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The Honourable **Samuel Gargan**, Speaker

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Honourable Jim Antoine, Honourable Goo Arlooktoo, Mr. Barnabas, Honourable Charles Dent, Mr. Enuaraq, Mr. Erasmus, Honourable Sam Gargan, Mrs. Groenewegen, Mr. Henry, Honourable Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Miltenberger, Honourable Don Morin, Mr. Ningark, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Ootes, Mr. Picco, Mr. Rabesca, Mr. Roland, Mr. Steen, Honourable Maniok Thompson, Honourable John Todd.

**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):**

Good afternoon. Orders of the day. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Morin.

**ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS**

Minister's Statement 105-13(4): Ministers Absent From The House

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise Members that the Honourable Kelvin Ng will be absent from the House today and tomorrow to attend the Ministers' Council on Social Policy Renewal Conference as well as the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers of Social Services Conference in St. John's, Newfoundland. Mr. Ng will be back in the House by mid-afternoon on Wednesday.

As well, Mr. Speaker, I will be leaving the House shortly to represent Cabinet at the funeral of Effie Krutko this afternoon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Ministers' statements. Mr. Morin. Minister's Statement 106-13(4): National Unity

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that later today I will be tabling the agreement reached in Calgary on September 14, 1997 by Canada's

Premiers and the Yukon Territorial Leader, except Premier Bouchard of Quebec. This proposal provides a framework and guidelines to consult Canadians on national unity. It is also intended to get the views of Canadians on how to make Canada stronger. The framework for consultation, is, in itself, an example of how the provinces and territories can work together on matters of importance to Canadians and the future of Canada.

A key priority of this government's Agenda for Change is our intention to be heard at the national level. We know that national financial and political development can and will have a real impact on the interests of the Northwest Territories. We know that decisions made in Ottawa and by the provincial Premiers on social policy, education and health issues have a direct impact on the programs and services enjoyed by northern residents. We have taken a more coordinated and focused approach in our relationships with Canada and the provinces to build partnerships and ensure that the views of the Northwest Territories are taken into consideration. With this in mind, I participated in the Calgary meeting with three key priorities.

Mr. Speaker, our first priority was to ensure the continued inclusion and full participation of the Government of the Northwest Territories in an ongoing national unity process. Secondly, we wanted to secure a meaningful role for aboriginal leaders in an ongoing national unity process and thirdly, we wanted to ensure that any themes or principles developed in Calgary or any subsequent national unity process reflected the concepts of democracy, people, children and building for the future.

I am happy to say, Mr. Speaker, that we were successful in reflecting these priorities in the framework for consultation. The framework, Mr. Speaker, proposes that each province and territory will conduct open, grassroots public consultations on how to strengthen the Canadian federation, The framework for discussion on Canadian unity and the guidelines for the process of public consultation which make up this framework were agreed to by all Premiers and the Yukon Territorial Leader to provide a common element to seek the views of Canadians. All provincial and territorial leaders agreed to initiate consultations this fall and report their progress prior to the January, 1998, Team Canada trade mission with the Prime Minister. Each jurisdiction will determine the scope of its own consultations and the most appropriate mechanisms.

Mr. Speaker, over the next couple of months, Northwest Territories' Ministers and MLAs will be consulting with their constituents about concerns and aspirations of northern Canadians on how to make Canada stronger. In addition to constituency meetings and questionnaires, we have the benefit of modern technology with toll free number, electronic mail or web site communication to reach even the most remote areas of this vast territory. On behalf of Cabinet, the Honourable Stephen Kakfwi, Minister of National Constitutional Affairs and the Honourable Jim Antoine, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs will take the lead with me in guiding this public consultation process. This process must involve partnership with the Members of this Assembly and all Northwest Territories' residents. I will be proposing a mechanism today, Mr. Speaker, for the consideration of Members as a vehicle for this partnership.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to public consultations, the Prime Minister committed to host a First Ministers' Meeting to discuss social policy renewal, health care and youth unemployment. The issues that are at the centre of "people" concerns. This meeting is scheduled for early December. I intend to participate with my federal, provincial and territorial

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colleagues at the meeting to bring forward the views of northerners on these and other national/territorial issues raised during the Northwest Territories' public consultation process.

Also, as part of the framework for discussion on Canadian Unity, all Premiers agreed to meet with aboriginal leaders in Winnipeg on November 18, 1997 to hear their views on strengthening Canada and the role of aboriginal peoples within Canada. In addition to actively participating in the Winnipeg meeting, I fully intend to provide Northwest Territories' aboriginal residents with the opportunity to express their views on the future of Canada and their place in Confederation during the Northwest Territories' public consultation process. I have asked the Honourable Jim Antoine, to take the lead in ensuring the views of aboriginal residents are heard.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, it is essential that we provide a mechanism, a partnership, to ensure that activities of the government and Legislative Assembly in relation to the public consultations and future national unity activities are coordinated and transparent information and updates on activities need to be provided to Cabinet, Members of the Legislative Assembly and

Northwest Territories' residents. I propose that a special committee be established to provide that partnership role in coordinating this important activity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

--Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Morin. Ministers' statements. Mr. Kakfwi.

Minister's Statement 107-13(4): Northern Employment Strategy

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, job creation is a priority for this government. We need jobs for northerners today and we need them for our children in the future. The private sector is the primary vehicle for job creation, and we have undertaken a number of initiatives to encourage private sector development. One initiative is the Northern Employment Strategy announced by the Finance Minister during the last session. It is designed to support northern businesses and communities in employing summer students, youth, social assistance recipients and unemployed northerners.

Sixteen million dollars in new funding was allocated to implement the strategy this year. Subject to the approval of this House, an additional \$16 million will be allocated next year. In order to efficiently implement the strategy throughout the regions, funding was allocated to existing programs in Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development, Municipal and Community Affairs, and Education, Culture and Employment. The \$8 million given to Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development topped up the budgets of three programs to \$13 million - the Business Development Fund, the Grants to Small Business Program and the Community Initiatives Program.

Mr. Speaker, early indications show that these programs are generating positive results. Over a period of five months, from April to August, the department has invested \$5.8 million in northerners. This investment, along with client equity, debt financing and financing from other sources, has resulted in projects valued at over \$21 million. Program investments to date are equal to those normally made in a year. Investments to date leave a balance of just over \$7 million for the remainder of the

fiscal year. Utilization of the programs requires that clients, whether they be individuals or communities, come forward with project proposals. The departmental regional superintendents from the three departments implementing this strategy work closely together to offer clients single window access to this funding. Decisions to fund are made at the regional level in keeping with my commitment to quick turnaround of project applications.

Based on project information provided by clients to date, 12,460 work weeks of full-time employment and 4,913 weeks of part-time employment have been created since April 1, 1997. In addition, 13,319 work weeks of full-time employment and 4,904 work weeks of part-time employment have been maintained. Jobs were saved or became more secure as a result of our investments in northern people. This equates to approximately 890 full-time jobs. Clearly these results reflect the hard work and commitment of many in the department, particularly those in the regions. Mr. Speaker, we rarely give staff enough recognition for their efforts in delivering our programs and services to the public. I thank them for a job well done. Thank you.

--Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Ministers' statements. Mr. Henry.

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to waive the rules to adjourn the House until 3:15 p.m. to enable Members to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Effie Krutko, mother of the Member for Mackenzie Delta. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. The Member for Yellowknife South is seeking unanimous consent to waive the rules to adjourn the House until 3:15 p.m. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Henry, you have unanimous consent. We will adjourn until 3:15 p.m.

--Adjourn

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

I call the House back to order. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Enuaraq.

**ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

Member's Statement 429-13(4): Seniors' Housing in Broughton Island

**MR. ENUARAQ:**

Mr. Speaker, the community of Broughton Island needs housing for their elders. The Hamlet Council in Broughton Island has asked me to bring this to the attention of this Assembly. The community feels that this is a serious need. It is also felt that the need for seniors' housing in Broughton Island has not been addressed by our government. The community would like to know how and when this issue

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can be dealt with. I will follow this on their behalf during oral question period. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Member's Statement 430-13(4): Diamond Sorting Facility

**MR. MILTENBERGER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make some brief comments on the diamond valuation plant or the proposal to get one in the north or in the northern community. I have listened to the debate and discussion in this House with great interest and of course hoping, in fact, that it would become a reality. I will be asking the Minister later in question period about the Globe and Mail article where BHP says they are going to build their diamond sorting plant on site and it is only going to be a small one and that in fact, the main sorting will be done, of all places, God forbid, in a foreign country, Antwerp, taking northern jobs and northern minerals out of the country to look after them. Mr. Speaker, I think the days of the north just being a store house so that people can come and use at their leisure with no work done in the north other than the extraction have to be passed.

So, we have a situation in my mind. We are lobbying very hard in this House; yet I see by the news that a huge multinational corporation has made a decision obviously independent of what we may think or what may be in the best interest of the people of the north and Canada, true. I think we have to press this issue and I commend the Member for Hay River and the

folks from Yellowknife and, of course, the Minister for his efforts, but it seems to me that we have to redouble those efforts because we are not being heard. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

--Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Miltenberger. Members' statements. Ms. Thompson.

Member's Statement 431-13(4): Efforts to Find a Cure for Cancer

**HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to take a minute to speak about the need for medical solutions to the disease of cancer not only in the north but across Canada. We have all been impacted by cancer either by a loss of a mother, father, family member, colleague or close friend. Unfortunately, this summer I also felt the results of this disease. As Members know I lost my mother-in-law to cancer. It is time we do more to solve cancer. Mr. Speaker, as Canadians we probably know of the efforts of all people across Canada in raising money for cancer research. Together the citizens of my three communities went out during the Terry Fox Run and raised a substantial amount of money to support cancer research. My communities are asking what the Cancer Society is doing with their money to cure cancer? I would like to say how proud I am of the efforts Coral Harbour, Chesterfield Inlet and Repulse Bay, just as I am sure that Members of this House are proud of their communities and the efforts they have made to support cancer research.

(Translation) Mr. Speaker, this has been an ongoing concern to the communities. I would like to congratulate some of the communities that I represent because they have done some fund raising with regards to cancer research. Their proceeds will go to cancer research. Some of my communities have been involved in the Terry Fox Run to raise some funds. Some of the communities are asking to find out what is happening with the cancer research. (Translation ends).

