 477-13(3): Responsibilities For Repatriation of Remains

MR. STEEN:

Could the Minister commit to discussing this with me at a later time?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng.

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HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would have no problem discussing that with the honourable Member. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Henry.

Question 478-13(3): Further GNWT/BHP Negotiations

MR. HENRY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be to the Minister Responsible for Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development.

The business community and the City of Yellowknife should also be acknowledged for their part in supporting this project. The businesses have been patiently waiting and in many cases very uncomfortable through this negotiating period.

This is now over and I wish all many prosperous opportunities with the benefits that will hopefully flow from this project. I would also welcome BHP to Yellowknife and hope that they find our community hospitable and welcoming as I once did.

My question to the Minister is, are there any further negotiations needed between BHP and the Government of the Northwest Territories to fulfil their

requirements to proceed with the development. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Resource, Wildlife and Economic Development, Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 478-13(3): Further GNWT/BHP Negotiations

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, the socio-economic agreement that was initialled yesterday morning does require that both parties get approval, in the case of BHP, from the Board of Directors before formal signing takes place. And, provided that there is no last minute change of heart, or second thought given to the commitment

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made in those draft agreements, it should be substantially done.

Most of the negotiations will be completed and it is simply a matter of finalizing the text of the agreements and getting on with the job of living up to the commitments that we have all made. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. Henry.

Supplementary To Question 478-13(3): Further GNWT/BHP Negotiations

MR. HENRY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When both parties have ratified this agreement, would the Minister consider making those available to the House? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 478-13(3): Further GNWT/BHP Negotiations

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, it is the commitments of this government that are being made in those agreements, but we are making them in partnership with a company, and

therefore it is subject to agreement between the parties that the agreements will be made available. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Henry.

Supplementary To Question 478-13(3): Further GNWT/BHP Negotiations

MR. HENRY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Kakfwi has identified that the agreement to make them public would be an agreement between both parties. Does the government, or his department, have any problem in making those available in the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question 478-13(3): Further GNWT/BHP Negotiations

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:

Mr. Speaker, the legal text of the agreements are largely useful only to lawyers, in the first instance, so what I am interested in as a Minister is making available to the public those things that I understand are clearly commitments made in plain language. I would be prepared to do that, certainly to advise the public and Members of this Legislature to the best of my ability as to what I think is contained in those agreements. If the company has no objections, and it is fine with our own legal people, then all the text will be made available. But it is subject to agreement by BHP and our officials. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Picco.

Question 479-13(3): Meeting To Address Inuvik/Baffin Hospitals

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health. Over the past couple of weeks in the House here, we have been hearing about the situation regarding Inuvik and Baffin Hospital replacement. Will the Minister of Health arrange a

meeting between the chairs of the Baffin Regional Health Board and the Inuvik Hospital Board and their respective MLA's to address this very important issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Return To Question 479-13(3): Meeting To Address Inuvik/Baffin Hospitals

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not know if I would be the one to arrange a meeting between the two boards. Certainly, I would be willing to discuss the matter with them and keep them abreast of what was happening in developments in this area, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 479-13(3): Meeting To Address Inuvik/Baffin Hospitals

MR. PICCO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I know that the Honourable Minister is concerned, but I understand that over the last couple of days in Baffin Regional

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Health Board has tried to arrange a meeting between the Minister and myself, and we have not been able to get a meeting of the minds on that. So maybe the Minister could tell me when he would be available, so that the Inuvik Hospital Board and the Baffin Hospital Board, the chair and both MLA's have an opportunity to meet with him. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 479-13(3): Meeting To Address Inuvik/Baffin Hospitals

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, they tried to notify me two days ago, a day and a half ago, to try to set up a meeting for the next morning. I said I was not available at that time. They tried to set it up for two

days after that. I was not available at that time because of commitments in this House, in this Assembly, commitments to carry on being the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Minister of Justice.

