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ITEM 1: PRAYER

Oh, God, may your spirit and guidance be in us as we work for the benefit of all our people, for peace and justice in our land and for the constant recognition of the dignity and aspirations of those whom we serve. Amen.

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

Thank you, Mrs. Groenewegen. Good morning. Orders of the day. Item 2,

Ministers' statements. Mr. Todd.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement 103-13(4): Negotiated Agreement Reached with NWTTA

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Yes, thank you. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that a negotiated agreement has been reached with the NWT Teachers' Association. The NWTTA will submit the agreement to our teachers with a recommendation for ratification. Ratification results are expected by October 24, 1997.

The agreement covers the period September 1, 1996 to August 31, 1999. It contains all the provisions which were put in place on December 6, 1996. In addition, the agreement updates the northern allowance rates effective September 1, 1997 to reflect current cost-of-living differences especially in smaller and more remote communities. It also provides a onetime \$1,500 signing bonus for teachers on strength during the 1996/97 school year.

The agreement contains a memorandum in which the GNWT agrees to strongly recommend to the Interim Commissioner and future government of Nunavut that

the terms and conditions embodied in this collective agreement be continued as terms and conditions of employment for those employees located in Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, teachers are our employees and the educators of our children. They like most of our employees, are uncertain about their future as we create two new governments. We need to provide commitments and assurances to employees to make sure that both governments have the trained and skilled employees after division. That, Mr. Speaker, is one of the reasons why I felt strongly about a negotiated collective agreement, one that provides reasonable composition for our employees and labour stability as we work together to shape our future.

--Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Ministers statements. Mr. Kakfwi.

Minister's Statement 104-13(4): Baffin Geoscience Project

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, over the past several years, the Northwest Territories has led all other Canadian jurisdictions in mineral exploration expenditures. The target of most of these exploration expenditures has been diamonds in the central Northwest Territories, primarily in the North Slave and Kitikmeot regions. Other regions have not seen a significant amount of mineral exploration.

There are currently two base metal mines in the Baffin region. Polaris and Nanisivik. Eventually these mines will close. To date, there are no advanced exploration projects in the region which hold the promise of developing into new mines in the next decade.

Mr. Speaker, we must continue to conduct mineral exploration in the Baffin. Due to the high costs and challenges of exploration in the north, we must find ways to stimulate interest and share current geological data.

To that end, a new partnership, which we hope will be the beginning of many, is in place. The Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development, the Geological Survey of Canada and the Qikiqtaaluk Corporation are embarking on an initiative to increase and more fully utilize the available geological knowledge base in the Baffin region.

The objectives of the project are to assemble the available geoscientific data and make an assessment of the potential for minerals which can be mined economically. The research project will focus on the Melville Peninsula and central and northern Baffin Island.

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Geoscience work is an important part of mineral exploration development. Geological mapping and sample collection by government agencies creates a knowledge base which mineral exploration companies can utilize while conducting their activities. The products of this partnership project will be used to promote mineral exploration and lay the groundwork for future geoscience research and mapping projects.

Mineral exploration and mining industries provide economic growth, increased employment and expanded business opportunities. We are working to ensure that the Baffin, like other regions in the Northwest Territories, takes advantage of the current growth in mineral exploration and the economic opportunities it provides. Partnerships of this type will ensure that we are positioning ourselves to encourage and to maximize opportunities for economic development related to mineral exploration and mining industries. Mahsi.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Arlooktoo.

**ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Member's Statement 420-13(4): Financing the Baffin Regional Hospital

**HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a MLA for the Baffin region, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the recent confusion regarding the financing of a new hospital for the Baffin region. Members of the Legislative Assembly from the Baffin region have been hearing many things, some contradictory regarding this issue and I have been very concerned.

For example, has \$47 million been committed or is it \$25 million? Why do Baffin residents have to pay for their hospital and other regions do not? What does 85 percent federal contribution mean in real dollars? Is the money for renovations or replacement of the 35 year-old hospital? Why has the board said no to

private financing or have they? Mr. Speaker, I believe more than anything else all of the stakeholders were suffering from the lack of information and a clear understanding of the complex issues around the financing of the hospital.

I arranged for a meeting with the Baffin MLAs, the Minister of Health and Social Services and his staff in an effort to remedy this as soon as possible and avoid raising public concern unnecessarily. The Minister and his staff answered the many questions put to them by the Baffin MLAs. I also requested Ann Hanson, chair of the Baffin Regional Health Board to come to Yellowknife and meet with the Baffin MLAs to outline the issues and to clarify her concerns. I appreciate the fact that she responded immediately and came to Yellowknife on very short notice.

The meeting in my opinion was very productive. I believe this cooperative effort gave all of us a better picture of the issue and cleared up the misconceptions. We found common ground. After all, Mr. Speaker, we all share the same goal of getting a new hospital for the people of the Baffin region.

Ann Hanson and the Baffin MLAs will work together to prepare a letter to Minister Ng outlining the issues discussed at the meeting and confirm that the Baffin Regional Health Board remains open to all options for financing the Baffin Hospital. Ms Hansen will be discussing this issue when the foundation board meets on October 9th. In closing, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the MLAs, Mr. Picco, Mr. Ningark and Mr. Barnabas for helping on this important issue.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Miltenberger.

Member's Statement 421-13(4): Division Concerns in Thebacha

**MR. MILTENBERGER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very clearly one of the biggest major challenges facing this Assembly is the issue of division, which will effect every one of the people we represent in the Northwest Territories. Mr. Speaker, the people that I represent want to understand this process and what is going on. However at this point they are besieged by all sorts of information. We have formula financing arrangements, we have transitional funding, we have incremental funding, we have goods. Our assets and liabilities need to be divided. People do not know

exactly what is going on. We need good, clear information for the people, that demonstrates we know and are in control of this process. The people want assurances, Mr. Speaker, that at the end of the day the level of service and programs cannot suffer, east or west, because of division. We have an obligation as we move ahead to give that good, clear, understandable information and keep the people informed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Miltenberger. Members' statements. Mr. Ootes.

Member's Statement 422-13(4): Breast Cancer in the Northwest Territories

**MR. OOTES:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Sunday, hundreds of people across our territory will "Run for the Cure" raising money for breast cancer research. Breast cancer is now the leading cause of death from cancer for territorial residents, second only to lung cancer. Breast cancer rates among northern aboriginal women especially, are on the rise, and yet the Northwest Territories is the only jurisdiction in Canada that does not have a breast cancer screening program. Since 1991, 25 northern women have died prematurely because of breast cancer. How many more will have to die or suffer the painful effects of intensive later stage treatment because their government did not fund an early detection program.

In July an ad hoc group of concerned citizens and organizations produced a report calling for more programs to increase awareness across the north of this disease. The recommendations call for the development of an early detection program. When this report was released, the Northwest Territories' medical health officer was quoted in the media as saying, "An awareness campaign would be difficult

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because regional health boards had different priorities, and were responsible for setting their own agendas." Surely this government has a way of making all residents, regardless of region, aware of this important issue. Breast cancer has one of the best cancer survival rates, if caught early. By not having an early detection program in place, health officials are taking unnecessary chances with the health of northern women and others. I urge this

government to consider finding the money to implement an early detection screening program so that one day events like Sunday's "Run for the Cure" will no longer be necessary and we will all be able to look forward to many years of good health for our mothers, sisters, spouses and friends. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

--Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Enuaraq.

Member's Statement 423-13(4): Clean Up of Fox-5 DEW Line Site

**MR. ENUARAQ:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning. Mr. Speaker. Nine kilometres from Broughton Island is the Fox-5 DEW Linesite. Two kilometres from the community is DEW Line cargoing beach that was used by the DEW Line. These sites are of great concern to local people. A 1991 study of the area was done by Roads Rhodes Military College Environmental Science Group. The group found a lot of visible debris at the sites which needs to be cleaned up, debris that includes waste such as oil, scrap metal, storage containers and barrels. In addition, the group found several locations where there were high levels of PCBs and some of the PCBs were moving from the landfill area towards Davis Strait.

Mr. Speaker, this site being so close to the community of Broughton Island and the possible impact on local wildlife, the priority of this site needs to be moved forward. It is because of this concern that I will be bringing this issue forward during the oral question period. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Roland.

Member's Statement 424-13(4): Entrepreneurial Trials and Tribulations

**MR. ROLAND:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning. Mr. Speaker, seeing that this Friday, I would like to do something that I have not done before in this House and that is to give you a little story with a northern twist. You see, there was a fellow who smoked fish and did quite a good job. So good, in fact, that he was having a

difficult time keeping up with the demand. So, he went and bought a couple of more fish nets, built himself another smoke house, and he hired a couple of people to help him out. Well, as word spread out that there was this great product available in the north, travellers from all over the world would stop by and buy his product. Sales were going through the roof. On the advice of those around him, he went to the government for help in developing his plans to further expand his thriving little industry. Once in the

government office, he was told that they would try and put a plan together for him and help him through the red tape. As he left there, he was wondering about this red tape the government talked about.

Meanwhile, back at the camp, things were going smoothly. That night after supper he sat back and thought things were going good enough that he could finally put a small addition on his home and prepare for child number three. He no longer had to worry about how he could provide for his growing family. Later that week, he returned to the government office to find that they had prepared a plan for him. In this plan, he was told that he would need new equipment like bigger boats and improved working gear for his staff. He was also told that he would have to replace all his smoke houses. He was told that it would cost him \$250,000. Well, that was too much money so he said that he would just have to carry on as he was until he could afford to make the changes. It was at this time he was told that because of the policies of this government he would have to make the changes or he would not be allowed to carry on with what he had started. In fact, if he continued to carry on with what he was doing, he could be charged with an offence. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my Member's statement.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Member for Inuvik is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Do we have any nays? Mr Roland, you have unanimous consent.

**MR. ROLAND:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, colleagues. This is quite upsetting as he was a law abiding citizen. He agreed to make the necessary changes. With this, they began to put together a financing package. Well, the banks would not recognize his assets like the smoke houses and the fish nets as being worth much. He was also told that since he did not have an established credit rating that they would not be able to

help him out. With, this in hand, he went back to the government and told them what the banks had said. The government told him because of the recession, they would not be able to help him out. He asked what he could do. He was told he would have to close down his fish smoking operation until he could find some support. He then asked how would he support his family if he could not keep his operation open. He was told that he should go down to the income support office. Finally, he went back to his home and told his family and workers that they would have to shut down and go to the income support office. When he and his now past employees showed up at the income support office, they were told to qualify for support that they would have to make a productive choice. So, ends my story, Mr. Speaker.

--Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Roland. Members' statements. Mr. Picco.