Communities across the Northwest Territories are asking where is the cure for cancer? It is about time the Cancer Society found a cure. Too many people are dying of cancer in the northern communities and across Canada. Mr. Speaker, I would like to continue

with my statement if the Members allow me to do so. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Member for Aivilik is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Ms. Thompson, you have unanimous consent.

**HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:**

I also noted in the throne speech to open the First Session of the 36th Parliament of Canada that there is reference to the need to provide all our citizens with access to the highest possible quality of health care. The throne speech recognizes the importance of our health system to the Canadian fabric. I would also like to encourage territorial leaders at all levels to continue to push the federal government, the medical profession and institutions to find a cure for cancer. It is about time, Mr. Speaker.

--Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Ms. Thompson. Members' statements. Mr. Rabesca.

Member's Statement 432-13(4): Public Safety On Highway No. 3

**MR. RABESCA:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today again I would like to talk about our dangerous Highway No. 3. I know that the Department of Transportation is trying to do the best they can to ensure the public safety. However, over the course of this past weekend one of the most dangerous portions on the highway collapsed which caused an area of the road to drop approximately two feet. It was about 15 feet long. When this section dropped, it basically left only one lane of traffic at this spot which could have quite easily caused serious damage to any unfortunate or unsuspecting driver and his vehicle. As this happened this weekend, no one from the department had put warning markers in place to inform drivers which could again have caused an accident. To elaborate on the road in this area, when coming to Yellowknife, you can come around a fairly sharp left hand curve that has a small lake on either side of the road and a very steep embankment, also from either side.

Under normal driving conditions a vehicle if it went off the road could easily roll into one of the lakes. Luckily there was no accident or mishap on this section. This morning when I came

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into Yellowknife I noticed the Department of Transportation crews were investigating this section and hopefully by tonight it will be repaired. As I have stressed over and over in this House we need the highway from Rae to Yellowknife upgraded before we have a serious accident. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

--Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Member's Statement 433-13(4): Inuit Carving Economy In Kimmirut and Cape Dorset

**HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Members of this Assembly know, soap stone carvings are a major source of income for the communities of Kimmirut and Cape Dorset. These two communities, which I also represent, are world renowned for producing some of the very best Inuit carvings to come out of the north. To give some idea of the importance of this economy, Kimmirut, with a population of 450 produces more than a half a million dollars worth of art each year. Cape Dorset, with a population of around 1,300 produces more than \$2.2 million worth of art annually. Mr. Speaker, this is a significant amount of revenue which touches almost every member of these two communities, especially given the high cost of living and unemployment rates in these communities.

This summer, the Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development in partnership with Qikiqtani Inuit Association and its and its business arm Qikiqtaaluk Corporation undertook a clean up of two major quarry sites close to Cape Dorset and Kimmirut. For those that are not familiar with quarry sites, these are basically free for all mining operations that are operated by hand by picks, axe, shovels and crowbars. Not only did the project provide a long overdue clean up of these sites, more than 15 local people were hired to work on the projects. Also, due to the quarry clean up, Mr. Speaker, a half million dollars of high quality carving stone was accessed that otherwise would not have been available. This is a major return on the \$100,000 investment to clean

up the site. Mr. Speaker, I believe that these sites should be maintained through a smaller scale clean up on an ongoing, annual basis. This will achieve several things. One, it will provide some more local employment. It will require a smaller investment in one large scale cleaning operation every few years and, most importantly, it will improve the safety of these sites. I would like to thank Minister Kakfwi and his departmental staff for their support and I look forward to working with them again to ensure that this important project continues to be an ongoing project. Thank you very much.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Members' statements. Mr. Ootes.

Member's Statement 434-13(4): Addressing Breast Cancer Detection

**MR. OOTES:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Sunday, the Run for the Cure was held in Yellowknife and approximately 750 people turned out to walk and run through the cold damp weather. Together they raised \$90,000 to put towards curing breast cancer. Three quarters of that money has been tagged for a mammography machine at Stanton Regional Hospital. Mr. Speaker, that represents about half of the money needed to buy and install a new machine. On Friday, I asked if this government would take the initiative to start an early detection screening program and I was told once again, that it was the regional health boards' decision. Stanton Regional Hospital is just that. It serves the region. It has identified the mammography machine as a priority and is currently raising money for it.

The run yesterday provided about half the money that the hospital will need. A group of private citizens has undertaken fund raising for necessary hospital equipment because the government has not made replacing old obsolete equipment a priority. I would like to see this government take a pro-active leadership role in this issue. I would like to ask the government if it will provide the other half now that the region has clearly identified a need for this machine. Issues such as the early detection of breast cancer in a population whose cancer rates are on the rise, need strong direction and take charge leadership, not the wait and see attitude that seems to be prevailing with regard to this program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, Mr. Ootes. Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Item 5, recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Todd.

ITEM 5: RECOGNITION OF VISITORS IN THE GALLERY

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize Ms. Pat Thomas who is the President of the NWTTA who worked extremely hard this past week to come to a satisfactory agreement between ourselves and the teachers that she represents with respect to a collective agreement. I hope that the teachers will give her the kind of support she deserves. Thank you.

--Applause

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Recognition of visitors in the gallery, Mr. Henry.

**MR. HENRY:**

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Bob Sanderson. I know he was here earlier this morning, but I am not sure if he is still here. Bob lived in Yellowknife for a number of years. He is presently the Regional Director of the Financial Management Board in Fort Smith. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Miltenberger.

ITEM 6: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 590-13(4): Strategy for Pursuing Diamond Sorting

**MR. MILTENBERGER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is addressed to the Minister of Finance, who it appears

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evident, is clearly in the pink today. I am expecting some good answers. Could the Minister indicate in light of this Friday's article in the paper where BHP clearly states they are not going to sort diamonds anywhere else but on-site Antwerp, what the strategy of this government is going to be to aggressively and actively continuing to pursue having a northern based

sorting operation, in the very least, a Canadian one in a northern community?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 590-13(4): Strategy for Pursuing Diamond Sorting

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Speaker, I will make no comment about my colleagues nice new suit he has on today. Anyway it's a shining example to everybody. Mr. Speaker, I think we have made it clear and we have been consistent, not just this last week, but certainly the last year and a half with respect to our government's position on northern diamonds. Diamond sorting and valuation should be done, must be done in the Northwest Territories to ensure that we have an accurate reflection of the value of the diamonds so that Canadians can get their equal share, if you wish, of royalties and taxation.

To say I am disappointed is an understatement. That a company of this size would make these kinds of comments without any consultation with this government, and I do not know what consultation they had with the federal government, but I was certainly disappointed. I am looking forward to meeting, and I am assuming that he wants to meet with us, with Mr. Rothwell later on this week or next week, where both myself and Mr. Kakfwi will be clear with him the ramifications with continuing along this corporate strategy of suggesting that northern diamonds should be sorted on site, in a small and concrete way, and the rest of the jobs and opportunities that will prevail from sorting diamonds from marketing and sales purposes will be done offshore. Surely that would be unacceptable, not just to northerners, I would expect that to be unacceptable to most Canadians.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Miltenberger.

Supplementary To Question 590-13(4): Strategy for Pursuing Diamond Sorting

**MR. MILTENBERGER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister indicate who in fact will call the shots? Can in fact, BHP summarily dismiss the strong statements and position of this government and go its own merry way as it

tumbles off with truckloads of diamonds, as you say offshore? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 590-13(4): Strategy for Pursuing Diamond Sorting

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is important to put it in perspective. I think you know, it is not the intention of this government and I would suspect the federal government, to determine board policy as it relates to the diamond industry. What I suggested to the industry in the past, and just recently in London and in Antwerp, that we are developing in consultation with our federal colleagues public policies in the way in which this industry should operate.

I want to remind everybody that this is a unique industry. It is not the same as some would have us believe, as gold, as iron ore or as coal. It is different. It operates differently and it has to have a different set of conditions in our opinion as to how it does operate.

I suggest to him that when we develop public policy to protect the interests of the public, and at the same time maintain, if you want, the profitability of the shareholders of BHP and others; it is important we have a two way dialogue. But it seems to me on this issue of diamond sorting and valuation they have made up their mind in isolation of a two way dialogue between us and our federal colleagues.

I have indicated to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development as recently as a week and a half ago that we are not happy with this position, and to her credit she has agreed earlier today that she is prepared later on this month to meet with myself and Mr. Kakfwi along with the Minister of Finance, Mr. Martin. The whole issue of diamonds, whether it is on the revenue side through taxes and royalties or it is on valuation and sorting, will be on the agenda for discussion with Mr. Kakfwi and myself. I hope at some point we will be able to have a collective partnership on a strategy that we need to take to ensure that Canadians and Northerner's interests are protected both on the job and in the tax revenues site.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Supplementary To Question 590-13(4): Strategy for Pursuing Diamond Sorting

**MR. MILTENBERGER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very clearly it seems to me, we are developing a Canadian diamond industry and northern diamond industry. Can the Minister indicate how he intends to address BHP's attempt - I want to use the phrase mule-headedness - in going their own way and not being accountable to the people in the north? I know you say you are meeting with the Ministers, the federal Ministers and with Mr. Kakfwi. I would just like some assurance, I guess, that though they are a very large company, someone like BHP cannot dictate public policy as we develop or try to develop the framework for our northern and Canadian diamond industry. Thank you.

Further Return To Question 590-13(4): Strategy for Pursuing Diamond Sorting

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you. Mr Speaker. Let me start off by saying that, yes, I think in our initial discussions it would be fair to say when we developed the social and economic agreement which was done a year, year and a half ago with the diamond industry we were very pleased with the spirit of cooperation that we had. Mr. Kakfwi spoke earlier last week

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about the impact on the construction of the mine site that it has had with respect to the use of northern businesses and with respect to the use of northern employment. We have been encouraged all along that the corporation has been working in a spirit of partnership to meet the objectives that we set in the social economic agreement over a year, a year and a half ago, I believe.