So I advised them that I will try to participate in a meeting to update them on what is happening at the earliest opportunity when things begin to slow down, after the Legislature is not sitting, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 479-13(3): Meeting To Address Inuvik/Baffin Hospitals

MR. PICCO:

Mr. Speaker, I think we are all aware of the time constraints on the Minister, and he does have two portfolios. I was not trying to say he was trying to avoid the issue. All I am saying is that it is a volunteer board that you are talking about here. The chairman of our board is not being paid, and that person has to leave a position to attend any type of meeting or conference call.

So it is a very important issue and my question would be to the Minister when at the end of the session would he think would be a suitable time, so I could inform the hospital board so that person can get time off to do the meeting? Do you think it would be the 20th of October, or maybe would the Minister commit to meeting with myself, and maybe Mr. Roland could arrange a time that is conducive with his busy schedule?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 479-13(3): Meeting To Address Inuvik/Baffin Hospitals

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the honourable Member is correct that there are other individuals out there who have to dedicate their time, including the MLA's. I am not saying that my time is the only time that should be taken into consideration here. There are other Members who are involved and certainly we would have to coordinate that to have all the

appropriate people available to facilitate this type of meeting.

So, like I said before, Mr. Speaker, when a time is satisfactory to all parties that would want to participate then we will have that meeting, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

Question 480-13(3): Status of Allowances to Adult Students

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question, Mr. Speaker is to the Minister of Education. Could the Minister advise this House as to the status as to allowances paid to students in adult basic education upgrading? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Return To Question 480-13(3): Status of Allowances to Adult Students

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there are no allowances paid through student financial assistance to individuals involved in adult basic education

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upgrading. We have, in the past, offered an incentive of ten dollars a day, through the Investing in People Program, when that program was in operation. That was a cost-shared program, 50 percent by the federal government, 50 percent by the territorial government, which was aimed specifically at people who were on social assistance. That program has ended, though, with the federal government refusing to renew their agreement to cost-share.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Miltenberger.

Question 481-13(3): Identification of Negotiated/Sole-Sourced Contracts

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Premier. I have listened over the last year to this issue of contract information ping pong back and forth across the House and I am just curious. Could I ask the Premier for some clarification? This seems to be a relatively straightforward issue of just changing the data input that you put into printing out these contracts. Are the contracts currently not singled out as negotiated/sole-sourced? I have never looked at the document, I must confess.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Premier.

Return To Question 481-13(3): Identification of Negotiated/Sole-Sourced Contracts

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The contracts are listed in the amounts and who got the contract, and the location, and a brief description as well as the settlement. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. Miltenberger.

Supplementary To Question 481-13(3): Identification of Negotiated/Sole-Sourced Contracts

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Mr. Speaker, I do not want to come between a good discussion about trying to change the system, but the simplest things seem to be, just to.. Next time you print out that book for the coming year, if the will of the House seems to be there, just designate on there, somehow, a simple designation as to what kind of type of contract it is. That way we do not have to take up any more of the House's time on a relatively simple issue. It would seem to me, as a suggestion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 481-13(3): Identification of Negotiated/Sole Sourced Contracts

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Member for that suggestion and I wish it was as simple as that. This

contract report, we started this a few years back to let the public in general know how the government spends its contract dollars. We followed that up with a commitment from the previous finance committee to let them know specifically on negotiated contracts and sole source contracts.

It was an issue to Members, and we do not have any problem sharing that information with Members of this Legislative Assembly. The problem I have is that the Department of Justice has advised that there may be some concern. That should be considered in determining whether to table information on negotiated contracts.

The issue raised is as follows. Breach of contract; some contracts may contain confidential provisions. Care must be taken by the government to review each individual contract prior to release to ensure that there is no basis for a grain of breach of confidentiality.

Civil liability, a new area of law, is developing which allows for the recovery of economic losses separately from a breach of contract. In such cases, if a party can demonstrate economic loss as a result of a breach of contract, the party committing the act may be liable for economic losses suffered by the third party. Although the potential for such an action is remote, there is a risk of a contractor pursuing such a suit.