Member's Statement 425-13(4): Breast Cancer Screening

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last year I had asked the Minister for Health about breast cancer screening and availability of portable screening equipment.

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This weekend there will be a walk here in Yellowknife and other communities to raise the awareness of breast cancer issues. Mr. Speaker, the north is experiencing dramatic increases in the instances of breast cancer. In a recent summary report produced by the NWT Breast Cancer Working Group should be prerequisite reading for all Members of this House. The report was carried out in 1996. Sixteen breast cancer survivors were interviewed. At the time of diagnoses the women were 30 to 64 years of age and the average age was 46. Participants represented the cultural diversity of the Northwest Territories, two Inuit, two Metis, two Denes, eight Euro-Canadians and two new Canadians were included in the group. In Nunavut and the Western Arctic, we have begun to see increased awareness of breast cancer and increased incidence of the disease. Many of the diagnosed breast cancer patients are left in the

situation with an uninformed and nonsupportive environment.

Mr. Speaker, there should not be any stigma attached to the disease. If this government would help with information and support breast health awareness programs as asked and recommended by the Northwest Territories Breast Cancer Working Group, then we will have made some progress. In Canada a woman dies of breast cancer every 90 minutes. Mr. Speaker, if breast cancer is detected early, the five year survival rate can be more than 90 percent. The problem here, Mr. Speaker, is that since my questions on screening equipment last year in this House, very little has been done. Mr. Speaker, I was not aware of the issues surrounding breast cancer until a constituent came to my office in Iqaluit last year and explained the problems, loneliness and lack of community-based counselling. It was heart wrenching and the ignorance I felt about the disease is too wide spread. It was after that I asked about the screening equipment in this House that could help with early detection.

The report made by the NWT Breast Cancer Working Group has made several recommendations and later today, I will be asking again the Minister for Health for an update as to the progress the department and this government is making on this most important issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

--Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Picco. Members' statements. Mr. Erasmus.

Member's Statement 426-13(4): Student Financial Assistance Concerns

**MR. ERASMUS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak about Student Financial Assistance. Mr. Speaker, recently many college and university students went back to school. I am asking our esteemed colleagues across the hall to ensure that those students can continue going back to those colleges and universities by maintaining the current rates of student financial assistance and, in fact, increasing them in some places.

Mr. Speaker, the current assistance we provide to students is only a portion of the actual cost of attending university or college. Tuition rates, book

allowance and travel costs seldom cover the actual amounts students have to spend. I am concerned that the appointment of a task force by the Honourable Charles Dent, the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, means that this government is looking to cut funding levels. The report has not been tabled yet, but the task force conducted public hearings on potential changes to Student Financial Assistance. Many students do not have other sources of income other than summer jobs to help pay for a year of food and shelter. Older students with families who are trying to better their education are often hardest hit. Students who struggle to pay their way can find themselves with bad credit ratings when they cannot pay all their bills.

I must warn against comparing the Government of the Northwest Territories Student Financial Assistance Program to other jurisdictions. The opportunities for northern students to take courses close to home is quite limited. While the Aurora and Nunavut Arctic Colleges are filling roles, many students still must travel thousands of miles from home to study at university. Not only are their travel costs high, but the cost of trying to stay in touch with family members is also high. The Members of this current Assembly have identified education as the answer to many of the north's social problems and unemployment rates. Providing adequate student financial assistance is an investment in the north's future and as someone much wiser than I once said, if you think education is expensive, think of the cost of not supporting education. Thank you.

--Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Henry.

Member's Statement 427-13(4): MLAs Living in Yellowknife South

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last year, Mr. Speaker, I brought forward to this House an information item dealing with pride. The source of my pride was my constituency. To me, Yellowknife South is the best place to live. It really is great. So great, that six of my honourable colleagues choose to reside in my constituency last year. This year, two more of my colleagues, the honourable Member for Hay River and Nunakput have seen the light and decided to join us. Welcome.

Mr. Speaker, why do so many from our Assembly want to live in the riding of Yellowknife South? Is it because of excellent schools, good roads and easy access to retail stores? Is it that they feel well represented in this Legislature Assembly?

--Laughter

We must, because, eight of us live there. Perhaps, my honourable colleagues have just liked each others company. For the Premier and the honourable Members who have not realized that Yellowknife South is the best place to live, we are waiting. What is the matter? If half of the Cabinet and one-third of the honourable Members have chosen Yellowknife South to live in, why have not the rest of you? I wonder, Mr. Speaker,

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since I represent one-third of the Members in this House, can my title be changed from honourable Member to Yellowknife South party leader?

--Applause

For those honourable Members who have chosen to live in Yellowknife South, I will continue to represent you in the Legislative Assembly to the best of my abilities. For those of you who have yet to make the move, what are you waiting for? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

--Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Rabesca.

Member's Statement 428-13(4): Community Justice Committees

**MR. RABESCA:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to talk about the growing issues across the north. A number of communities are currently participating in exploring the advantage of setting up community justice committees. Over the past weekend, myself and a number of Rae-Edzo residents had the privilege to participate in a workshop hosted by the honourable Premier's home community of Fort Resolution. This workshop gave us all a great insight as to the working of the community's justice committee and the reaction from the community. It was very well organized. We had a number of frank discussions with elders and

youth alike. I believe that this type of system can work and is working in most communities. I hope that our Justice Department and communities work together to ensure to get the most benefit available. I would like to say that it takes a lot of hard work and perseverance and dedication by the committee, but the benefits are there. To end, I would like to thank the community of Fort Resolution for the excellent opportunity to learn and participate in the workshop. Keep up the good work. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Rabesca. Members' statements. Are there any further Members' Statements? Mr. Morin.

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of order. For Members' information on Member's statement 417-13(4), Relocation of Federal Civil Servants. On October 2, 1997, the unedited Hansard on page 2307 and 2308, the Member Mr. Ootes stated, "You will recall the reason for the motion was because Cabinet was pursuing only the mineral, oil and gas functions. In the motion, Ordinary Members asked this thrust be expanded."

In case, Mr. Speaker, there is a lapse in memory, all Members of the Legislative Assembly will recall that the government had briefed Ordinary Members' Caucus on ourselves pursuing the transfer of federal employees to the Northwest Territories prior to this motion being raised in the House and prior to Mr. Ootes making his Member's statement. So, it was a thrust that the government is already pursuing so there may be a slip in memory, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Morin. Mr. Morin, you do not have a point of order. You do have a point of debate, but we do not have that on the order paper. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Item 5, recognition of visitors in the gallery.

ITEM 5: RECOGNITION OF VISITORS IN THE GALLERY

**MR. SPEAKER:**

I would like to recognize Peter Hope and your friend, Mr. Nahanni. Welcome to the Assembly. Mr Roland.

**MR. ROLAND:**

Mr. Speaker, under recognition of visitors to the gallery, since I do not often get a chance to recognize people, I once again would like to recognize Mr. Cliff King from Inuvik, a long time resident dedicated to the community of Inuvik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

**ITEM 6: ORAL QUESTIONS**

Question 577-13(4): Information Program on Breast Cancer

**MR. OOTES:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker This morning, I spoke about the breast cancer problems that we have here in the Northwest Territories. Last year this question was brought up many times and we asked the government to look into this matter. My question will be directed to the Minister of Health. Mr. Ng, We asked that an information program be started and that perhaps pamphlets that are produced in other jurisdictions be duplicated here for the Northwest Territories and put into the aboriginal languages. Breast cancer is a hidden disease and deaths are happening throughout the territories possibly as we speak, Mr. Speaker. This is the only jurisdiction in Canada without a screening program. I wonder if the Minister could address the question again. Is he prepared to look at providing an information program as a start for the Northwest Territories?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Return To Question 577-13(4): Information Program on Breast Cancer

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the department has been active in this area. In fact, the working group on breast cancer screening had completed a report on the development of guidelines for the implementation of breast cancer screening programs. That information now has been disseminated and those guidelines and recommendations are now provided to the boards from the department. It is expected that there will be implementation working groups at the board level to deal with how to implement breast cancer screening programs for their service areas, Mr Speaker. Thank you.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr Ootes.

Supplementary to Question 577-13(4): Information Program on Breast Cancer

**MR. OOTES:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I asked last year if the Minister would consider providing a portable machine that could be used for travel throughout the Northwest Territories for screening. I am wondering if the Minister can address that question for me. Will the department consider that?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 577-13(4): Information Program on Breast Cancer

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe in response to that question and the same response this year, the boards have the say in outlining what their capital needs are. They may have other priorities that they deem within their service area, as far as addressing the needs of their health centres or their hospitals under the board's jurisdiction. We are certainly not opposed, non-supportive of having a portable mammography machine available if the request comes forward as a priority of any boards. They have to take into consideration, of course, the cost effectiveness of that equipment and the service that it is going to provide for the residents, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Ootes.

Supplementary to Question 577-13(4): Information Program on Breast Cancer

**MR. OOTES:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hear the Minister again absolving his responsibility onto the boards and I do not think that is my question. My question is, is this government prepared to do something about breast screening problems in the territories? We are the only



jurisdiction in Canada that does not have it. It is not a board problem. This is a territorywide problem, and I think the government has to address this problem. A funding program has been initiated in the territory to put a new mammogram machine at the Stanton Regional Hospital. This is not the government doing it. It is private individuals. I am wondering if the government will address this problem, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 577-13(4): Information Program on Breast Cancer

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I indicated the government is addressing the problem by developing and implementing breast screening programs with the providers, the deliverers of the health care services in the territories, our boards, our partners. In respect to the capital requirement of the specific portable mammography machine, if there is a request that comes forward and they feel it is their priority to initiate that type of equipment for their service, then we will be supportive in looking at assisting them to that effect. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Final supplementary, Mr. Ootes.

Supplementary To Question 577-13(4): Information Program on Breast Cancer

**MR. OOTES:**

Thank you. I think the initiation of a program like this should start at this government not with the regional boards. This is a territorial-wide problem and if one individual board starts to take action, it does not mean the other boards have the time or perhaps the means to do anything about it. This government has to address this problem, and it is not an expensive problem. It is one of making literature and so forth available and a bit of machinery. I will ask the question again. Will the Minister dedicate some effort into this area so that by next year when we ask this question we will not be facing a critical question period that we can say, great we have accomplished something? Will the Minister commit to do that? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 577-13(4): Information Program on Breast Cancer

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, once again the department has developed and is in the process of assisting boards in implementing breast screening programs. It is up to the boards to set the priorities for the service. If individual boards have different priorities that they would deem necessary to deal with to improve or enhance the service within their areas. If they see that breast cancer screening is one of those priorities, then they will act on it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Mr. Picco.