I am somewhat confused, Mr. Speaker, as to why they are putting the spin on and not discussing with us the next phase, and that is the operation phase of their mine as it relates to the royalties and tax regime which in calculating the royalties and the tax revenues, the diamond sorting and valuation is a critical component of it. It seems to me maybe that we are caught in a communications problem. I am not sure, but certainly if you look at the spirit of



cooperation that occurred in the early days when we discussed the construction of the mine it was going extremely well.

I am hoping that Mr. Rothwell will be able to clear up and give us some clarity when we meet with him as to why we seem to be heading for a collision course as it relates to diamond sorting and valuation and as it relates to revenues and royalties. We will be left with no alternative but to bring forward options for this House to protect the fiscal interest of all northerners. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Final supplementary, Mr. Miltenberger.

Supplementary To Question 590-13(4): Strategy for Pursuing Diamond Sorting

**MR. MILTENBERGER:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister indicate once again, I did not catch it if he gave a date, when he would be meeting with Mr. Rothwell, and will be committed to report back to this House on the outcome of those meetings on this very critical issue? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Questions 590-13(4): Strategy for Pursuing Diamond Sorting

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My understanding is Mr. Rothwell had asked for a meeting with myself and Mr. Kakfwi, I believe it could be sometime this week. He is probably a busy man, no doubt running a large organization like this one, but once our discussions are concluded, I would be only too happy to report back to the House on this important issue. I want to say again for clarity purposes, frankly, I am disappointed that we have got to this stage, that it has been necessary to debate as long as we have had to debate the issue. When you consider that the corporation was at the table with us on the initial stages for whatever reason, whether they are getting the wrong advice from some of their community relations people or others out there, I am not sure, suddenly it is the intent of this government and both Mr. Kakfwi and myself to try to negotiate a reasonable

arrangement. There are two critical meetings coming, one hopefully with Mr. Rothwell, either this week or next week, and perhaps more importantly the meeting with Mr. Martin, our Finance Minister, and Ms. Stewart later on this month to see if we can convince them through persuasive discussion about the need for another point of view besides the one they are currently getting from the federal bureaucracy. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Enuaraq.

Question 591-13(4): Seniors' Housing in Broughton Island

**MR. ENUARAQ:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I mentioned in my Member's statement that the community of Broughton Island needs housing for the elders. My understanding is that the Department of Health and Social Services determines which communities need seniors' housing the most. A list is then given to the Housing Corporation which then builds the units. I would like to know if the community of Broughton Island is on the list. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Minister of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, Mr. Arlooktoo.

Return To Question 591-13(4): Seniors' Housing in Broughton Island

**HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not have the needs survey and the priority listings in front of me, but I will get the list from the Department of Health and Social Services and provide it to the Members.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Henry.

Question 592-13(4): Calculation of Gold Royalties

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question today is to Mr. Kakfwi, the Minister responsible for Resources, Wildlife and Development. My question is regarding the royalty regime surrounding gold and

diamond for the valuation purposes. Mr. Speaker, I understand we have some gold mines producing in the Northwest Territories, and I believe they ship their gold to the mint in Ottawa. My understanding is that the mint in Ottawa further refines that gold. My question to the Minister is, is he aware of how royalties are calculated on gold production that is sent to the mint? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Return To Question 592-13(4): Calculation of Gold Royalties

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know the royalties that are derived from the production of minerals is provided for in the Canada Mining Regulations and with gold as with other metals, there is a world market and a fixed price by which these are determined. They are rather straightforward. The metal or gold that is produced is weighed and is recorded for tax purposes and for royalty purposes with the government and then payment and collection are provided for. Exactly how that is done, I think is contained in the Mining Regulations office.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Henry.

Supplementary To Question 592-13(4): Calculation of Gold Royalties

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister stated that he is aware the gold is weighed and recorded for royalty purposes. Can the Minister advise us where that weight is recorded for royalty purposes? Is it recorded at the mine site or is it recorded at the mint after the gold has been refined to 99.9 percent to pure gold? At which stage is the royalties calculated on gold? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question 592-13(4): Calculation of Gold Royalties

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, I am not aware exactly of what stage, but I would think for security purposes and for certainty that once the gold brick is poured and before it is shipped that the government would be interested and therefore would require at that point that the gold be weighed and recorded long before it is received at the mint.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Henry.

Supplementary To Question 592-13(4): Calculation of Gold Royalties

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It has become apparent to me that the Minister may not be aware of what stage the gold is weighed for royalty purposes. Could I ask the Minister to make that information available to the House? At what point, is it at the mine site, that the royalties are assessed or is after the mint refines the gold? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question 592-13(4): Calculation of Gold Royalties

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Mr. Speaker, it would be a lot faster if the Member just goes to the point that he is trying to make. I think he is trying to lead up to the question of why diamonds are being treated differently and perhaps if he just made that point we could get on with business. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Final supplementary, Mr. Henry.

Supplementary To Question 592-13(4): Calculation of Gold Royalties

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the Minister's response but it certainly was not the question I asked for response. I was asking if he could make available

to this House that information as to when the royalties are calculated on gold. Is it at the mine site or is it at the mint after refinement? I would appreciate if the Minister could answer that question if he would make that information available to the

House, if he does not know it now, as he seems not to. Very simple, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question 592-13(4): Calculation of Gold Royalties

**HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have now discussed it for a little over ten minutes. If the Member just gave me some notice he required an answer like this it would have been provided already. I will take it as notice and he will just have to wait for the response. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you, the question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Picco.

Question 593-13(4): Contracting with Former Employees

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, last week I tabled two documents, section 003 of this government's Human Resource Manual and personal gain and the use of information section of the manager's handbook for this government. These documents state the government's ethical guidelines on the awarding of contracts to former senior officials. My question is for the Premier. Does this government have an enforceable set of guidelines that exclude the awarding of its contracts to former senior government officials for a certain time period after they leave public service? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Premier.

Return To Question 593-13(4): Contracting with Former Employees

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to Mr. Picco's question as to whether there is a Government of Northwest Territories policy with respect to contracting former employees, the ethics section of the Human Resource Manual established the government's policy with regard to contracting former employees. Section 003 states that for a one year period from the date their employment ceases, senior officers may not own, operate, control or be employed by any business enterprise within the community in which they were employed and in which they may be in a position to unduly exploit knowledge they gained while employed by the Government of the Northwest Territories. Deputy ministers are further governed by confidentiality provisions of their employment contract that extend beyond the employment period. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary To Question 593-13(4): Contracting with Former Employees

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now we have ascertained that the government does have a policy. The government's Human Resource Manual provides that its former senior officials may not seek contractual employment

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by this government for a period of one year after they have severed relations. That is what the Minister just said. The Human Resource Manual does not have authority because it cannot impose sanctions. Can the Premier inform this House as to whether or not this government has a written policy which does in fact impose sanctions? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 593-13(4): Contracting with Former Employees

**HON. DON MORIN:**

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

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Picco.

**MR. PICCO:**

Maybe I will try another way, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Picco. The question has been taken as notice. Mr. Picco, your new question.

Question 594-13(4): Enforcement of GNWT Policies

**MR. PICCO:**

Mr. Speaker, this government has policies like the Financial Administration Act which is legislation. It has a contract policy, a tendering policy. Who enforces the Financial Administration Act and the policies of government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Premier.

Return To Question 594-13(4): Enforcement of GNWT Policies

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question was, who enforces the policy of the Financial Management Act? The Financial Management Board will be enforcing that policy. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Supplementary To Question 594-13(4): Enforcement of GNWT Policies

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if circumvention of the Act or perceived circumvention is made known to the government, what happens? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Premier.

Further Return To Question 594-13(4): Enforcement of GNWT Policies

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We take that case by case and look into it. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Supplementary To Question 594-13(4): Enforcement of GNWT Policies

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the circumvention of the Act or perceived circumvention, if that is brought forward to this government to an individual Minister - as the Premier is now coming back to tell me that indeed the individual Ministers have the right to take that and look at it how they choose and then enforce the Act or not enforce the Act - or is the Premier saying that it goes to the Premier who has ultimate responsibility for the government to make sure that the policy is enforced and not circumvented? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 594-13(4): Enforcement of GNWT Policies

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If it is brought to my attention, I would be the one to take a look at it and see whether the policy is being followed properly or not for all senior management positions because ultimately I am responsible for the deputy ministers' positions.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Mr. Picco, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question 594-13(4): Enforcement of GNWT Policies

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on the circumvention of the policies of this government being enforced, now we have ascertained that Mr. Morin enforces these policies. What are the penalties for circumventing a policy of this government?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

That was your final supplementary. Mr. Morin.

Further Return To Question 594-13(4): Enforcement of GNWT Policies

**HON. DON MORIN:**

What are the penalties? That would be taken on a case by case basis. If the Member feels that any individual that is working for the government today or has worked for the government in the past and has a problem if the person is contracting to the government today or has contracted in the past, it would save a lot of time if he would just say what he is getting at and then I would be able to respond properly. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Mr. Henry.

Question 595-13(4): Appointment of Aurora Fund Manager

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to Mr. Todd, the Minister responsible for the Aurora Fund. I had asked the Minister some questions on the Aurora Fund on Friday. If the Minister could tell me who appointed Mr. Bailey as a fund manager? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 595-13(4): Appointment of Aurora Fund Manager

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If my memory serves me correctly, the board directors made recommendations to myself as the chair of the board and I appointed Mr. Bailey.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Supplementary To Question 595-13(4): Appointment of Aurora Fund Manager

**MR. HENRY:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe the Minister also told us on Friday, he had stated to the best of his understanding there was no requirement in this government to make any guarantees to the fund. What I would like to know from the Minister is if loans do go bad, as sometimes they do, is this government responsible for any of those loans that would go bad?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 595-13(4): Appointment of Aurora Fund Manager

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. N-o spells no.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Oral questions. Just again, to remind the Members about question period. During question period, you must not repeat any earlier question which was answered, taken as notice or to which an answer was refused at that sitting. It means that during this 4th Session, Members cannot repeat the same question that has been asked already. Just a reminder. Mr. O'Brien.