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Access to information. The Access of Information Act comes into force on December 31, 1996. The act prohibits the release of information that would be an unreasonable invasion of privacy or would detrimentally affect the business interests of a third party. Although the act does not prohibit the disclosure of contract information, it does state that the GNWT shall refuse to release information which could be expected to result in undue financial loss or gain to any person, prejudice the competitive position of a third party, or interfere with contractual or other negotiations of a third party.

There may be a risk of being in contravention of these provisions as the result of a release of negotiated contract information, and Mr. Speaker, I would just like to make sure that all Members are fully aware of where we are coming from as a government.

I do not have a problem releasing information to the Standing Committee on Government Operations. I do

not have a problem releasing information to specific Members on a confidential .. marking the letter confidential so it is not shared with the press and the public. The press and public in general have this book right here that they can use, and they can buy that for nine dollars, Mr. Speaker.

If they have any issue in here, any contract, there are 24 capable Members in this House that represent the public that they can go to and ask -- I have an issue with this contract on this page, tell me about it -- and the Member can get their constituent that information. So, it is an open process and just so the Members understand that we are trying to, I guess, meet the spirit of the motion the best way we can. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral question. Supplementary, Mr. Miltenberger.

Supplementary To Question 481-13(3): Identification of Negotiated/Sole-Sourced Contracts

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Premier for that information and I think we share his concern. I do not think we can change the past, but in regards to the future it seems to me we can look at it. Even if we had to include a line in the contracts that this is going to be publicly ... is going to be public information, then it still seems to me that there is a potential just to add another column in that book and just let the people know -- it is sole-sourced, public tender, or negotiated contract.

Let us look to clarifying the future so we do not have to keep bringing this issue up if it is just a straightforward issue, and let us look at the legalities of making sure that there is not a problem. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 481-13(3): Identification of Negotiated/Sole-Sourced Contracts

HON. DON MORIN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I agree with the Member. If we can do that, I just read out what Justice has said we can do. We can check it again, and if we can do that, I do not have a problem doing that. All I am saying is that this is the process that we have in

place now. The information is there; it may take an extra phone call by somebody to get extra information, but that information is there.

We are not hiding anything, it is straightforward. But, you know, in the spirit of this overwhelming motion that we do have in front of us, we will look at it and we will also get an opinion from Justice and FMBS on this whole thing about making public the wages of civil servants and everybody else. We are working on that as well, so hopefully we will be able to address the Members' concerns and get that done as well. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Question period is over. I do not know

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how long the thing was passed before I checked it but it is over. Item seven, written questions. Mr. Krutko.

ITEM 7: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question 9-13(3): Funding Options for Tl'oondih Healing Society

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Written question to the Minister of Health. Will the Minister of Health commit to enter into negotiations on funding options in conjunction with other departments and core funding for the Tl'oondih Healing Society? How is the Minister of Health and Social Services committed to the community empowerment initiative? Can the Minister of Health and Social Services provide accurate budget figures? This department is willing to contribute the block money towards community wellness and my constituents.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. 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. Item 12, reports of committees on the review of bills. Item 13, tabling of documents. Mr. Erasmus.

ITEM 13: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. ERASMUS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table Tabled Document 97-13(3), a letter and resolution 22-96 addressed to Mrs. Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage, the NWT Treaty 8 Tribal Council.

Mr. Speaker, resolution 22-96 comes from the NWT Treaty 8 Council's fourth Annual General Assembly held this past summer, and it resolves that the NWT Treaty 8 Assembly supports all NCS's efforts to get core funding for Dene TV Production. and the delegates to the Treaty 8 Assembly urge the Minister of Canadian Heritage to provide NCS TV with core funding equal with other members TVNC, and to sufficiently meet the needs of all the Dene and Metis and all the languages.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Tabling of documents, Mr. Krutko.

MR. KRUTKO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table two documents.

One consists of the lists of all the people who have been rejected in regard to the elders fuel subsidy, Tabled Document 98-13(3). It is a list which contains 34 names from Fort McPherson and Aklavik and also two letters to the Members of the House.

Tabled document 99-13(3), in regard to the boarding of the Tl'oondih Healing Society.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 13, tabling of documents. We will take a 15 minute break.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Tabling of documents, Mr. Erasmus.