Question 578-13(4): Report of Breast Cancer Working Group

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to follow-up on some questions just related by my honourable colleague from Yellowknife. Mr. Speaker, has the Minister of Health reviewed the summary report by the Northwest Territories Breast Cancer Working Group? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Return To Question 578-13(4): Report of Breast Cancer Working Group

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, no I cannot say that I personally reviewed the report. I know members of my staff, the working group on breast cancer screening, have had an opportunity to review it, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 578-13(4): Report of Breast Cancer Working Group

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. After this session, I will give a copy of the report to the Minister. Will the Department of Health and Social Services, in cooperation with the Northwest Territories health boards, provide training to all Northwest Territories' physicians and community health nurses to include information on breast health issues? I guess I should give some examples in how to obtain clinical breast examinations, how to instruct others in doing breast self examinations which is called BSE and the importance of screening mammograph.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 578-13(4): Report of Breast Cancer Working Group

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will have to wait and see what the regional implementation teams would recommend in respect to the services, the training, literature and support that they will require before we would take it to the next step, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 578-13(4): Report of Breast Cancer Working Group

**MR. PICCO:**

Mr. Speaker, in my constituency one of the concerns raised by a couple of people afflicted with this disease was that information was not available in aboriginal languages or in plain language. I wonder if the Minister would recommend to the health boards, and with financial contribution because it costs a lot of money to translate the information, material to make sure this information is available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 578-13(4): Report of Breast Cancer Working Group

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, certainly it is important that people understand in their own language and comprehend services and prevention measures that might be available to them, so certainly we will be supportive of that, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Final supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 578-13(4): Report of Breast Cancer Working Group

**MR. PICCO:**

Mr. Speaker, I think the Minister, in a territorial health-wide issue like this, should take the lead and be asking the health boards how they will be dealing with this issue. I wonder if the Northwest Territories' Department of Health and Social Services will work with concerned groups to initiate and support a Northwest Territories' breast health awareness campaign? Will he direct his departmental officials to work with the boards to do this? Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Ng.

Further Return To Question 578-13(4): Report of Breast Cancer Working Group

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Certainly we would be receptive to any proposals that may have to deal with development and implementation of a breast health awareness campaign. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Mr. Enuaraq

Question 579-13(4): Clean up of Fox-5 DEW Line Site

**MR. ENUARAQ:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Honourable Mr. Kakwi. Minister of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development. As I mentioned

in my Member's statement this morning concerning Fox-5 DEW Linesite, nine kilometres from Broughton Island, Mr. Speaker, we know by reading the cleanup plan that was put out by the Department of National Defence. According to that cleanup plan, Fox-5 was not scheduled until the year 2000 to start the cleanup and finish up the cleanup by 2003. To the residents of Broughton Island, knowing that PCB is spreading gradually, my question to the honourable Minister is, can his department make every effort to put forward the start of the cleanup before the year 2000? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister responsible for Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development. Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 579-13(4): Clean up of Fox-5 DEW Line Site

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Thank you. Mr Speaker. The cleanup of the DEW Line sites is an ongoing responsibility of the federal government. We have, as a government of the Northwest Territories, taken an active role in ensuring that we assist as much as we can to ensure that the jobs are all done properly and done with a political perspective of the people of the areas affected. It is my view that the DEW Line sites and the cleanup are being continuously monitored and if it is necessary to repriorize the areas that need attention in advance of other sights, then we are prepared to do that. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. Enuaraq.

Supplementary To Question 579-13(4): Clean up of Fox-5 DEW Line Site

**MR. ENUARAQ:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the honourable Minister mentioned that it is responsibility of federal government. It has been in the news that the federal government, which is the Government of Canada, made an

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agreement with the Government of the United States and have assumed responsibilities for the cleanups. It

is of concern that residents of the north were not privy to these negotiations.

Can the Minister give us a progress report on any negotiations that may be going on between the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada dealing with the cleanup of abandoned northern warning sights? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Kakfwi

Further Return To Question 579-13(4): Clean up of Fox-5 DEW Line Site

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would be happy to do that and will provide a report to the Members as soon as possible. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Barnabas.

Question 580-13(4): Community Empowerment in Arctic Bay

**MR. BARNABAS:**

My question will be directed to the honourable Minister Thompson, Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. As you know and other Members of this House, I had concern on community empowerment since last year and I believe this is a significant priority to this government. I believe it is the right for the communities to accept more responsibilities and authorities for the future wellness of our communities and our residents. My constituencies of Grise Fjord, Resolute and Arctic Bay have shown a great deal of enthusiasm towards community empowerment. In doing so they feel there has been a problem in transfer of jurisdiction to the hamlet. My question is, can the Minister please tell me why the community of Arctic Bay received a total of \$76,000 when the program was transferred in April, 1996 and today received less than the same position in just one year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs, Ms. Thompson.

Return To Question 580-13(4): Community Empowerment in Arctic Bay

**HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The government liaison officers were transferred to the Baffin communities in April, 1996. I understand that the Baffin regional office paid the Baffin communities at the same level for April and May as was paid in the 1996/97 fiscal year, rather than at the reduced rate which was reflected in the collective agreement. In June an adjustment was made to recover the over payment and that is why the community feels they have been wronged, That is the explanation for that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Barnabas

Supplementary To Question 580-13(4): Community Empowerment in Arctic Bay

**MR. BARNABAS:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the honourable Minister for responding. However, I know that my community of Arctic Bay is receiving less funding for GLO position. I would like to know from the honourable Minister what she is going to do to correct this situation.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Ms. Thompson.

Further Return To Question 580-13(4): Community Empowerment in Arctic Bay

**HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. MACA will be working with the Department of Executive and Financial Management Board to find a solution to this situation for the Member. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Mr. Miltenberger.

Question 581-13(4): Communicating Division Planning

**MR. MILTENBERGER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for Division, Mr. Todd. The

issue of division is taking more and more attention by everybody. The issue I talked about in my Member's statement of trying to come up with understandable, clear information to the people to keep them up to speed and to allay any concerns. The question I would like to pose to the Minister, does he see this as an issue and how does he intend to proceed to address it? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister responsible for the Financial Management Board, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 581-13(4): Communicating Division Planning

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to point out to my honourable colleague, I now have two able assistants, the Honourable Goo Arlooktoo and the Honourable Charles Dent. I welcome them to the fold as they say in this difficult issue of the creation of two new territories. It is my intention later on next week to table a document that will show, hopefully, to the territories and politicians like yourselves and others, a pragmatic, practical approach to put in the essential ingredients, the essential services that are going to be required to get two new territories up and running. In this report that I intend to table later next week, it also identifies some of the shortfalls, if you want, with respect to some of the transitional costs. It also tries to allay some western fears in respect to the need for a table to discuss incremental costs and ongoing transitional costs for a Western Territory as it unfolds. I am hopeful that we will get some buy in this transition plan because I fundamentally believe that it does provide a blue print for the initial steps that are necessary to ensure that we can celebrate on April 1, 1999, as our Premier frequently says. Thank you.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Miltenberger.

Supplementary To Question 581-13(4): Communicating Division Planning

**MR. MILTENBERGER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope that in fact, Mr. Todd, and his two able assistants or colleagues will in fact come to be known as the three wise-men of division.

--Laughter

Hopefully, if we do this right, not the three blind mice. Mr. Speaker, my question remains, while the Minister talks of transitional documents which are important, they are not written for the average public or the average person. Could the Minister indicate how he intends to, translate that and come up with a communication plan which is so critical and as an Assembly, we have struggled with to present this kind of information in a clear and timely way to the people? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 581-13(4):  
Communicating Division Planning

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Speaker, I want to ensure my honourable colleague, it will not be the blind leading the blind. I believe once we table this document that it is and we instructed them to write it in a manner that is understandable to the public at large and to ourselves. I think that it has been designed and the writing style is a very pragmatic one. I am hopeful that most people will be able to understand it. However, we will have a communication strategy and we will have a number of executive summaries of this report and we intend to, as we have been this last week, be talking to all the parties. Yesterday, I finished a briefing with Mr. Natsiq Kango who is the Secretary Treasurer of NTI. We have had a number of briefings with the Interim Commissioner's office. I have spoken to both federal Ministers, Mr. Martin and Ms. Stewart on the document. We presented the document to Caucus. This afternoon, we are going to go through a detailed review of the document with the Nunavut Caucus. We need to do exactly the same thing with the public at large. We are developing that right now to ensure that everybody fully understands what we are suggesting in this transition plan.

If I may this morning, I would like to have the opportunity to stress to everybody, it is exactly that, a transition plan. It is not a complete blueprint for division. It is not a complete blueprint for the two new emerging governments. That is up to the two new emerging governments. It is a transition plan to put the essential bureaucratic services in place so that on April 1, 1999, we can have two functional governments. The transitional plan is going to require

some buy-in by all the partners. There is no question about that. I am hoping that we will have a healthy debate about it in this house later on next week and the following weeks as we move forward in this session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr Miltenberger.

Supplementary To Question 581-13(4):  
Communicating Division Planning

**MR. MILTENBERGER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very clearly while Mr. Todd and his colleagues have a leadership role to play, we all have an obligation and responsibility in this process. The questions that we are going to have to respond to are going to be very simple. One of the fundamental questions that I think we have to address and I would like the Minister to speak to is, the whole issue east and west. Will division have a negative effect on services and programs in the two new territories? I think that is one of the most fundamental assurances that we have to try to provide people if the Minister could just briefly speak to that particular critical issue. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 581-13(4):  
Communicating Division Planning

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker I think that is a good question and it is one that has been asked by everybody across the territories, is there going to be fairness, equity and transparency in the process. I want to assure my honourable colleagues here there is going to be exactly that. There will be fairness, equity and transparency in the process. In my discussion with Mr. Martin last week, I wanted to get his support as I have said consistently for two formulas with respect to the gross expenditure base. I am reasonably confident and I am reluctant to say today whether he will agree or not agree, but I am reasonably confident he understands the need for this approach. I am hopeful that in the next week or so I will be able to get an affirmative response from him. When I do, I will announce that in the House. I have a great deal of respect for the Finance Minister of Canada and a great deal of respect for when he tells me what he is

going to do. He will do exactly what he says he is going to do. The issue of two new formulas, if that is what my colleague is alluding to, and the need to establish an appropriate gross expenditure base based upon the kind of new governments that we see emerging is critical if we are going to get fairness, equity and transparency in the process. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Mr. Roland.