Question 596-13(4): Aurora Fund Directors

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister responsible for the Aurora Fund. Mr. Speaker, can the Minister tell this House who are the members of the committee that oversee the Aurora Fund? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 596-13(4): Aurora Fund Directors

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Speaker, I think that it is important to clarify. I did not seem to be able to get my point across the other day that this is not a fund of government. This is an independent fund of foreign investors. The investment committee is made up of three independent people in southern Canada. One of them is, I know for sure, the

financier who is backing it, Mr. David Taylor, who puts up the money for the fund from Pacific Western. Another one is a banker, I believe, from the Bank of Montreal. Another one is an investment counsellor from Toronto. I would have to get the names for my colleague and advise him tomorrow.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Supplementary to Question 596-13(4): Aurora Fund Directors

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Minister indicated that this government appointed the manager of the fund. Can we assume that this government also appointed these committee members?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 596-13(4): Aurora Fund Directors

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not say that the government appointed the manager of this fund. I said that the board of directors recommended the appointment of Mr. Bailey and I concurred as the chairman of the board.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral question. Supplementary, Mr. O'Brien

Supplementary To Question 596-13(4): Aurora Fund Directors

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, would the Minister have knowledge as to which groups, individuals or companies have accessed this fund to date and what types of applications we are receiving for this fund?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 596-13(4): Aurora Fund Directors

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Cotes asked me the same question. Should I ask Mr. Cotes' banker how much he borrows from the bank? These are private matters between private funds. This is not a government fund. It is an independent fund funded by immigrant investment money that was set up in a manner to provide opportunities for northern business to access it. I am not asking the board of directors and announcing to this House who gets money. The same as I would not expect the bank to do the same. It is ridiculous.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Supplementary To Question 596-13(4): Aurora Fund Directors

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if this fund is at such an arm's length from this government, why did the Minister appoint the manager in the first place? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 596-13(4): Aurora Fund Directors

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

I promised myself that I would be more patient this term, Mr. Speaker. Sometimes the questions

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asked by my honourable colleagues border on ridiculous, but I will try to explain once again, nice and slow. What this government did in an effort to provide a stimulus and to provide new access to the capital was seed the immigrant investment fund for the tune of \$380,000 to get it up and going. That money was supposed to be returned from the Aurora Fund back to the government. I made a commitment last week to find out if that has gone back. This fund is an independent fund that this government should be proud of in relationship to being, the seed money to get the thing moving. I do not know how else to

answer the question. If the Members want a complete briefing on the Aurora, I would be only too happy to do it. If they are asking me around the table here, who is going to get access to the money, it is just not on. Period. The same as in any other lending institutions. That is why I say the question boards on ridiculous.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Mr. Roland.

Question 597-13(4): Update on Utilidor Rates in Inuvik

**MR. ROLAND:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister responsible for FMBS. In the community of Inuvik, over the last number of years, we have talked about what we call the high-temp system. It is an utilidor system that is badly outdated and very costly to operate. As recently as this summer, we were notified that the Public Utilities Board was increasing the rates that are charged against that system. The companies in Inuvik and private citizens that are hooked up to this high temp system have seen a rate increase of 125 percent. Now I have worked with the Minister over the summer and tried to see if we can do something in the community. As of yet, it has not been resolved. I know there is ongoing work but I would like an update from the Minister responsible as to where we are in this process and will we see some work being done to reduce the cost in Inuvik? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

Return To Question 597-13(4): Update on Utilidor Rates in Inuvik

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

That is what I like about my colleagues from Inuvik. The clear, concise question. Mr. Speaker, the only problem is I do not have a clear, concise answer. Mr. Speaker, I recognize the importance of this issue. It has been ongoing for a number of years. The trouble with this issue quite frankly, is it crosses a variety of departments from Municipal and Community Affairs to the Power Corporation to Public Works, to City Hall, to the municipality, et cetera. There is and has been from a bureaucracy prospective, a tripartite departmental committee trying to seek an appropriate

resolve to this issue, as my colleague has done in a number of occasions, understandably so. He has been lobbying me extremely hard because of the concern of his constituents to come to some satisfactory result of the issue. I do not have the answer today as to when we can conclude a satisfactory arrangement on this issue, but we are close to bringing forward a paper to the FMB that would once and for all resolve

this difficult issue with respect to the utilidor heating system in Inuvik.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Roland.

Supplementary To Question 597-13(4): Update on Utilidor Rates

**MR. ROLAND:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not know if I should say I am encouraged by those remarks because work has been ongoing for a number of years and this seems to be another legacy of that. I do not know if we can call that a day in Inuvik's utilidor system. My concern is there was some work done on it. I believe there was a submission that was going to be made this spring that was cancelled because of the fear of the dollar, I guess. We are coming to winter now and the rates will go to the roof, especially for those that are going to be affected by this 125 percent increase. Will this government deal with this and when? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 597-13(4): Update on Utilidor Rates in Inuvik

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Speaker, my honourable colleague has put me in a first today. This is the first time I have to look at my briefing books in almost two years. Mr. Speaker, in the notes here it does indicate that work is expected to be completed in the next 30 to 60 days so we can provide adequate time for Cabinet and Financial Management Board to make a decision prior to the 1998-1999 construction seasons. I am not trying to evade the question. I know it has been a long outstanding one by Inuvik, by my colleague. I know when I looked initially at the paper, if my memory serves me correct, it was a pretty high ticket item in

terms of the dollars and that was a concern. I believe it was somewhere around the \$8 to \$10 million range. We will have to take a second look at it if there was a more cost-effective way in which to do this. I understand the urgency of the issue. I am sure my colleague will bear with me in recognizing that it is not just one party at the table. I will commit today that we will try to get results to this issue in a fiscally, responsible manner within the next 60 days. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Oral questions. Mrs. Groenewegen.

Question 598-13(4): Diamond Sorting Facility Discussions

**MRS. GROENEWEGEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is for the honourable Minister of Finance, John Todd. I would like to thank the Minister for his and Mr. Kakfwi's work with respect to the situation regarding diamond valuation sorting. I am pleased to hear they are taking initiative to set up meetings with their federal counterparts and discuss this important issue. I am sure that both Mr. Kakfwi and Mr. Todd are very aware of the interests from a number of western Arctic communities in the outcome of their efforts and the equitable sharing of the economic benefit from spin-off through diamond mining in general, but specifically sorting and valuating. If the meetings that are planned with Mr. Rothwell,

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Mr. Martin and Ms. Stewart require the assistance of any of the Ordinary Members in order to reinforce the government's position and give a representative perspective to this issue, my question is will there be representatives from the various communities who are interested in this initiative?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 598-13(4): Diamond Sorting Facility Discussions

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

First of all, I would like to thank my colleague for her kind offer of assistance. I know this is important that my Member for Iqaluit scoffs. I would like to remind

my colleague that I do appreciate her assistance in her ongoing support that we frequently have been able to get over the last year or so on this important issue. However, the meeting with Mr. Martin and Ms. Stewart is a political one and it is government to government. That would be difficult. I think in our initial discussions with Mr. Rothwell if there is clearly a requirement for any additional discussions as it relates to your constituency or for that matter my honourable colleague's constituency. I am sure both Mr. Kakfwi and myself would only be too happy to try to find a way in which to bring you into the discussions. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Mr. Picco.

Question 599-13(4): Update on UNW Award Judgment

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Government of the Northwest Territories recently lost a judgment where this government had excluded about 1,000 employees from the government department unit. I wonder if the Minister for FMBS would update this House on that judgment. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister of the Financial Management Board, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 599-13(4): Update on UNW Award Judgment

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Good question by my honourable colleague from Iqaluit. I applaud him for it. The Labour Relations and Compensation Division has written to the union to advise that it has reviewed the court's decision that once the re-address is paid out appropriately, re-address will be paid out once the union provides appropriate documentation to the employer, that is, us. The union has written to the Minister advising that they would like to meet to discuss this issue. In addition it has set up positions to re-address. We have set up our position on re-address what it has been outlined in the judgment. We are committed as I said to ensuring that the award is followed and we look forward to discussions with our colleagues in the bargaining unit, UNW.



**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Picco.

Supplementary to Question 599-13(4): Update on UNW Award Judgment

**MR. PICCO:**

What would the cost of this award be, Mr Speaker?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 599-13(4): Update on UNW Award Judgment

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Well, my honourable colleague knows that, as an old union organizer, it would be inappropriate for me to make any comment as what the ultimate cost would be on this issue. Therefore, at this time, it would be inappropriate for me to make any comments with respect to expense. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Enuaraq.

Question 600-13(4): Traffic on Airport Runways

**MR. ENUARAQ:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to Minister responsible for Transportation. I will try and make this as clear as possible. Is it illegal for any vehicle to cross the runway before and after a landing of the aircraft? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

That is a legal opinion. If the Minister wishes to respond to that, Mr. Antoine.

Return To Question 600-13(4): Traffic on Airport Runways

**HON. JAMES ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Transportation follows regulations that are from the federal government. We follow these regulations for a lot of reasons mainly for safety reasons. In the airport, we try not to allow vehicles to cross the airport. I know in some cases, particularly in

the honourable Member's riding in Clyde River, there is a situation that exists which we are trying to correct at the present time. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

Question 601-13(4): Installation of Baker Lake Bridge

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister responsible for Transportation. Mr. Speaker, the new bridge to Whitehills Road in Baker Lake was scheduled to be installed and put in place this summer, at least before year's end. Can the Minister confirm whether this work has been delayed and if the bridge will be installed before the year is over? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister of Transportation, Mr. Antoine.

Return To Question 601-13(4): Installation of Baker Lake Bridge

**HON. JAMES ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am aware that there is some delay in the construction of the bridge over the river out of Baker Lake on the access road. I think at this point in time I am aware that there is going to be a delay for perhaps another year. Thank you.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary. Mr. O'Brien.

Supplementary To Question 601-13(4): Installation of Baker Lake Bridge

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this bridge has been sitting on shoreline for the last number of months. Can the Minister explain why there will be another delay in this project? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Antoine.

Further Return To Question 601-13(4): Installation of Baker Lake Bridge

**HON. JAMES ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I do not know the exact details as to why it has been sitting on the shoreline and why it has not been installed. I do not have the detailed information on that. If you allow me, I will get back to the honourable Member with this detailed information. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral question. Supplementary, Mr. O'Brien.

Supplementary To Question 601-13(4): Installation of Baker Lake Bridge

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Mr. Speaker, will the Minister make every effort to try to ensure that this bridge is installed and whichever road blocks are in the way that they will be removed so the bridge could be in place before year's end? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Antoine.