MR. ERASMUS:

Sorry, Mr. Speaker, I did not put up my hand high enough, I guess.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a letter in Resolution #25-96, Tabled Document 100-13(3), addressed to Miss Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage, coming from the N.W.T. Treaty 8 Tribal Council. Mr. Speaker, the resolution comes from the N.W.T. Treaty 8 Tribal Council's Annual General Assembly held this

summer. It resolves that N.W.T. Treaty 8 Assembly support NCS, Native Communications Society, in its efforts to bring the Native Press back, and that the delegates to the Treaty 8 Assembly urge all levels of government to support the Native Press through advertising and grants, so it will continue to serve the Dene and Metis for many more years to come.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 13. Tabling of documents. We will take a 15 minute recess.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Ootes.

MR. OOTES:

Mr. Speaker, if I may pass for the moment.

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ITEM 15: NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST
READING OF BILLS

MR. SPEAKER:

Notices of motion. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Ng.

HON. KELVIN NG:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, October 14, 1996, I will move that Bill 21, An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act be read for the first time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Motions. First reading of bills. Second reading of bills. Consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. Mr. Henry.

MR. HENRY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize. I would request unanimous consent to return to notice of motions, please. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Yellowknife South is seeking unanimous consent to return to item 14. Do we have any nays. There are no nays. You have unanimous consent. Mr. Henry.

ITEM 14: NOTICES OF MOTION

MR. HENRY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, October 14, 1996 I would move the following motion.

Now therefore, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for the High Arctic, that the Executive Council provide to the standing committee a discussion paper on the proposal to amalgamate the Departments of Public Works and Services, Transportation and the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, and further, that the Executive Council not proceed with this amalgamation until a sessional discussion paper on this proposed amalgamation is tabled and approved by the Legislative Assembly.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Item 14, notices of motion. Consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters, Tabled Document 1-13(3), Tabled Document 83-13(3), Minister's Statement 82-13(3), with Mrs. Groenewegen in the Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mrs. Groenewegen):

Yes, I would like to call the committee of the whole to order. There are three items on the order paper for consideration of committee of the whole today: Tabled Document 1-13(3), Tabled Document 83-13(3), Minister's Statement 82-13(3). What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Ootes.

MR. OOTES:

Madam Chair, there are a number of committee meetings scheduled for this afternoon, I move that we report progress.

CHAIRPERSON (Mrs. Groenewegen):

The motion is in order and not debatable. All those in favour of the motion. Opposed. The motion is carried. I will rise and report progress. Thank you.

ITEM 20: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. SPEAKER:

The House will come back to order. We are on item 20, report of committee of the whole. Mrs. Groenewegen.

MRS. GROENEWEGEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee met and would like to report progress. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the committee of the whole be concurred with. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Seconded by Mr. Dent. The motion is in order to the motion. Question is being called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Third reading of bills, Mr. Ng.

ITEM 21: THIRD READING OF BILLS

HON. KELVIN NG:

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that Bill 19, Electoral Boundaries Commissions Act, be read for the third time.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Your motion is in order to the motion. Question is being called. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 19 has had third reading. Third reading of bills, Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

ITEM 22: ORDERS OF THE DAY

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):

Mr. Speaker, there will be a meeting of the Standing Committee on Government Operations immediately after adjournment today. Meetings for Tuesday, October 15th, 1996. 9:00 a.m., Ordinary Members' Caucus; at 10 a.m. of the Full Caucus.

Orders of the Day for Tuesday, October 15th:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motion
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17. First Reading of Bills
 - Bill 16
 - Bill 20
 - Bill 21
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
 - Tabled Document 1-13(3)
 - Tabled Document 90-13(3)
 - Tabled Document 91-13(3)
 - Ministers Statement 82-13(3)
20. Report of Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Before we adjourn I would like to wish the Members' a Happy Thanksgiving, have a good weekend, and safe travels. This House stands adjourned to Tuesday, October 15th at 1:30 pm.

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