Question 582-13(4): Regulatory Reform Initiative

**MR. ROLAND:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in my Member's statement I referred to government red tape and its impact on the people of the territories. Mr. Speaker, we heard over the summer there was some work being done on regulatory reform. My question would be directed to the Minister responsible for Regulatory Reform, I believe it is the Honourable Mr. Kakfwi. I would like to know if this regulatory reform addresses some of the areas of aboriginal people when it comes to the natural food and the process and that ability to

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produce things that would be saleable within the territories and probably elsewhere? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. The Minister responsible for Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development, Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question 582-13(4): Regulatory Reform Initiative

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The regulatory reform initiative that was launched by Cabinet last March has done some work to date. As Members know, the government has said two years ago when our new terms began that we were going to put the focus on the private sector for the creation of jobs. To that end, on our part we recognize that there may be a lot of what you would call red tape and artificial barriers that would prevent small business initiatives from creating the necessary momentum to be successful. This regulatory reform initiative has been set up. We have set up a small office and several projects have been

set up in the last few months that would look at different sectors of our economy and the businesses that have potential to grow and to look at the different sectors and see how the present environment is perceived by those sectors whether it is really a jungle or whether there are major obstacles in the way of growth in the private sector because of bureaucracy and regulatory entanglement. When we look at small businesses, being initiated by aboriginal peoples it is one of the sectors we are currently looking at. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Supplementary To Question 582-13(4): Regulatory Reform Initiative

**MR. ROLAND:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is good news for many of the small businesses especially when we have a lot of natural products in the north that we see at local events such as northern games, but as soon as those products go up for sale we run into problems with meeting codes and different regulations. In particular, can the Minister inform me of any work that is going on within this initiative to address the local and northern products we have? For example, I used in my story the smoked fish or the meat or local hunts. I know we have to meet some pretty large regulations right now when it comes to any kind of meats. Can the Minister inform me of that? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question 582-13(4): Regulatory Reform Initiative

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

My Speaker, some of the issues that the Member has raised are in fact outside of the regime of this government. For instance, in regulation of what you call the red meat issue, we have an abundance of, for instance, caribou meat in the Northwest Territories and other wild meat. It is under the legislative authority and jurisdiction of the federal government that meat wild, or domestic, is exported and licensed for consumption, resale and marketing. But having said that, as a Minister, I have been working for sometime on trying to resolve some of these

impediments to the export of red meat from the Northwest Territories to southern markets. I had a meeting recently with the Minister of Agriculture and we have, I think, basically resolved the issue of egg marketing. We have signed an agreement that says we will commit to going to our respective Cabinets to ensure that the Northwest Territories will become part of the egg marketing agency that we have been excluded from previously. I believe that is going to be resolved after a long history of conflict, argument and dissension amongst us mainly between the southern producers and ourselves here in the north. On the red meat issue, it is an area of work that again needs resolution. We have no particular, quick solutions to that although the Minister, Mr. Vanclief, has agreed to put our officials to work on it with a view of trying to resolve the difficulties that we have in the Northwest Territories to recent selling caribou meat, muskox meat and other meats from the Northwest Territories to buyers in the south. Some of the difficulties we acknowledge are international, for instance buyers in Europe and the United States. Having said that, we have agreed to work on that together. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Henry.

Question 583-13(4): Implications of a Diamond Sorting Facility

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is to the Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd, on the implications of acquiring a diamond valuation sorting facility for the north. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, we heard several Members including myself on the issue of diamond valuation and sorting facility for the north. My colleagues, Mrs. Groenewegen from Hay River, and Mr. Ootes and myself from Yellowknife, all spoke on this issue. It may have appeared that this call for a facility in the north is a local or regional interest. My question to the Minister is, is this a local issue or does it have territorial implications? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 583-13(4): Implications of a Diamond Sorting Facility

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Speaker, no. I want to assure my honourable colleague that this is a major policy issue in relationship to the way in which Canada is going to determine in the north our tax royalty regime as well as if you want the secondary benefits derived from this industry that is very dynamic. As I said earlier in my speech, I do not think we want to be treated any differently or our desires are any different than Mr. Tobin's are in Newfoundland with Voisey Bay. I think he is going through the same issues. If not, as he wants to ensure that he gets for his constituents the kind of levels of revenues that is due an area like Newfoundland, I think we are no different. We are saying we have got a major project on our doorstep. It has territorial-wide implications in respect to our fiscal position. It provides us for the first time, as long as I can remember, if we do this right and if our partners, the federal

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government, agree to do it right with us, it provides us with an opportunity to be less dependent than we have ever been in the past. I want to remind everybody and I am sure I do not need to, but I have to remind the territorial population this is one diamond mine. There maybe others to come. My honourable colleague is correct. This is not a small regionalized, localized issue it has territorial implications both now and certainly for the future when the two emerging governments will occur on April 1, 1999. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral question. Supplementary, Mr. Henry.

Supplementary To Question 583-13(4): Implications of a Diamond Sorting Facility

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, when the appropriate legislation is put in place by the federal government - and you will note that I said when and not if -- can the Minister please indicate what the next process will be in the establishment of this facility? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd

Further Return To Question 583-13(4): Implications of a Diamond Sorting Facility

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Our focus right now, Mr. Kakfwi in particular and myself, as I said many times in this House is to get the federal government to recognize the diamond sorting valuation and I want to stress that diamond sorting and valuation must be done in the Northwest Territories and must be done off site. I heard yesterday that the new spin from BHP is well, we are going to do it on site whether we like or not. That is totally unacceptable. Let me say that loud and clear. First of all we have to ensure that in the diamond regulations, they are currently being developed, if you want as our former colleagues, Mr. Avison, used to say the rules engagement are now being developed. We hope that he will be developing partnership with us. Certainly Mr. Kakfwi's department and my own, Finance, have been intimately involved in trying to influence if you want how these regulations will occur. We have not yet seen what the final regulations will be. We have insisted that we be an equal partner in this process. I think it will be premature by me to say it this time what the next step will be. Our focus has to be to ensure that we get into regulations and work with our federal colleagues in developing an appropriate course of action and Mr. Kakfwi's office has been very active in this side of things. Hopefully we will come to a satisfactory arrangement to satisfy both Canadians and southern Canada and more importantly northerners in northern Canada. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Henry.

Supplementary To Question 583-13(4): Implications of a Diamond Sorting Facility

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the Minister have any indication from the Minister of DIAND, Minister Stewart, as to when the draft documents of the mining regulations will be ready for the Government of the Northwest Territories input? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 583-13(4): Implications of a Diamond Sorting Facility

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

No, at this time I do not have an indication. I know that it is currently being worked on. I believe so and

there is some discussion underway with industry and hopefully with ourselves. I think we are reasonably entrenched in the process. I would hope that the partnership, cooperative arrangement that we currently have with the federal government would be maintained.

I know that we have cranked up the stakes lately, and I think it is important that we do that. I would hope that the federal government would see that we have a legitimate point of view that we are either a legitimate partner in the process or we are not. I am fairly confident Minister Stewart recognizes that we need to be a legitimate, equal partner in the process and as we move forward. I am trying to develop public policy. Because that is what this is all about, as to how the diamond industry operates in Canada and how we can reap the benefits, if you want, and ensure that the industry has a reasonable playing field that they can make the kinds of dividend payments that they expect to ensure there is some stability for the shareholders and they can continue to invest in this part of the country. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Question 584-13(4): Costs/Benefits of Keewatin Health Services

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister responsible for Health and Social Services. Mr. Speaker, in a recent report the Minister conducted regarding the Keewatin Health Board and the Baffin Health Board, he indicated that there will be a cost benefit and analysis conducted regarding the major changes that would take place to the Baffin Health Services. My question to the Minister, did the Minister also request that a cost benefit analysis be conducted regarding the major changes to the services in the Keewatin? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Return To Question 584-13(4): Costs/Benefits of Keewatin Health Services

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the recommendations, a cost benefit analysis on the



Keewatin changes was not one of the recommendations. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. O'Brien.

Supplementary To Question 584-13(4):  
Costs/Benefits of Keewatin Health Services

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**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question then would be why was a cost benefit analysis not requested? Will the Minister move forward to request a cost benefit analysis before any major changes are made regarding health services in the Keewatin? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Mr. Ng. Two questions.

Further Return To Question 584-13(4):  
Costs/Benefits of Keewatin Health Services

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, a cost benefit analysis for the Keewatin was not seen as an integral part of the change there as a direct result of the fact that the costs were already in place for bringing in services from outside. It is a matter of where they received those services from. In respect of why it was recommended in the case of the proposed Baffin changes because they were doing an entire shift of their service from one jurisdiction to a different jurisdiction which has, of course, financial implications based on the fee schedules and would have financial implications based on having to set up a new referral service, new boarding arrangements, new interpreter services and those types of things that would have to be put in place, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Final supplementary. Mr. O'Brien.

Supplementary To Question 584-13(4):  
Costs/Benefits of Keewatin Health Services

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Mr. Speaker, with the upheaval and uncertainty regarding the major changes in health services in the

Keewatin, will the Minister state in this House that he guarantees that the public, the Keewatin residents, are not at risk and will not be at risk as a result of these proposed changes? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Can I ask the Member for Kivallivik if he can maybe rephrase his question regarding no Minister can guarantee the health of people or the lives of people, but they can answer to the policies that govern the health issues of people. I would like to ask the Member if he can rephrase his question. Mr. O'Brien.

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I believe at one point there were assurances given that the people in the Keewatin would not be at risk, are not at risk as a result of these changes. I am asking the Minister to state that in the House today. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Can I ask the member for Kivallivik again, to rephrase the question again regarding the level of services. The level of health services that will not put at risk would be the appropriate way of putting it. The Minister cannot guarantee, you know, the risk. He can only address the delivery that would eliminate that risk. I think the Minister knows the general question and perhaps he would like to respond.

Further Return To Question 584-13(4):  
Costs/Benefits of Keewatin Health Services

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I indicated publicly, in respect to accessibility of service in the Keewatin as a result of some of the proposed changes that the Keewatin Regional Health Board is contemplating and undertaking, residents are not at risk in respect to accessibility of services for general practitioners and services for specialists that would provide those services in their area, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Picco.

Question 585-13(4): Marketing the Aurora Fund

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we heard something about the Aurora Fund. I would like to follow up on that. My question is to the Minister in charge of the Aurora Fund, Mr. Todd. How do Northwest Territorial businesses know how to apply for this fund? How are they marketing this fund in the Northwest Territories? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 585-13(4): Marketing the Aurora Fund

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

It is not often that Mr. Picco can stump me. Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that we have had a number of discussions with a number of the business communities across the Arctic. I explained what the fund is about.

I have spoken to a number of the Chamber of Commerce on the fund. It is generally accepted across the territories that it is available. We have not gone, if Mr. Picco is heading in that direction, to an expensive campaign as to alerting everybody about the fund.