Further Return To Question 601-13(4): Installation of Baker Lake Bridge

**HON. JAMES ANTOINE:**

Mr. Speaker, I will endeavour to try to get the construction of the bridge done this year, if possible. I will get back to the Member on that. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Mr. Ootes.

Question 602-13(4): Procedures of Aurora Board

**MR. OOTES:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd, and it is on the Aurora Program. My reasons for the questions are that I think these questions and the public debate is good, because it makes the program known to the public and there is an awareness of it wherever we turn. Mr. Picco, the honourable Member for Iqaluit, raised a good question that a board can apply for this funding. Since there is \$30 million involved in this first

program, my question certainly is nefarious. What I would like to know, and I say that because I would like to ensure that the benefits are spread as wide as possible, do we follow the same procedures as the provinces in running this particular board?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 602-13(4): Procedures of Aurora Board

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Mr. Speaker, this is not government money. It is not public money. It is investment money. It is independent, and I believe the conditions that the board of directors run are probably similar to other provincial jurisdictions. That is how we set it up. Let me say again for clarity purposes, I am not trying to be trivial. This is not public funds. All we did was, with the legislative support and the Cabinet support, to bring the thing forward. That is all. It is other people's money. Just like CIBC, Bank of Montreal, Royal Trust facilities, nothing else, nothing more. Do not worry.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Ootes.

Supplementary To Question 602-13(4): Procedures of Aurora Board

**MR. OOTES:**

Yes, I appreciate what the Minister is saying. I wish you would not get frustrated with us over this. I am just trying to find out how do we find out where this money went to? I guess that is the question, Mr. Speaker. How do we as legislators know this is being run according to proper regulations? As I have said, is this done the same way here as in the provinces?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 602-13(4): Procedures of Aurora Board

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

The Member is right. I should not express my frustrations and I apologize to him. When I put my money into the Royal Bank, I do not ask them who

they lend it to. I just put my money in the Royal Bank.  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Mr. Ootes, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question 602-13(4): Procedures  
of Aurora Board

**MR. OOTES:**

Perhaps the Minister could clarify one point. I may  
have misunderstood before. He made reference to  
the fact that I, as chairman, but was he speaking - you  
are not the chairman of the board, you are chairman  
of - you were speaking as chairman of FMBS. Is that  
correct, Mr. Speaker?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Todd.

Further Return to Question 602-13(4): Procedures of  
Aurora Board

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

I am chairman of the FMBS. My honourable colleague  
is correct.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Mr. Steen

Question 603-13(4): Access to Road to Jean Marie  
River

**MR. STEEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a  
question for the Minister of Transportation, Mr.  
Antoine, regarding the access road to Jean Marie  
River. Mr. Speaker, I am under the understanding that  
this road has now reached

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the point of being completed to all-weather road  
standards, at a cost of \$1.5 million to date. Mr.  
Speaker, my specific question is, I notice in the  
estimates for 1997/98 we approved \$20,000 for this  
particular project. I would like to ask the Minister how  
much money was actually spent in 1997/98 to  
complete the project? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister of Transportation, Mr. Antoine

Return To Question 603-13(4): Access to Road to  
Jean Marie River

**HON. JAMES ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the project was  
finished this fall, so exactly how much was spent this  
summer is still being calculated. The amount is  
substantially more than was allocated. I will get back  
to the Member with the exact cost of this project once  
the final analysis has been completed. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Steen.

Supplementary To Question 603-13(4): Access Road  
to Jean Marie River

**MR. STEEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the  
Minister if the figure could be anywhere close to  
\$155,000 added on to the \$20,000, for a total of  
\$175,000 for this year?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Antoine.

Further Return To Question 603-13(4): Access Road  
to Jean Marie River

**HON. JAMES ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, like I said, I do  
not know the exact cost of the completion of this  
project at this point in time. Once the project is done,  
then the engineers and the project managers will tally  
up the cost. At this particular point in time the cost is  
some place close to what the honourable Member is  
mentioning. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Steen.

Supplementary To Question 603-13(4): Access Road  
to Jean Marie River

**MR. STEEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, during the  
debates on the budget, I have identified a particular  
request from my region to have access road funds,

but we were told time and time again there was no access road funds available. I am interested to know if the Minister did in fact increase the \$20,000 to \$175,000 for this year. Where exactly did he find the funding?

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Antoine.

Further Return to Question 603-13(4): Access Road to Jean Marie River

**HON. JAMES ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the Department of Transportation throughout the course of the project year, there are some projects that have

surpluses. When we private tender, there are certain projects that are tendered that were previously estimated during the estimation and, therefore, we have some surpluses in certain areas. In some cases, too, there are some projects that are underfunded. In this case, one of the projects happened to be the Jean Marie River access road which was under-assessed in the beginning of the business plan. So what we did was shuffle the dollars within the department and wherever we had surpluses, we covered the area where we have some short falls in funding. This is one of the cases. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Steen

Supplementary To Question 603-13(4): Access Road to Jean Marie River

**MR. STEEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the completion of this access road from Jean Marie River to the highway results in an all-weather road, according to the information I am given. I would like to know now if this all weather road is going to be subject to the Department of Transportation budget for maintenance every year? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Antoine.

Further Return To Question 603-13(4): Access to Road to Jean Marie River

**HON. JAMES ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the honourable Member is correct. Once a highway system like the Jean Marie access road is now a more of a fair weather road than an all-weather road. However, it is a road that will be used all year round. It will be subject to some operations and maintenance budget which we will have to see where we can get it. At the present time we keep it open during the winter months. We just have to find the necessary operations and maintenance to keep it open during the summer months. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Mr. Ootes.

Question 604-13(4): Section Damage on Highway 3

**MR. OOTES:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier today my honourable colleague from Fort Rae, Mr. Rabesca, mentioned that the Mackenzie Highway was in bad shape on the stretch between Rae and Yellowknife and that this morning no action had yet been taken on that. I wonder if the Minister is aware that there was some damage on the highway and that it presented quite a dangerous situation? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Minister of Transportation, Mr. Antoine.

Return to Question 604-13(4): Section Damage on Highway 3

**HON. JAMES ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the section of the highway between Rae and Yellowknife is subject to pretty slippery and rough conditions during rains and especially at this time of the year, fall. It is especially tricky to go through that area. I was not aware that

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there was a section that failed during the weekend. This was brought to my attention first thing this morning. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Ootes.

Supplementary To Question 604-13(4): Section  
Damage on Highway 3

**MR. OOTES:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have spoken with the Minister before regarding the need to address construction on this particular piece of highway. I wonder if the Minister has plans to look at upgrading this particular portion between Rae and Yellowknife because of the conditions? Today is a good example of why it does need attention and work done on it. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Mr. Antoine.

Further Return to Question 604-13(4): Section  
Damage on Highway 3

**HON. JAMES ANTOINE:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the section that failed is a very treacherous area. According to our reconstruction plans, the area between Rae and Yellowknife is scheduled to be one of the first to be reconstructed beginning in the next fiscal year. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Oral questions. Item 7, written questions. Item 8, returns to written questions. Item 9, replies to opening address. Item 10, petitions. We will take a 10-minute break.

--Break

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Recall back to order. We are on petitions.

Item 11, reports of standing and special committees.  
Mr. Enuaraq.

ITEM 11: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL  
COMMITTEES

**MR. ENUARAQ:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The four family law bills cross the broad range of family law issues. At some point, most Northerners are affected directly or indirectly by this legislation. My apologies, Mr. Speaker, I thought I was in committee of the whole.

For this reason, the committee felt it was important to allow all Northerners to comment on the bills. Unfortunately, financial realities prevented us from personally reaching all communities. However, we did provide opportunities for people to come to the committee through meetings in every region.

To maximize the use of resources, we split into two subcommittees for the purpose of public hearings. The first group including myself, Mr. Enuaraq, Mr. Ningark and Mr. Barnabas, we travelled to Rankin Inlet, Iqaluit and Cambridge Bay. In addition to the public meetings, Members also took part in local radio shows, with a particularly successful phone-in show in Rankin Inlet. The second group consisted of Mr. Miltenberger, Mr. Erasmus and Mr. Roland, who travelled to Inuvik, Fort Simpson, Hay River and Fort Smith.

The full committee then met in Yellowknife in June for the final public hearings. Written submissions were accepted until late August. In mid-September, the Committee held clause by clause reviews on three bills with the Minister.

The family law bills expand eligibility from married couples to married and common-law couples. However, they stop short of recognizing same sex couples. The definition of spouse is limited to homosexual couples. There were two areas where this area was an issue. The proposed Adoption Act does not allow for both partners in a same sex relationship to adopt a child. Partners in same sex relationships are not given rights to spousal support and division of property under the proposed Family Law Act.

The committee received many presentations relating to the inclusion of same sex couples in these bills. However, presenters were split on whether to amend the bills to include same sex couples. The committee members agreed that a change to include same sex couples would be a substantive change to the legislation. Since there was no clear indication on the preference of the public during our hearings, we have decided to leave this matter to debate in the House.

Any Member of the Assembly will have the opportunity to introduce amendments to one or both of the bills in question during committee of the whole. To assist in the debate, the committee wrote to each MLA in early July. We provided an information sheet on the proposed changes and asked each Member to consult with their constituents on this matter.

The committee asked that the preamble be added to each bill. These preambles will set the philosophical context of the legislation. During the public hearings, people raised concerns about issues such as the importance of family and making sure family law matters are dealt with quickly. We hope that preambles will address these kinds of concerns. The committee wants any legislation to be understood by the people who read it. In our opinion, the proposed legislation is not yet written in plain language. We hope in the future the government will attempt to revise the Acts so they are written for all to read and understand.

The success of these new bills will depend a large part on their implementation. Part of the implementation process will be the drafting of the regulations. We are pleased that the Minister has committed to working with us to ensure that the regulations will be consistent with the public direction. We also are pleased with the government's commitment to ensure adequate training and support for front-line workers as they adjust to the new approach in family law. We look forward to regular updates on this work by the Minister.

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Commissioner raised a number of concerns with the bills. The departments have been working with the commissioner indirectly to identify the key issues. Amendments will be introduced in the House to address these concerns.

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In the two bills put forward by the Department of Health and Social Services, there is a particularly strong focus on community involvement and community decision making. The committee agrees with the approach. We encourage the government to take this opportunity to expand the role of local justices of the peace. As community residents, they have knowledge of families and individuals which make them uniquely qualified to deal with many family law issues.

The committee would like to thank many territorial residents who made presentations or wrote us with the concerns about the proposed family law bills. We appreciate your comments and have done our best to ensure the issues are addressed by the Minister. We would also like to thank the Minister and his staff for their efforts working with us to produce the best possible legislation.

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation for the members of the original family law review in the early 1990's. While the bills cannot accomplish everything they recommended, we believe they go a long way toward achieving the results the review members envisioned.

Mr. Speaker, that concludes the report of the Standing Committee on Social Programs, and therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Thebacha, that the Report of the Standing Committee on Social Programs on the Review of the Family Law Bills be received by the Assembly and moved into committee of the whole. Thank you.

**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. Reports of standing and special committees. Item 12, reports of committees on the review of bills. Item 13, tabling of documents. Mr. Morin

ITEM 13: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Tabled Document 105-13(4): Framework For Discussion on Canadian Unity

**HON. DON MORIN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document entitled Framework for Discussion on Canadian Unity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Tabling of documents. Mr. O'Brien.

Tabled Document 106-13(4): Letter from Hamlet of Arviat re: Nunavut Electoral Boundaries

Tabled Document 107-13(4): Letter from Hamlet of Whale Cove re: Nunavut Electoral Boundaries

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have two documents or letters to table, one from the Hamlet of Arviat stating they do not accept the amendment to the Boundaries Commission. The second letter is from the Hamlet of Whale Cove from the Mayor stating they do not wish for the vote to go ahead until they have been properly consulted regarding the

amendment to the Boundaries Commission. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Tabling of documents. Item 14, notices of motion. Mr. Arlooktoo.

ITEM 14: NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion 21-13(4): Establishment of Special Committee on National Unity

**HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, October 8, 1997, I will move the following motion:

Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Thebacha, that this Assembly establish a special committee to be named Special Committee on National Unity and further that, notwithstanding rule 88(2), the Special Committee on National Unity shall consist of six members and, furthermore that the following members be appointed to the Special Committee on National Unity: The Honourable Don Morin, The Honourable Jim Antoine, The Honourable Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Roy Erasmus, Mrs. Jane Groenewegen and Mr. John Ningark.

Further, that the terms of reference for the Special Committee on National Unity be established as follows:

1. The themes that will serve as the basis for the Special Committee's consultation with the residents of the Northwest Territories a) ensuring that principals and resolutions reflect the concerns of Canadians for their well-being and the future of their children including social policy renewal, health care and youth; b) securing a meaningful role for aboriginal leaders in the national unity process; c) recognition that Canada includes both territories and provinces and that the territories must be included in the national unity and reform within the federation processes.

2. Oversee and monitor a Northwest Territories' consultation process during the fall/early winter of 1997 which will include consultation by members with their constituents through constituency meetings, questionnaires and a toll free, electronic mail or web site communications.

3. Provide strategic advice on the range of consultative mechanisms which Members can use to obtain reaction from their constituents recognizing that the NWT constitution development agenda is already overloaded in terms of creation of two new territories and self-government issues.

4. Ensure that Members and NWT residents are provided with regular updates and analysis and the national consultation process with particular reference to how aboriginal and Northwest Territories issues are being addressed.

5. Prepare a report based on consultations and including written submissions for this Assembly to

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consider at a special session which may be convened in December, 1997

And furthermore the Special Committee on National Unity shall: a) conduct its business in a manner approved by the Committee and in accordance with the Rules of the Legislative Assembly; b) be provided with the necessary administrative and professional support by the Legislative Assembly and the GNWT; c) be in power to retain the services of such professional staff and advisors as deemed advisable by the Committee; and d) be provided the necessary funds to carry out its responsibilities from the appropriations of the Legislative Assembly.

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

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Notices of motion. Item 15, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 16, motions. Mr. Arlooktoo.

ITEM 16: MOTIONS

**HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with the resolution portion of the motion read and printed. I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, I got a little ahead of myself. I seek unanimous consent to deal with the motion that I just gave notice of.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The Member for Baffin South is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion regarding the

establishment of Special Committee on National Unity. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Arlooktoo, you have unanimous consent.

Motion 21-13(4): Establishment of Special Committee on National Unity

**HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS Premiers representing all provinces and territories except for Quebec, met in Calgary on September 14, 1997 to consider the implications of another Quebec sovereignty referendum on national unity and how the Canadian federation can be strengthened;

AND WHEREAS Premiers agreed that the provincial and territorial residents must have an opportunity to provide their views on strengthening the Canadian federation and Quebec sovereignty before governments can finalize their plans to deal with the national unity issues;

AND WHEREAS Premiers have agreed on a framework for consultation and discussion on national unity issues, as well as guidelines for approach for public consultation in each province and territory;

AND WHEREAS the framework for the consultation process will provide an opportunity for NWT residents to affirm and recognize aboriginal Canadians as a fundamental characteristic of Canada; to reinforce the status of territories as a legitimate partner in confederation and have to say how the Canadian federation can be strengthened;

AND WHEREAS it is expected that provincial and territorial Premiers and the Prime Minister will be discussing national unity issues when they meet in November with national aboriginal leaders, in December when they meet to discuss social policy reform, and in January before the Team Canada trade mission to South America;

AND WHEREAS each provincial and territorial Legislative Assembly is committed to passing a resolution on national unity and strengthening the Canadian federation on its public consultation process at an appropriate time during the next year;

AND WHEREAS the NWT Government and Legislative Assembly have effectively worked together in the past to advance Northwest Territories' interests in national unity and constitutional reform talks;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Thebacha that this Assembly establish a special committee to be named the Special Committee on National Unity.

And at this point in time, Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to deem the resolution portion of the motion read and printed.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The member is seeking unanimous consent to deem the resolution portion of this motion on pages 2 and 3. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. You have unanimous consent.

**HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

AND FURTHER that notwithstanding rule 88(2) the Special Committee on National Unity shall consist of six Members;

AND FURTHERMORE that the following Members be appointed to the Special Committee on National Unity:

Honourable Don Morin Member for Tu Nedhe

Honourable Jim Antoine Member for Nahendeh

Honourable Stephen Kakfwi Member for Sahtu

Mr. Roy Erasmus Member for Yellowknife North

Mrs. Jane Groenewegen Member for Hay River

Mr. John Ningark Member for Natilikmiot

AND FURTHERMORE, that the terms of reference for the Special Committee on National Unity be established as follows:

1. The themes that will serve as the basis for the Special Committee's consultation with the residents of the Northwest Territories be:

a) Ensuring the principles and/or resolutions reflect the concerns of Canadians for their well-being and the future of their

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children, including social policy renewal, health care and youth. b) Securing a meaningful role for



aboriginal leaders in the national unity process, and c) Recognition that Canada includes both

territories and provinces and the territories must be included in the national unity and reform of the federation processes.

2. Oversee and monitor a Northwest Territories consultation process during the fall/early winter of 1997 which will include consultation by Members with their constituents through constituency meetings, questionnaires and toll free, electronic mail or web site communications.

3. Provide strategic advice on the range of consultative mechanisms which Members can use to obtain reaction from their constituents, recognizing that the NWT constitutional development agenda is already overloaded in terms of creation of two new territories and self-government issues.

4. Ensure that Members and NWT residents are provided with regular updates and analysis on the national consultation process with particular reference to how aboriginal and Northwest Territories' issues are being addressed.

5. Prepare a report based on consultations and including recommendations for the Assembly to consider at a special session which may be convened in December 1997.

AND FURTHERMORE, the Special Committee on National Unity shall:

a) conduct its business in a manner approved by the Committee and in accordance with the Rules of the Legislative Assembly;

b) be provided with the necessary administrative and professional support by the Legislative Assembly and the Government of the Northwest Territories;

c) be empowered to retain the services of such professional staff and advisers as deemed advisable by the Committee; and

d) be provided the necessary funds to carry out its responsibilities from the appropriations of the Legislative Assembly.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

The motion is in order. To the motion, Mr. Arlooktoo. Question has been called. All those in favour? All

those opposed? Motion is carried. Motions. Item 17, first reading of bills. Item 18, second reading of bills. Item 19, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. Tabled Document 93-13(4), Family Law 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Bill 19, Municipal Statutes Amending Act, No. 2. With Mr. Steen in the Chair.

**ITEM 19: CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

I would like to call the committee to order. We are still on Tabled Document 93-13(4), Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission. There was a motion on the floor. For your information I will read the motion again.

I move that this committee recommend that Model C contained in Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission be amended by placing the community of Whale Cove in the proposed electoral district of Arviat. At close of the committee of the whole on Friday, we left off with general comments or to the motion. I believe, I recognized Mr. Todd at that time.

I would like to recognize Mr. Ningark at this time.

**MR. NINGARK:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, to the motion. I do not support the motion. I will tell you the reason why. Mr. Chairman, the motion proposed in amendment by placing the community of Whale Cove in the proposed electoral district of Arviat. I will tell you the reason why I do not support that part of the motion. According to Section 23 of the Electoral Boundary Commission Act, it requires the Commission to take into consideration the powering factor in preparation of its report, this is on page 1, part of the introduction. A) Geographic and demographic consideration including scarcity, density or rate of growth of population of any part of Nunavut. I understand that the fastest growing community in the Northwest Territories is Arviat, perhaps also Gjoa Haven. Mr. Chairman, because the Section 23 clearly states that you have to take into account the rate of growth of population, that is why I do not support that portion of the motion. Mr. Chairman, Section A also talks about accessibility, geographic and by that sense, I do see that Mr. Arlooktoo has a point of not wanting to have Arviat part of the Sanikiluaq.

The distance between Arviat, the distance between Whale Cove and Sanikiluaq does not go inside with the Section 23 which talks about the geography and accessibility. If you look at the map of Hudson Bay, the distance between Whale Cove and Sanikiluaq is greater than any of Whale Cove and any other community in that area. So, Mr. Arlooktoo has a valid point. I support Mr. Arlooktoo in that area because the distance is too far and there are no family ties, if there are any at all, may be very few between the two communities. If you think I am contradicting myself, I am not because I am reading this section 23 in part of the introduction.