The fund has its limitations in respect to the fact that its minimum lending authority if you want, I say minimum, there is \$.75 million. I am fairly confident that most people if not all, pretty well understand the fund is there. They know that Mr. Bailey is currently in charge of reviewing the applications, and as I said to a question earlier yesterday, we have a finance committee made up of three outside expertise who make recommendations to the board. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Supplementary To Question 585-13(4): Marketing the Aurora Fund

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, could there be a perceived conflict between the fund manager doing studies on privatization of POL for this government at the same time being involved with the fund that could be

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accessed to fund the privatization scheme? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

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**HON. JOHN TODD:**

I do not know, Mr. Speaker. I am not a lawyer or an expert. I am assuming and as I always have because I worked with Mr. Bailey before, he is a man of significant integrity. He has been in this country a long time, is well respected within the business community, and I believe has the infinite capacity to be fair and transparent in this issue. That is the only way I can answer.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 585-13(4): Marketing the Aurora Fund

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, are there guidelines, policies, procedures in place to make sure that perception of conflict when the person is doing studies for this government on privatization and involved in a fund that has been sponsored by the government are in place? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 585-13(4): Marketing the Aurora Fund

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well I do not know. I would have to look into it, Mr. Speaker. I think it is important to remember that while we initiated this fund, it is an independent fund, independently financed, independently run, outside of government. Government provided only the seed money which the fund gave back to the government.

I would have to look into the matter and I would probably take the question as notice, so I can make sure that my honourable colleague, who constantly

must be reading Oliver Stone again, gets the correct, clear and precise answer to his question. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, was that taken as notice? The question was taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Ootes.

Question 586-13(4): Status of Personnel Secretariat

**MR. OOTES:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday my honourable colleague from Yellowknife North asked the question of the Premier regarding the Personnel Secretariat. I wonder, he mentioned that the ADM for that department has taken a position in Fort Smith.

Originally, this department had five positions in it and I understand that they are perhaps down to two. Could the Premier tell us how many individuals and how many positions are left in the Personnel Secretariat? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Premier.

Return To Question 586-13(4): Status of Personnel Secretariat

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take that question as notice.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Henry.

Question 587-13(4): Run for the Cure Challenge

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is to the Minister of Health and Social Services. Mr. Ng. Mr Speaker, this Sunday, the city of Yellowknife's annual Run for the Cure will take place at St. Patrick's High School at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, my question to the Minister of Health and Social Services as this noble cause that is taking place is under a health auspices. I was wondering if the Minister would take a challenge from myself to walk or run for the cure on Sunday? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Return To Question 587-13(4): Run for the Cure Challenge

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, under normal circumstances I would be more than glad to accept that challenge. However, it is anticipated that I will be travelling this Sunday to St. John's, Newfoundland to attend a Ministerial Council Social Policy meeting on the Monday and Ministers of Social Services meeting on Tuesday, Mr. Speaker. Possibly next year I would be more than glad to revisit it at that time. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Henry.

Supplementary To Question 587-13(4): Run for the Cure Challenge

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I suppose the Minister got off the track or off the hook or something. What I would like to know is if the Minister would be able to challenge one of his colleagues to run half as far as myself. Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Just again, to remind the Members about the operations and the duties in the Chamber of this House and I would also ask the Members to keep their personal challenges to outside the Chamber. This has nothing to do with government business and you should not use the Chamber as such. I would like to remind the Members to keep the respect of this Chamber with honour. Do not use this forum for that type of personal challenge. Oral questions. Mr. Picco.

Question 588-13(4): Appointment of Aurora Fund Manager

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**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Premier. Last year the Premier, another staff member and an MLA travelled to South East Asia to market the Aurora Fund. My question to the Premier

is, who appointed the Aurora Fund manager and was that an open competition or a direct appointment?  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Premier.

Return To Question 588-13(4): Appointment of Aurora Fund Manager

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My understanding for the appointment of the Aurora Fund manager was a direct appointment by the Minister that was responsible and the Minister looked throughout the Northwest Territories at who was a good person to run this fund. Let me just say for the public record, Mr. Speaker, the person that was appointed has the full confidence of this government to be able to run the Aurora Fund and he is doing an excellent job. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 588-13(4): Appointment of Aurora Fund Manager

MR, PICCO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there is no one questioning the integrity of the Aurora Fund manager. There is a perception that this government does a lot of direct appointments. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Premier, on the trip to South East Asia last year, was the current fund manager an employee of the government at that time in his capacity as an employee of the government while you were marketing that fund? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 588-13(4): Appointment of Aurora Fund Manager

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the trip to Asia last year, the manager of the fund came as the manager of the fund and I had the honour of having Mr. Vince Steen, an MLA as well, accompany us in promoting that fund, I was very impressed with the ability of the manager of the fund to promote the fund. I was

impressed with Mr. Steen's involvement to promote the Northwest Territories in general, and it was a successful trip. It is my understanding we have sold out the Aurora Fund, and it is on its second selling now. There is a very good uptake on this fund and it makes dollars available for partnership with businesses in the north. I understand it even has done some business arrangements with business in the north to purchase some equipment so that they could expand their businesses in the north. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Supplementary To Question 588-13(4): Appointment of Aurora Fund Manager

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, is the Premier saying that the fund manager on the trip to Asia was in actuality an employee of the fund or an employee of the government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 588-13(4): Appointment of Aurora Fund Manager

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He was an employee of the fund. He works on a retainer in the fund. He is not a government employee. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Final supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 588-13(4): Appointment of Aurora Fund Manager

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, what I am trying to ask I am not sure if I am getting the answer. Was the fund manager of today when he went to Asia, was he an employee of the Government of the Northwest Territories in the capacity of an ADM or an ADM with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism or was he in actuality the fund manager?

So if that is the case, when was he appointed the fund manager?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Two questions, Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 588-13(4): Appointment of Aurora Fund Manager

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He was not an employee of the Government of the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Mr. Henry.

Question 589-13(4): Division of Aurora Fund Loans

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is also on the Aurora Fund and I direct it to the Premier also. I understand that the loans for the Aurora Fund are for terms up to five years. In that period of time as it started last year, there will be probably all of these loans or certainly some of these loans that will be dedicated to businesses after division takes place. Does the Premier have any indication as to how those loans will be attributed as regards assets and liabilities after the division takes place? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Premier.

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**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will have the Minister responsible for the Aurora finance answer that question.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thought it was appropriate because I know the fund a little more intimately than the Premier does. Now I want to stress again, this is not a government fund. This is an independent fund made up of immigrant investment dollars. This government in the initial stages acted as the catalyst to get the fund moving forward. The division of the territories has absolutely no relevance to this fund. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Henry.

Supplementary To Question 589-13(4): Division of Aurora Fund Loans

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Did the government of the Northwest Territories not initiate some seed money for this particular program? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 589-13(4): Division of Aurora Fund Loans

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. They did in fact. I think we initiated \$380,000 worth of seed money which was repayable from the fund once it got up and running. I do not know the details on which we drew down, as they say in the business world, and I do not know the status of it being paid back, but I will get it for the Member.

But again, I say to you, remember, we were the catalysts to bring this fund forward. It runs independent, with independent southern investment committee people, specifically set up to avoid both the perception of influence and the reality of influence. It was set up in a safe way to bring forward another form of capital that could be accessed by northern businesses.

As I said earlier, it has its limitations because it was looking at the larger end loans out there, et cetera. In summary, the seed money was repayable. I will find out if it was repaid. Secondly, it is not a government fund, therefore it has no relevance to division and thirdly, it is going very well and we should all be appreciative of it. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Henry.

Supplementary To Question 589-13(4): Division of Aurora Fund Loans

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question to the Minister is, does the Government of the Northwest Territories have any liability in the event that loans fail or the businesses that they support fail? Does the Government of the Northwest Territories have any liability for funds? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 589-13(4): Division of Aurora Fund Loans

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Speaker, I think my honourable colleague is probably alluding to some of the changes that we want to make into the Financial Administration Act where government is looking to, what is the word I am looking for, is looking to increase, if you want, the exposure of loans that we guarantee occasionally. Let me assure my honourable colleague that this Aurora Fund, it is not, repeat, not a government fund. Government merely was the instrument to bring it forward. We were fortunate enough to get Cabinet approval and seek the additional dollars necessary to seed it. I will check whether in fact the fiscal commitment we made has been repaid. Mr. Speaker, if my memory serves me correctly, it is my understanding that there is no requirement for this government at this time to ensure or guarantee the fund as it is currently laid out under the agreements that we have with its board of directors and the investors through the immigration policy. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Question period is over. 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. Item 14, notices of motion. Item 15, notices of motions for first reading of bills. Item 16, motions. Item 17, first reading of bills. Mr. Ng.

ITEM 17: FIRST READING OF BILLS

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik that Bill 21, An Act to Amend the Companies Act be read for the first time. Thank you.

Bill 21: An Act to Amend the Companies Act

This bill amends the Companies Act to permit the registration, under the Companies Act, of mortgages and charges that pertain to corporations or extra-territorial corporations as defined in the Business Corporations Act. This amendment permits the Business Corporation Act to be brought into force before the Personal Property Security Act.

The Companies Act is also amended to correct minor errors, and amendments are made to a provision of the Personal Property Security Act that consequentially amends the Companies Act.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried. Bill 21 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Ng.

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**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member of Sahtu that Bill 22, an Act to Amend the Corrections Act be read for the first time. Thank you.

Bill 22: An Act To Amend the Corrections Act

This bill amends the Corrections Act to change the composition of the Disciplinary Board established for each correctional centre to discipline inmates who contravene rules of conduct set out in the Act.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried. Bill 22 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Ms. Thompson.

**HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh that Bill 20. An Act to Amend

the Property Assessment and Taxation Act be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Bill 20: An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act

This bill amends the Property Assessment and Taxation Act to allow a taxing authority, without a court order, to sell a taxable property that includes a parcel of land or a leasehold interest in municipal land for the purpose of recovering the arrears of property taxes on the property.

The bill sets out the procedural steps that a taxing authority must take before and after the sale of a taxable property. Some of these involve preparing a tax arrears list and giving notice of the inclusion of the taxable property on that list and of the impending and subsequent sale of the property.

The bill also provides the assessed owner of the taxable property with a right to redeem it after its sale in court. In addition, the bill provides for the transfer of title to a taxable property from the assessed owner to the purchaser and, with some exceptions, extinguishes the interests of other persons in the taxable property that existed or arose prior to the transfer.