Now where do we put Whale Cove in this respect? I have no idea. That is why I asked the question on Friday, what do the people of Arviat think about this thing that we are considering, were considering Friday and today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Ningark and for the record, Mr. Ningark represents the riding of Natilikmiot. I recognize now Mr. O'Brien from Kivallivik. Mr. O'Brien.

**MR. O'BRIEN:**

Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, for obvious reasons I also will not be supporting the amendment to the motion. Mr. Chairman, there are a number of points I believe that need clarification and background as relates to the

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discussion that took place in the committee of the whole on Friday.

Mr. Speaker, for the most part I do not think the real issue is whether Sanikiluaq gets its own seat, whether Whale Cove should remain in the riding of Rankin Inlet or should go with Arviat. Mr. Speaker, I think the issue is the process that was put in place to get to this point. Mr. Speaker, last Wednesday, I agreed with my colleagues that I would accept Option C of the Boundaries Report which indicated that Arviat and Baker Lake would each have their own seat as it pertains to my riding. There are also other changes to the boundaries throughout the Eastern Arctic. Mr. Speaker, when I left that meeting, it was my understanding and my impression, I agreed to Option C and that is what was going to be delivered to this House.

Mr. Speaker, I speak of the process that was used to get to this point, I refer to the fact that it was my understanding after I agreed to Option C that is what was going to be presented. I also indicated to my colleagues that I would not be in the House on Friday, as I would be attending a funeral in Arviat. Due to my work schedule, my plans changed and I did come to the House to be shocked and surprised to find this amendment in front of me indicating that what I agreed to was no longer in place. It was radically changed to have Whale Cove join up with Arviat. Mr. Speaker, that is one issue. To me that is not acceptable.

The other issue, Mr. Chairman, is I could live with the fact that there was an amendment. This is politics and it happens. I do not have to like it. I can tell you very clearly that I did not like it and I still do not, but I will live with it. The other issue, Mr. Speaker, that compounded this decision was when I brought forward in this Chamber on Friday a request to delay, just to delay the vote on this issue until the people of Whale Cove and my community of Arviat were properly, honestly and openly consulted. Mr. Speaker it is one thing for my colleagues, some of the Ordinary Members to abstain from a vote, I can understand that. Mr. Speaker, I have great difficulty when I see some Members of this Cabinet vote against allowing a delay in this issue so that consultation could take place in both communities. Mr. Speaker, we hear for the last two years from the Premier and other Ministers about openness, about consultation, about empowerment and so on and so forth.

Mr. Speaker, this flies directly in the face of what is being preached. I think the people of Arviat and Baker Lake, Rankin, Whale Cove, they should all be given their democratic right to be heard, to be consulted, especially when it is in reference to major changes to their area. Mr. Speaker, I speak for my home community of Arviat. Their wish as it was very clearly pointed out in discussions during the Boundaries Commission tour that they felt due to their size and their rapid growth they should have their own seat as should Baker. Mr. Speaker, we have, as most people in the south know, severe unemployment problems in my community. There is not a whole lot to go around. To me, to put another community with similar problems to join that up with my home community of Arviat, I think is somewhat unfair. Not only unfair to Arviat but also unfair to the other community, Whale Cove.

Mr. Speaker, to me that would be like having ten kids, no job, no money, little food and somebody saying,

"Here, here is ten more" when it is very possible that somebody else, another neighbouring community could accept this community as part of their riding such as Rankin, where things are somewhat more positive and booming with the possibilities of the mining industry going to, I think, beyond the verge of exploding which, therefore, would provide opportunities for jobs and a better quality of life for all concerned. Mr. Speaker, we do not have that in my home community. We are struggling to get by and out of nowhere this amendment comes in to here, also take this community and not only that, take it but we are not going to consult with you nor with Whale Cove. Think about it. Is that fair? Is that what this government is all about? Is this a sign of what is going to happen with the upcoming division? While Members of this House sit around and listen to me speak to this issue and refrain from voting or vote against it as some Members of Cabinet did. That is shocking. Unacceptable, Mr. Arlooktoo. Democracy in its worst shape.

What happened here last week, Mr. Chairman, was to me a betrayal. I vote to accept Option C. Option C which would give a seat to Arviat and Baker Lake and to leave that room two days later and have an amendment in there that I was not consulted on, nor was my community, nor the community of Whale Cove. Who is speaking for Whale Cove? That is a good question. Where is their voice? I should not be here speaking for Whale Cove. Mr. Chairman, I have spoken to a number of people in Whale Cove on the weekend. I had numerous calls. I spoke to the Mayor of Whale Cove, the Mayor of Arviat, and a number of constituents. To say the least, they are not pleased with what transpired here on Friday. Mr. Chairman, they are asking for consultation. They are asking to be heard. The Mayor of Arviat made it very clear in his letter that I tabled a few minutes ago in this House, that stated they will not accept the amendment to this motion. Furthermore, in a letter that came from the Mayor of Whale Cove and from a number of conversations I have had with him and his counsellors over the last few days, they have stated very clearly that they have not been consulted. I will say that again. They have not been consulted. They have indicated to me that for the past four or five months, even more so in the last three months, they have been trying to get answers as to why this is being done. Not to have their phone calls returned. That is what was told to me. That is unacceptable.

Mr. Chairman, the letter that came today from the Mayor and council of Whale Cove clearly points out

their dissatisfaction with the lack of consultation. They are asking further for a delay in the vote on this amendment until they are properly, honestly and openly consulted. Mr. Chairman, that is not much to ask for. Therefore, I will move that we defer this item until such times as the communities of Arviat and Whale Cove are properly consulted. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

I have two things to point out to the committee. One is that we are in committee of the whole, for the record. The Chair is recognized as the Chairman, not the Speaker. Two, according to Rule 59, a motion defeated in committee of the whole may only be introduced again by a formal motion at the same session. In other words, the motion to defer this issue was defeated last Friday, so therefore it

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cannot be introduced again. I would now like to recognize Mr. Todd, Member for Keewatin Central. To the motion, Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am not about to respond to my colleague's comments, as they relate to the riding I represent. I do not think I have once said in this House since I have been elected, any disparaging comments about how well any Member represents their ridings. I would not give him the common decency of responding to his comments with respect to my representation. I believe 82 percent of the vote in the last election is an example of how well I represent my riding. We are only getting wrapped up in the emotional aspects of this issue. I just want to tell you that I do talk to my riding on a frequent basis. I do not need any lessons from my colleague from Arviat on democracy.

The Boundaries Commission put forward a Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission Act. There is no question that the Whale Cove-Sanikiluaq issue would be a controversial one. I have tried to deal with this issue in a very sympathetic and concise way. At some point, up until yesterday, I had intended to stay out of this debate. I have not appreciated the tone nor the manner in which my colleague from Arviat has addressed it with the Deputy Premier of this commission, and in particular a Member of this Caucus. It is an example of bad manners and inappropriate behaviour. I rest my case, Mr.

Chairman. The bottom line is I asked the people of Whale Cove, whom I have known for 30 years, not the last two or three I phoned to ask them what do they wish? Do you hear an echo here? I asked the people of Whale Cove...Mr. Chairman, I wonder if you could ask my colleague from Arviat to at least give me the common decency of letting me conclude my comments, as I gave him the common decency of concluding his.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

I will ask Members to allow the courtesy due to other Members and respect them while they are speaking, the same as they would respect you while you are speaking. Thank you. Mr. Todd.

**HON. JOHN TODD:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate that. You know when we talk about integrity in the system, of course, we understand what it means.

Anyway Mr. Chairman, I did speak to some people in Whale Cove. Probably the same people that Mr. O'Brien spoke to. There was only one issue I want to address with you. The bottom line for the people of Whale Cove, they said, whatever constituency they want to be in, they want to make sure it is a Keewatin constituency. Now, whether that is Rankin Inlet, -okay let us say that clearly--whether it is Arviat or wherever, they want to be in a Keewatin constituency. They have no historical relationship with the people from Sanikiluaq. That is no disrespect to the people of Sanikiluaq. That is all they want. I would agree, which I rarely do, with my colleague that perhaps they have not been consulted with as well as we should, but they certainly were consulted on the Nunavut Boundaries Commission. As a matter of fact, I checked with the Nunavut Boundaries Commissioners, and they did ask them three times if they want to meet on this issue. For whatever reason, Whale Cove chose not to. Rightly or wrongly, that is my right. I have spoken with my constituency at some length on this issue.

The bottom line for them, and I do not want to get into a long dissertation. I do not want to get into the sort of idle rhetoric and innuendo. I want to get into what they fundamentally feel inside. The people of Whale Cove have told me that they want to be part of the Keewatin, where they belong and we have to seek some resolve to that. They do not want to be part of, and that is no disrespect to my colleagues in Sanikiluaq or Baffin Island. They have historical

connections to Rankin Inlet, families in Rankin Inlet. Good people that I know and have grown up with. They have historical connections in Arviat, et cetera. In my discussions with the Mayor, Peter Kritaqlilik, I believe. I had discussions with him as my colleague did here. I am not so sure how hard or how difficult they are with respect to Whale Cove being part of Arviat. The bottom line for me is that at the end of the day, the people of Whale Cove want to be part of the Keewatin. Somehow or other, this House has to resolve that and the Nunavut Caucus has to come to some concessions on this instead of continuing to be in this destructive mode that I have seen for a number of months now. Frankly, it disappoints me.

Mr. Chairman, I would say to my colleagues, bear in mind the desires of the people of Whale Cove. They cannot in all honesty, and I spoke to them today, expect to have their own riding. It is 250 people. I think they recognize that. They are hoping that some of us will take a common sense approach to this issue, will put the interest of the people as the priority and reach an appropriate accommodation so the people of Whale Cove remain in the Keewatin, either with Arviat or with the community of Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Todd. I will now recognize Mr. Arlooktoo, Member for Baffin South.

**HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I spent some time on Friday going over the reasons for my motion. I appreciate the fact that the Members now agree with me on the need for Sanikiluaq, because of its remoteness, transportation links, et cetera, the need for them to have their own seat. I appreciate and thank them for that.