Finally, the bill provides for the disposition of the proceeds of the sale of a taxable property, including the payment into court for distribution to claimants of any surplus proceeds in excess of \$1,000.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried. Just to make a correction. Bill 20 has had first reading for Ms. Thompson and Bill 21 has had first reading for Mr. Ng. First reading of bills. Item 18, second reading of bills. Mr. Ng.

ITEM 18: SECOND READING OF BILLS

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with the second reading of Bill 20, An Act to Amend the Companies Act.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Bill 20, is the Property Assessment. Mr. Ng.

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Sorry, Mr. Speaker, that was Bill 21. Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 21, An Act to Amend the Companies Act. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Member for Kitikmeot is seeking unanimous consent to deal with Bill 21. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Ng, you have consent.

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South that Bill 21, An Act to Amend the Companies Act be read for the second time, Mr. Speaker.

Bill 21: An Act to Amend the Companies Act

This bill amends the Companies Act to permit the registration, under the Companies Act, of mortgages and charges that pertain to corporations or extra-territorial corporations as defined in the Business Corporations Act. This amendment permits the Business Corporation Act to be brought into force before the Personal Property Security Act.

The Companies Act is also amended to correct minor errors, and amendments are made to a provision of the Personal Property Security Act that consequentially amends the Companies Act.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the principle of the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 21 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to the committee. Second reading of bills. Mr. Ng.

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with the second reading of Bill 22, An Act to Amend the Corrections Act. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Member for Kitikmeot is seeking consent to deal with Bill 22. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Ng, you have consent.

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake that Bill 22, An Act to Amend the Corrections Act be read for the second time, Mr. Speaker.

Bill 22: An Act to Amend the Corrections Act

This bill amends the Act to change the composition of the disciplinary board established for each correctional centre to discipline inmates who contravene rules of conduct set out in the Act. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour. All those opposed. Motion is carried. Bill 22 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Second reading of bills. Ms. Thompson.

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**HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:**

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with the second reading of Bill 20, An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. The Member for Aivilik is seeking consent to deal with Bill 20. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Ms. Thompson, you have consent.

**HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:**

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot that Bill 20, An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act be read for the second time, Mr. Speaker.

Bill 20: An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act

This bill amends the Act to allow a taxing authority without a court order to sell a taxable property that includes a parcel of land or lease hold interest in municipal land for the purpose of recovering the arrears of property taxes on the property. The bill sets out the procedural steps that a taxing authority must take before and after the sale of a taxable property. Some of these involve preparing a tax arrears list and giving notice of the inclusion of the taxable property on that list and the impending and subsequent sale of

the property. The bill also provides the assessed owner of the taxable property with the right to redeem it after its sale and allows interested persons to challenge the sale in court. In addition the bill provides for the transfer of titles to a taxable property from the assessed owner, the purchaser and with some exceptions distinguishes the right interest of other persons in the taxable property that existed or arose prior to the transfer. Finally, the bill provides for the disposition of the proceeds of a sale of a taxable property including the payment in court for distributions to claimant of any surplus receipts in excess of \$1,000. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried. Bill 20 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to the committee. Item 19, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Tabled Document 93-t3(4), Bill 3, Bill 4, Bill 5, Bill 6 and Bill 19, 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. Before the committee for consideration is Tabled Document 93-13(4), Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission; Bill 3, Family Law Act; Bill 4, Children's Law Act; Bill 5, Adoption Act; Bill 6, Child and Family Services Act; and Bill 19, Municipal Statutes Amending Act, No. 2. Could someone give me some direction as to how to proceed? Mr. Arlooktoo.

**HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It would be my suggestion that the committee of the whole deal with the Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. Is the committee agreed?

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:**

Agreed.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**



We will then proceed with Tabled Document 93-13(4) after a 15 minute break

--Break

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission. If the Members agree, I will suggest that we have general comments on the document. During the process of the general comments, if there are motions that you wish to put forward and if you may hold your motions until after everyone has had an opportunity to make general comments. We will then be requesting if anybody would at that time want to put forward motions. As general comments are being put forward, I will keep a record of anyone who wishes to put forward a motion at a later time. Is that agreed? Thank you I open the floor now to general comments. Mr. Picco.

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the Boundaries Commission first of all, I would like to begin by saying that the Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission was a very good piece of work. They spent a lot of time on it. They had an opportunity to travel around Nunavut to visit the communities and to get the communities' input into the constituencies that will be in place as recommended by the Commission by April 1, 1999 when Nunavut comes into play.

Mr. Chairman, the concern I have is that indeed this House directed that Commission to look at 20 to 22 ridings and they did come up with a Model C which is 17 constituencies. The costs for an extra three members in Model C which gives us 17 now in Model B which was 20 is about \$650,000. My concern here is what we have demonstrated over the past year and a half at this House where you have 24 Members, you have eight put into Cabinet and you end up with 12, 15 Ordinary Members. With the 17 member constituency, if you had a smaller Cabinet, you would still have smaller representation on the side of the Ordinary Members' Caucus to do your committee work, for example, and other things. Right now, we sometimes have problems in trying to get a quorum. With a 17 Member constituencies Model C, my concern would be indeed that you would have a bigger problem.

The other concern I have is with the emphasis on representation by population and description. In the

Model C arrangement, we have 17 and we are trying to use a percentage of deviation average. For example, the deviation average goes from minus 5 percent in Baker Lake to over 41 percent in Rankin Inlet. That is the concern. You also may note, Mr. Chairman, that indeed when the Commission was struck, they were given directions from this House and they came back with a different plan. That in itself was not a

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concern to the point that it would flaw the report because the report is very good.

Model B which gives you 20 single Member constituencies would add three extra MLAs. There is a concern, for example, that Rankin Inlet would get two MLAs in that case and Iqaluit would get three. There is some concern that the power base could be shared between those communities. But as demonstrated, Mr. Chairman, over the past x number of years in the Northwest Territories and indeed here in the 13th Assembly, that has not occurred. For example, you have four Members from Yellowknife in this Assembly. You only have one of those Members in Cabinet. You have two Members living in Rankin Inlet representing this Cabinet, but you only have one seat there. Just on the basis of having three seats does not give the elected official any more power or representation within Cabinet. That has been demonstrated through the years in the territorial Legislature. I do not think that is an argument.

The other argument that I would present to you, Mr. Chairman, is the argument on the voting population. In the election of November, 1995, there were 1,200 and some odd people on the enumeration list as voters in Iqaluit. Indeed, over 1,300 people voted because the enumeration list was flawed. In actuality, Mr. Chairman, in the town election that is occurring this month, there is 1,922 voters on that list, an increase of over 600. That has not been taken into account anywhere in the Commission's report. Also, based on Iqaluit being the capital as an example, more people will be moving there. They were projecting a growth in Iqaluit to be anywhere between 25 to 30 percent over the next couple of years. After saying that, it is good to see that communities like Clyde River and Broughton Island will be grouped together as opposed to being separated or amalgamated into a smaller constituency.

I think, Mr. Chairman, that after going through the report at some detail after re-evaluating my written

submission to the Boundaries Commission, which I asked for 20 members and given the seat breakdown based not only on the actual population but the voting age population, indeed Model B to me seemed to be the best model because it gives you the opportunity to have fewer representation based on population but also based on representation by the number. I believe that many other Members agree with Option C, but I do not think that covers the area of population growth and so on. To save this government some money and the Nunavut government, I would say to you, Mr. Chairman, based on the population projections alone that we will have to have another Electoral Boundaries Commission within two to three years to re-draw the boundaries again because of the increased population loads. Those, Mr. Chairman, are my opening comments on the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Picco. I would now like to recognize Mr. Ningark, MLA for Natilikmiot.

**MR. NINGARK:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, we as a Legislature, appointed the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission on March 7, 1997. Mr. Chairman, because we are the government of the day, we are given the task of appointing an Electoral Boundaries Commission in the Nunavut area to oversee or to consult with the people of Nunavut. Mr. Chairman, if we have to try and please every person and follow the wish of every community, we would see that every community is a riding on its own. It is very difficult to please everyone. For that reason, not every community, not every MLA and not every region will be happy with the decision we are about to make today or in the next session day, that is Monday. We are not able to conclude the item on the table. Mr. Chairman, I personally want to commend the Nunavut Electoral Boundary for doing a job that not many of us would be pleased to do, but it has to be done.

Mr. Chairman. the concern from the Kitikmeot leadership forum which I attended about three or four days ago was that the ceiling was unfortunate. The commission that was given the task of consulting with the people and making recommendations to the House of how many ridings, the name of ridings and so on that would be in Nunavut has only had three members. One chairman and two respected members from two different regions, one from Baffin and the other from Keewatin. The concern of the Kitikmeot

leadership forum was that there was no membership from the Kitikmeot region. Therefore, the Kitikmeot leadership felt that some of its concerns were not addressed in the report, but I have told the Kitikmeot leadership that every community that was visited was given the same opportunity to have an input into the report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries. I told the Kitikmeot leadership that my input into the report was by no means lesser or bigger than theirs. I think as directed by the government, the Electoral Boundaries Commission took every effort given the area and given the elements. They made every effort to visit every community in the Nunavut area.

Mr. Chairman, the Nunavut government to be will have the power, the mandate and legislative power to make changes to the structure of Nunavut once that government is given the mandate to run in the Nunavut area. What we are doing now I do not believe is going to be there forever. I believe that because we happen to be the government of today in a transition before the division, that we were given the task as I indicated earlier to either approve, reject or amend the Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundary Commission. I believe that in order to show that we respect the decision that we have taken by appointing the Commission, I have just come to full content. I have no problem, but there are some of the things that I would have wanted to see changed or be different but since we cannot, Mr. Chairman, afford to have a different riding in every community, I can live with the report itself although there will be some motions. I will make a motion later on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Ningark. Are there further comments? The Member for Baffin South, Mr. Arlooktoo.

**HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will follow the procedure you laid out earlier and that is to save debates on motion until after general comments. I do have a few opening comments. Firstly, I have been very interested right from the beginning and right from before our election

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even on the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission. I believe that during the last Boundaries Commission, Baffin South did not, for one reason or another, have its fair say. Therefore, did not receive

due consideration of its concerns. Right from the beginning I made it a point to make sure that when this Boundaries Commission came around and gave its report that I would make the concerns known. I have a lot of respect and appreciation for Mr. Richard, Ms. Kusugak, and Mr. Allooloo in the work that they did and their abilities. I appreciate the fact that they made considerable effort in trying to communicate their job to the public. I understand that they did 17 public hearings in a short period of time.

To tell you the truth, we did not give them a lot of time. I applaud them very much for going, I guess, a little further than many people expected them to by recommending 17 seats for Nunavut compared to 20 to 22 which had been suggested earlier. In the public presentation that I made to the commission, I certainly argued for the 17 or so seats but lesser than 20 to 22. As I understand it, it was a common theme in every community that they went to. That the cost of running the Legislative Assembly and how much money the public is willing to pay for politicians, basically is limited. I certainly agree with many of the comments that were made that in the north we are likely over governed. We have basically too many committees, too many politicians, and this is certainly a balance between making sure that there is sufficient number of MLAs that would be in Cabinet and sufficient number of MLAs outside of Cabinet to keep that Cabinet accountable. So, having suggested the 17 along with many, many others, I thank them for that recommendation.

I also realize that in recommending 17 seats there was a number of limitations on how they would divide up the seats. One of my big concerns and one of my missions in my MLA life was to try to get a seat for Sanikiluaq because it was an election issue. It has always been an issue since Sanikiluaq was put in Baffin South. I will talk about that a bit more later on. I will talk about the cost, the distance and the concerns I have on that. I see my time is up, Mr. Chairman. So, once I get into the motions, I will say more and I certainly hope that my colleagues will support the wishes of the community of Sanikiluaq in getting its own seat for that community.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. I have Mr. O'Brien, Member for Kivallivik. Mr. O'Brien.

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you. I will be brief in my comments. I too have followed the Electoral Boundaries Commission's work. I was present when they made the presentation in Arviat. I also made written submissions as to the wishes of the Kivallivik people. I think that the work that has been done here and the effort is tremendous. They have done an excellent job. The various scenarios that they proposed, a lot of them, most of them have merit. As the commission recommended Adoption C to be the fairest and more suitable, that is the option that I also agreed to and support. This option would see Baker Lake with their own Member and also Arviat with their own Member. In the case of Arviat, we are approaching 1,700 people. It is the fastest growing community in the Northwest Territories, the fastest growing community in Canada with an average of 60 babies a year being born. Unfortunately, on the other side of that, we also have the highest unemployment with 71 percent. There is a distinct need to have a single Member for Arviat and Baker Lake. That is the wish of the people. As I said, I do support the option that the commission has presented and there are amendments that are ahead of us that we will be reviewing. I have some serious difficulties with one of these amendments that would see the grouping of the communities change. When I agreed to Option C, I agreed to a Member being appointed for or being allowed for Arviat and one for Baker Lake. The amendments that are being put forth, which I was only aware of this morning, change that drastically. It would see Arviat being grouped with another community. I have not had the opportunity except for a five-minute phone call this morning to advise the hamlet as to this sudden change.

It was not something that I was party to or consulted on. They were, to say the least, shocked, upset and certainly will not be supporting this change. I think in all fairness when the amendment is brought forward later on, I will be asking for it to be deferred. I have not had proper time to discuss the issue with my community and the other effected community. To my knowledge, I am not sure if they were consulted and I think more time is required on this. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you. Mr. O'Brien I recognize Mr. Ng, but before I do, I would just like to remind Members that at this point in time we are just speaking to the report of the commission in general. If you are going to speak to particular motions that you wish to introduce, later would be the appropriate time. Mr. Ng.

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman. I too would like to recognize the work of the Electoral Boundaries Commission members, the extensive public consultations that they undertook and the recommendations from the report after having public input from the communities and from written submissions that they took in. I think I myself had written in a submission to them and recommended a smaller than the 20 to 22 Member constituencies that they were given the mandate to look at, I am glad to say that other members of the public also expressed concern about the size of a Nunavut Legislature of 20 to 22 Members, possibly being excessive and the Boundaries Commission recognizing that and coming back with the proposal, a recommendation in one of their models for a 17 Member Nunavut Legislature which I support. The one issue I do have with the recommendation is more specific to my own constituency of Kitikmeot where they have made a recommendation that the smaller communities of Umingmaktok and Bathurst Inlet be placed in the Kugluktuk constituency. I will be putting forward a motion to amend that, Mr. Chairman, at the appropriate time to have those two communities moved back in with Cambridge Bay and at the time of the motion, I will speak to the reasons why I would ask Members to support that, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Ng and for the record Mr. Ng represents Kitikmeot Region. Are there any more general comments on the report? If there are no more general comments on the report, I will then ask if anyone is at

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this point and time prepared to put forward motions. Mr. Ningark.

Committee Motion 48-13(4): Recommendation to Adopt Model C of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission Report

**MR. NINGARK:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe that this is a non-controversial motion. Mr. Chairman, I move that this committee recommends that Model C which provides for 17 single Member electoral districts as contained in the Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission be adopted as the electoral districts for

the first Nunavut Legislative Assembly That is my motion, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Ningark. The motion is in order. Who would like to speak to the motion? Mr. Ningark.

**MR. NINGARK:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Members who have spoken in the general comments of the report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission, I am sure there was indication significant that most Members who have spoken support the Model C. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Ningark. I recognize the Member for Iqaluit, Mr. Picco.

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, earlier I commented on my reservations with this motion going with Option C, but in consultation with my community and following on the consultation reports that were brought forward, indeed, the community requested at least two seats. Although that would not be my preferred option, I will be supporting Option number C.

--Bravo

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Picco. To the motion Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed? The motion is carried. I recognize now Mr. Ng, Member for Kitikmeot.

Committee Motion 49-13(4): TD 93-13(4): Recommendation to Amend Model C

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I move that the committee recommends that Model C contained in the Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission be amended by removing the communities of Bathurst Inlet and Umingmaktok from the proposed electoral district of Kugluktuk and placing them in the proposed electoral district of Cambridge Bay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

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

**HON. KELVIN NG:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I believe that when the Electoral Boundaries Commission made the report that they probably looked at the population factor of Cambridge Bay being larger than Kugluktuk and they looked at Umingmaktok and Bathurst Inlet of being closer in geographical location to Kugluktuk than to Cambridge Bay. That was probably their rationale for their recommendation. I think what is important to note is that they were not aware of the family ties between the people of Bathurst Inlet and Umingmaktok with people in Cambridge Bay. They did not take into consideration that those two communities were provided their health care services and their education services through Cambridge Bay and also the fact that they have no scheduled aircraft service into Umingmaktok and Bathurst Inlet. The service they do get is from charter aircraft from an operator based in Cambridge Bay. Just to confirm that I was not wrong, Mr. Chairman, in my assumption of the people of those two communities, I held public meetings down there this past summer and spoke to them about the recommendations and they unanimously asked that I try to move them back in with the Cambridge Bay constituency, and hence, the motion, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Ng. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed? The motion is carried. I would now like to recognize Mrs. Thompson.

Committee Motion 50-13(4): TD 93-13(4):  
Recommendation to Amend Model C

**HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:**

I move that this committee recommends that Model C contained in the Report of Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission be amended by changing the name of the proposed electoral district of Coral Harbour and Chesterfield to Nanulik.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mrs. Thompson and for the record Mrs. Thompson represents the riding of Aivilik. Your

motion is in order, Mrs. Thompson. To the motion, Mrs. Thompson.

**HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. After talking to a number of people in my community, elders, the name Nanulik fits with the riding. Coral Harbour has the highest quota in the world for polar bear hunting and the people in this riding know that the word Nanulik would promote tourism. The meaning of the word is "where there is polar bears". Both communities, Chesterfield Inlet and Coral Harbour have abundance of polar bears in that area and they are also known for their traditional knowledge on bear hunting. That is all I wanted to say. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Ms. Thompson. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed? The motion is carried. I would now like to recognize Mr. Barnabas.

Committee Motion 51-13(4): TD 93-13(4):  
Recommendation to Amend Model C

**MR. BARNABAS:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion. I move that this committee recommends that Model C contained in this Report of Nunavut

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Electoral Boundaries Commission be amended by changing the name of proposed electoral district of High Arctic to Quttiktuq. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

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

**MR. BARNABAS:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is just a translation of the High Arctic into Inuktitut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion? All

those opposed? The motion is carried. I would now like to recognize Mr. Arlooktoo.

Committee Motion 52-13(4): TD 93-13(4):  
Recommendation to Amend Model C

**HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that this committee recommends that Model C contained in the Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission be amended by placing the community of Whale Cove in the proposed electoral district of Arviat.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. For the record, Mr. Arlooktoo represents the riding of Baffin South. Your motion is in order, Mr. Arlooktoo. To the motion, Mr. Arlooktoo.

**HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again I will summarize the reason that we have a motion which talks about another constituency is because of the fact that in the Model C that we have approved to recommend to the Minister, the community of Sanikiluaq which is in my present constituency, is paired with the community of Whale Cove.

For those that are not familiar, the two communities are very far from each other. They are in two different administrative districts or regions, have no family ties and have very different dialects. Although it is all in the new culture, the cultural ways are different.

I do not know for sure, the reason for the pairing of these two communities in the report, but as I said previously, in my general comments, I believe that in going with the 17 seats, the commission had limited flexibility in how it divided up the seats. Therefore, this political judgment is left up to us, the politicians.

What I would like to do is just illustrate briefly the problems that are created by having a constituency that is very large and that does not have good transportation links.

I presently represent the communities of Cape Dorset, Kimmirut and Sanikiluaq. I have to tell you that it is probably the most difficult constituency in all of the Northwest Territories to get to. It takes me several weeks just to be able to get in a couple days in each constituency. The cost between Iqaluit and Sanikiluaq for example for an air charter is over \$7,000, that is

just one community and for one meeting. With my constituency budget I believe being around \$30,000 you can see how many constituency meetings I have in that community. Let alone the other two communities.

You can, still speaking on the costs, being a bit more frugal, you can do different things to try to keep that cost down. For example, you go in on split charters and you can go with other organizations, such as I did with the Baffin Region Inuit Association this past winter and which I did at one point with the MACA at another point. In the two years that I have represented the constituency, I have been in that community six times, and that is an average of every four months. That does not seem like a lot, but that is more than double than the two previous MLAs having visited those communities in the four years. I am not kidding.

Just recently, I sent my constituency assistant Johnny Manning to go to Sanikiluaq on my behalf. I could not go due to an invitation by the Minister of DIAND to meet her at the time. I sent my constituency assistant to go down for some meetings with the different groups in the community and to hold a radio phone - in show on this subject and on others. Because there is one flight a week from Iqaluit to Sanikiluaq. and it is not a scheduled flight, it is what they call a charter. Although it is scheduled, it is still a charter because there is never enough passengers to fill the plane and to pay for the cost.

Mr. Manning left on a Thursday on my behalf, was suppose to leave on a Thursday, but was delayed by one day and ended up going down on a delayed flight. It took him almost three weeks to get back home, even though he was down there for one phone-in show and several constituency meetings with different groups.