The other part of the motion had to do with Whale Cove and a decision needed to be made on the constituency issue, which constituency Whale Cove would belong to. As Mr. Todd pointed out, there is no chance for the community to have its own seat, even though the Mayor has suggested that is their wish. There is no chance of that. The next question would be where do you put Whale Cove? Who do you pair Whale Cove with? I spent some time on Friday trying to explain that Arviat was the most logical choice; population wise, distance wise, family ties, culturally, demographically, the whole works. I did make some effort in talking to the people in Whale Cove and

Arviat recently. I was on the phone this morning with Mr. Stanley Arjook, the Mayor of Whale Cove, and explained to him what my motion was and why. I wanted to make it very clear to him that I was as concerned as he was in making sure that Whale Cove gets its due consideration or attention from the MLAs in the Nunavut Legislature, as it always has. I also spent some time on the phone this morning with my old friend

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Peter Kritaqlilik, the Mayor of Arviat. I have known Peter for many years and developed a fairly close personal relationship with him. I have watched for many years his involvement in the regional and Nunavut wide politics, and I have respect for him. Again, I spent some time with him explaining what my motion was and received some reaction from him. I will not go into a lot of detail but to reiterate the fact that we do need to make a decision today. We need to vote on this motion, which deals with the question of the electoral boundary for Whale Cove and Arviat.

I know there are people in Arviat who desire to have only one MLA for their own community and the same concerns are coming out of one of my own communities, Cape Dorset. In fact, I believe that one of my constituents called up another MLA this morning and expressed that thought. The Mayor of Cape Dorset called me to say that he has also received three calls from Cape Dorset residents that they too would like their own seat. We have to make a decision.

I realize that Cape Dorset may deserve its own seat. We have a similar population as Arviat. We have as many unemployment problems. Our population growth is very high. Then again, you have to think about the community next door, Kimmirut, it is a similar situation. However, there is a couple hundred more people than Whale Cove. It is even a further distance than it is between Whale Cove and Arviat. In fact, Cape Dorset and Kimmirut have no direct transportation links. I, as the MLA from that area and being given the responsibility of making a decision, will go against some of the wishes of the people of Cape Dorset and say this is the most logical way to do it. Cape Dorset and Kimmirut have to stay together. That is the opinion of the majority of the people I spoke to over the summer.

With that, I believe the MLAs need to make a logical choice and make a decision now. What would more consultation result in? You would still have the

problem of not being able to give Whale Cove its own seat. It does not make any sense for Whale Cove and Rankin Inlet to be together, so Arviat is the next logical choice.

With that, I thank Members that have expressed support on this issue and hope they will be around for the vote. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. I have two more Members to recognize. I am going to try to bring this back into the proper order that it should have been, whereby I would have recognized Mr. Arlooktoo as the last speaker, as it was his motion. Therefore, if the committee will forgive me for that mistake, I will now recognize Ms. Manitik Thompson who represents Aivilik. Ms. Manitik Thompson.

**HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will be supporting the motion. Before I was an MLA, I was a cultural consultant for the Keewatin region and I know for a fact there are more traditional roots between Arviat and Whale Cove than any other community in the Keewatin. Their languages are similar. They have more people in Whale Cove. A large percent of people are from Arviat. There is a very strong traditional tie between Arviat and Whale Cove. I was talking to an elder this past weekend. This person told me a majority of the people in Whale Cove are originally from Arviat. For people that are from the West, it is hard to understand this. For example, Rae-Edzo would be Arviat and Yellowknife would be Yellowknife and Wha Ti is Whale Cove. It would be hard for Wha Ti to belong to Yellowknife because the people in Yellowknife would be just talking about the Aurora Fund, when Wha Ti is talking about traditional cultural community grassroots issues.

For that reason, Rae Edzo and Wha Ti belong together more than Yellowknife and Wha Ti. It is the same similarity in Rankin Inlet. We have a large percentage of aboriginals and half of that population is now white people. We have a problem in Arviat with birth rates. In Rankin there is a problem with the influx of different cultures coming into the community, I can give you another example. In Iqaluit, the same as Rankin Inlet and Lake Harbour, and the same as Whale Cove where Iqaluit MLAs are just talking about contracts and the Lake Harbour MLA is talking about community empowerment or economic development

officer being transferred to the hamlet. There are differences.

If you go back to the traditional roots, Arviat is more related to Whale Cove. For that reason, I support this motion. I have been in the region all of my life. I have not been there just for the last two years. I speak from the elders' perspective. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Ms. Thompson. I would like to recognize Mr. Miltenberger from Thebacha.

**MR. MILTENBERGER:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to offer this point of clarification for the record, so the people know the situation and that is the Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission is an issue for Eastern MLAs and Members from Nunavut to decide and discuss. It is the intent of all other MLAs to allow that democratic process to carry itself out. We are watching and listening and that is the function of what is happening here as opposed to people having a misconception that people are sitting on their hands but that there is a clear reason for this and we are respecting that process. Thank you.

--Applause

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Miltenberger. I would now like to recognize Mr. Enuaraq, Member for Baffin Central.

**MR. ENUARAQ:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand, and therefore, respect Sanikiluaq asking for its own seat. I do believe that when Whale Cove said they do not have any family ties with Sanikiluaq people and I believe that. I am not saying that I am willing to interfere with somebody else's riding. I think the person who is representing Whale Cove at the present time is doing his best according to his constituents. I respect all of them, therefore, when residents from Whale Cove said that they wanted to belong to the Keewatin. I think they have that right to do so. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Enuaraq. To the motion. Mr. Picco.

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, following the debate since last weekend, I think some areas are getting a bit convoluted. I think we have to keep the debate at an appropriate level. We are being watched by the public. After saying that, Mr. Chairman, I do not think anyone here disputes the fact that Sanikiluaq should get its own seat, I think we have agreed to that. The question before us is what happens to Whale Cove? After listening to the honourable colleague from Arviat and my honourable colleague from Rankin Inlet, which represents Whale Cove, I understand now that over the past few days they have had an opportunity to discuss the issue with the residents of Whale Cove. I believe the people of Whale Cove have the right to request which riding they would like to be with. I have not heard that outlined very well today saying that they want to go one way or the other. It leaves us with the difficulty that we have as to what or where or which constituency does Whale Cove fit under?

Under the Electoral Boundaries Commission Report that was tabled in this house, I think Option B and Option C, as presented by the Electoral Boundaries Commission, puts Whale Cove with Sanikiluaq, which was unacceptable because there are no family ties with that community. There is no logistical transportation routes connecting those two communities. It would be a nightmare to service. That is why Mr. Arlooktoo tried to bring in an amendment that facilitates Sanikiluaq having its own seat and it would also allow Whale Cove to stay with the Keewatin region, where its family and common ties are. We would have to agree with that. The concern is, Mr. Chairman, what does Whale Cove want?

I have a letter from the Mayor of Whale Cove requesting they have their own riding, dated October 6, 1997, Stanley Arjuk, the Mayor of Whale Cove. I do not think it is feasible based on the population amounts in the community because earlier in the debates we discussed representation by population and so on. I would be in favour of the motion put forward by Mr. Arlooktoo because it would seem to be the only logistical thing to do at this time. After saying that, I can understand how the people of Whale Cove feel, wanting their own riding. I appreciate what Mr. O'Brien has said. It has to go somewhere. Perhaps they would prefer to stay with Rankin Inlet. The honourable Member that has been representing them has done very well for the last six years. I do not know but we have to make a decision today. That is why we are charged as legislators to pass legislation. It is

sometimes difficult and is sometimes not going to please everyone.

I think that the consultation which has occurred over the past four days should be sufficient based on the statements read by the Member that represents the community. I cannot contravene what the Member that represents the community says unless I would be voting in favour of the motion and supporting Sanikiluaq having its own seat because of the reasons outlined in the motion and because of the debate that we heard here today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Picco. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried. Mr. Barnabas, do you wish to be recognized? Mr. Barnabas.

**MR. BARNABAS:**

Mr. Chairman, I have a motion to present.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

You may proceed, Mr. Barnabas.

Committee Motion 54-13(4): Appreciation to Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission

**MR. BARNABAS:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that this committee express its appreciation to Mr. Justice J. E. Richard and Ms. Sandy Kusugak, Mr. Titus Allooos and the staff of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission for their dedicated work and the production of such a comprehensive report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Barnabas. The Member for High Arctic has introduced a motion. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. I recognize the Member for Iqaluit. Mr. Picco.

Committee Motion 55-13(4): Recommendation to Describe Nunavut Electoral Districts

**MR. PICCO:**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a motion I would like to present at this time.

I move that this committee request the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Honourable Jane Stewart, to forthwith comply with section 24(5) of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, and by Order in Council, name and describe the electoral districts for the first Nunavut Legislative Assembly as recommended by this Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Picco. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. If we have no further general discussions on Tabled Document 93-13(4), does the committee agree that Tabled Document 93-13(4) is concluded? Agreed? Thank you. Tabled Document 93-13(4) is concluded. Mr. Ootes.

**MR. OOTES:**

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

**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Steen):**

Thank you, Mr. Ootes. The motion is in order. The motion is not debatable. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. I will now rise and report progress.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

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

ITEM 20: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**MR. STEEN:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Tabled Document 93-13(4), Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission, and wishes to report progress with three motions being adopted, and that Tabled Document 93-13(4), Report of the Nunavut Electoral Boundaries Commission, is concluded. Mr. Speaker,

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I move that the report of the committee of the whole be concurred with.

**MR. SPEAKER:**

Thank you. Seconded by the Member for Natilikmiot. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been being called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Item 21, third reading of bills. Item 22, orders of the day. Mr. Clerk.

ITEM 22: ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Mr. Speaker, meeting of the Standing Committee on Government Operations at 6:00 p.m. this evening; at 9:00 a.m. of Caucus tomorrow morning; at 10:00 a.m. on the Standing Committee on Resource Management at 11:00 a.m. of the Ordinary Members' Caucus; at 12:00 noon, of the Special Committee on National Unity.

Orders of the day for Tuesday, October 7, 1997:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Return 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
15. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
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
  - 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 Tuesday, October 7, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

--ADJOURNMENT