Now imagine for MLAs who live in Yellowknife or who live in Iqaluit or have been in Baker Lake, you go out to have a constituency meeting and it takes you three weeks to get home. It sounds like a fairy tale story but that is exactly what happens right now. It is unacceptable. It is almost unmanageable.

Now the way the Model C proposes is to pair Sanikiluaq and Whale Cove together. That is equally unacceptable, because there is no transportation links. It would take an MLA who will be based out of Iqaluit at the time because that is where the Legislative Assembly will be, to hold one meeting in each of those two communities, one constituency

meeting. If Sanikiluaq and Whale Cove were paired together that person will have to travel, and I am not kidding, 9,600 kilometres to have a meeting in each of the two communities. That is totally unacceptable.

I propose that Sanikiluaq because of the difference in culture, dialect, et cetera and the remoteness, that Sanikiluaq requires, desires and deserves its own seat. I point out to you MLAs the letter that I tabled yesterday from Mayor Kattuk explaining why. He talks about the population growth is high, that they are geographically remote, that they have no ties to Whale Cove, et cetera. I will leave the rest of the reading for you

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Now why, if I want a seat for the community to have its own MLA, why would I propose that Arviat go with Whale Cove? Well, it is because of the report or the way the report is laid out and the fact that we do need to make a recommendation. In recommending that Sanikiluaq have its own seat, we have to make a decision on what to recommend for the representation of Whale Cove. If you look on the map at the community of Whale Cove and its location, its transportation links, its family ties, its culture, and its dialect language, the whole nine yards, you will note that the two closest communities are Rankin Inlet and Arviat.

Now because of the way the new constituencies are divided up, there is no question in my mind that Rankin Inlet deserves and must have its own seat. There is no questions about that. That is what I would recommend. But that still leaves Whale Cove out in the cold.

So the next best thing for the community is to be represented by an MLA who represents Arviat. As you can see in Model C, Model C recommends that Arviat have its own seat where as right now it is divided up between, paired up with Baker Lake. So, if you catch my drift, that is the reason for the motion.

I do, if required have other information and other things I could say to the motion. I have spoken with many Members and I am confident that MLAs understand the needs of Sanikiluaq and I hope would vote for the motion. If this goes through, this is not the end of the work as yet. There are opportunities in the future for other boundaries commissions if this relationship does not work out between the two communities. It is open for debate. We can look at it again. With that, I would ask Members to support the

motion which pairs Whale Cove with Arviat but the overall intent and effect is for Sanikiluaq to have its own seat and to be recognized for its uniqueness and its needs. Thank you very much.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. To the motion, Mr. O'Brien. Member for Kivallivik.

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Arlooktoo makes a number of good points, travel and so on and so forth. First of all this amendment to the Commission's recommendation came to me this morning. This report has been available since June 30 and was presented to the Speaker of the House. I had no time to deal with this. It just came in front of me this morning at a meeting. The amount of time that I did have to deal with it was a five-minute phone call to the hamlet of Arviat in which they responded with a letter stating their concerns and their dismay that this was happening after the deliberations that took place regarding the study. Mr. Speaker, to me it would make no sense to have Arviat join up with another community that would bring its population to over 2,000 people with one Member and give a seat to another to Sanikiluaq with 495 people. I stand to be corrected, the information was 490. We will assume that it is 700. It will still raise the issue which brings the point forward that the MLA for Arviat will be responsible for over 2,000 people.

We have a community that has the fastest growth rate population wise in Canada and probably North America and the highest unemployment. To expect one Member to serve that many people with that many social problems and high unemployment is unthinkable. There are a number of issues here. The report made it very clear as to what they felt was a fair balance to their recommendation. There was a great deal of time, effort and money spent on this report and to have it twisted and contorted at the last minute, I think, is somewhat unfair to all parties. I guess the issue is I have not had the time to speak to my communities. I do not know who has spoken to Whale Cove. I would think and I believe that they should have a voice and I would have concern that they have not been consulted. For all these reasons, I think it only fair and I respectfully move that we defer this item until such time we have an opportunity to fairly and honestly speak to all parties. I think that is only reasonable and fair.

With that Mr. Chairman, I will be asking for your support to defer this item so that we can spend the time on it that is necessary given the fact that this came on the table in front of me this morning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien, I understand you wish to move a motion to defer this item?

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

I want to move it, yes.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. O'Brien. Could you properly make a motion to defer the item?

Committee Motion 53-13(4): To Defer Consideration of CM 52-13(4)

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Mr, Chairman, I move that due to the fact that the parties involved in this amendment have not been properly consulted that we defer this item until proper consultation has taken place. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. O'Brien. For the record, you can only say that you move to defer this item. We have a motion on the floor to defer this motion. The motion is not debatable. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is defeated. We are back on the subject of the motion put forward by Mr. Arlooktoo. I move that the committee recommends Model C contained in the Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission be amended by placing the community of Whale Cove in the proposed electoral district of Arviat. To the motion, I recognize Mr. Ningark.

**MR. NINGARK:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To the motion, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Arlooktoo and Mr. O'Brien both indicated that they have spoken to the two communities in question either directly or indirectly. I believe that in fairness to one community that is affected by the motion and the Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries, I am wondering what is the wish of the people of the Whale Cove. Do they wish to be a part of Sanikiluaq or Arviat? In order to be fair to that community, my question would be what is the wish of

the people of Whale Cove? Secondly, Mr. Chairman, the one way

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to satisfy everyone in question would be to make Whale Cove a stand alone riding and I do not think that would be practical given the population of that community which I believe is not over 500. I am wondering, if I may ask to move the motion of what is the wish of the people of Whale Cove. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Ningark. To the motion. Does anyone wish to speak to the motion? Mr. Arlooktoo.

**HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Ningark makes a good point and that is the people that are also very much affected by this motion are the people of Whale Cove. I do not have any indication of what their feeling is but if we use common sense and if you look at the map, what do you think? If their MLA is from Arviat then the MLA would be less than 100 kilometres away and in line and in direct transportation link to the community. In fact, if they are paired up with Arviat, they will now be paired up with another community with a lesser population than what they are paired up with now which is Rankin Inlet. So therefore, you could just make the deduction and say that perhaps as far as time with the MLA goes that if you look at per capita for the MLA they would likely get some more attention. Not to say that they are not getting any attention now.

In closing I will not touch again on what I talked about earlier. I wanted to comment on the representation by population that the MLA from Kivallivik had talked about and that is there are indications in the report that was a consideration. But certainly it is not the only consideration that the commission looked into. In their terms of reference, we the Legislative Assembly, told them to also look at the rate of growth of the population, the accessibility, any special community diversity of interest of inhabitants of any part of Nunavut or any other similar or relevant factors the commission considers appropriate.

There are a whole bunch of things that you could throw in there. But if you just compare what the current NWT does and that is in many of the national forums whether it is Premiers' conferences or



Ministers' conferences, we now have a seat at many of these tables and Mr. Ng will be going to the Social Services Ministers meeting in Newfoundland next week. We are invited to sit in the council of Fisheries Ministers and it is because we are recognized as a jurisdiction.

If Canada was run only by population there would be no way that we would be recognized. We would not have a seat, we would not even be heard. So I think that is a very good example on how there are deviations from this representation by population argument. I am not a lawyer, so, excuse me if I do not make too much sense, but that is my own humble interpretation of that. With that, I thank everybody for their support.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. recognize Mr. Picco.

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the concern here I do not think is a concern with giving Sanikiluaq a seat. I think Mr. Arlooktoo has articulated the situation regarding Sanikiluaq and in the past. Sanikiluaq has had its own seat. I think the idea of going back to that is a good one. The question we have here on the table is where should Whale Cove go. I do not know if this is the proper forum to decide that. The Boundary Commission has done one thing and we would like to do another thing. Because the Boundary Commission was not asked to do that in particular, to move one community from another community, those were recommendations we have made in the committee today, other than the ones that were in the report. I do not think its an issue between, you know, fairness between Arviat being joined with Whale Cove or Whale Cove being joined with Rankin. Mr. Ningark made an excellent point when he asked what do the people of Whale Cove want. I do not know.

I would say that Mr. Arlooktoo maybe would like to move a motion requesting Sanikiluaq to have its own seat and that this committee would agree to that. We can decide then, after consultation with Whale Cove, where they would like to go. If that would be a fair compromise, I would ask Mr. Arlooktoo maybe he would look at it. I just came up with this. I did not have a chance to discuss it with Mr. Arlooktoo, but I do not think that any one is concerned here with Sanikiluaq getting a seat, I would agree with that. They have had their seat in the past. They are unique. There is no

familial ties between the Keewatin communities or even the Baffin communities for that matter. Most people in Sanikiluaq have familiar ties with Quebec, Northern Quebec.

I would ask Mr. Arlooktoo, maybe he would amend his motion, give Sanikiluaq a seat and that takes care of the logistic problems Mr. Arlooktoo talked about, and it would also give us an opportunity to see what the people of Whale Cove would like to see. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you. Mr. Picco. Generally there are some discussions back and forth between parties as to whether or not the other would prefer to amend a motion. Therefore, I would suggest to the Members that we take a five minute break which would allow these two people to get together and perhaps agree on how they would like the motion to be presented, Since no Member was really prepared to put forward an amendment to the motion, I would have to ask if there are no further discussions to the motions. Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Mr. Todd. I am sorry, before you proceed, I have to recognize the clock and report progress. I will rise and report progress.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The House will come back to order. Item 20, report of committee of the whole. Mr. Steen.

**ITEM 20: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the committee has been considering Tabled Document 93-13(4), Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission and would like to report progress with

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four motions being adopted. Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the committee of the whole be concurred with.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

We have second by the Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried. Item 21, third reading of bills. Mr. Clerk. Item 22, orders of the day.

ITEM 22: ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Mr. Speaker, meetings of the Nunavut Caucus at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon; on Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. of the Standing Committee on infrastructure; also at 9:00 a.m. of the Standing Committee on Social Programs; also at 11:00 a.m. on Monday of the Ordinary Members' Caucus and at 12:00 noon the Status of Women Council luncheon.

Orders of the day for Monday, October 6, 1997:

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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16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills

- Bill 23, An Act to Amend the Elections Act

- Bill 24, An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act

- Bill 25, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1997-1998

18. Second Reading of Bills

19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

- Tabled Document 93-13(4), Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission

- Bill 3, Family Law Act

- Bill 4, Children's Law Act

- Bill 5, Adoption Act

- Bill 6, Child and Family Services Act

- Bill 19, Municipal Statutes Amending Act, No. 2

20. Report of Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until October 6, 1997 at 1:30 p.m.

--ADJOURNMENT