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MEMBERS PRESENT

Honourable Jim Antoine, Honourable Goo Arlooktoo, Mr. Levi Barnabas, Honourable Charles Dent, Mr. Erasmus, Mr. Mark Evaloarjuk, Honourable Sam Gargan, Mrs. Groenewegen, Mr. Miltenberger, Mr. Ningark, Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Honourable Floyd Roland, Mr. Steen, Honourable Manitoak 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. Sam Gargan):

Thank you, Mrs. Groenewegen. Good afternoon and welcome to the reconvening of the Seventh Session of the 13th Legislative Assembly. I hope that all of you have had enough time with your family, friends and constituents since we last gathered. For our Members from the east, I know that for some of you, the election in Nunavut has brought new political challenges and for others, it has opened the door to new opportunities outside of the political arena. I am sure that you will agree that it has been an honour serving this Legislature and I am going to miss all of your valuable participation in the future.

I note the presence in the gallery today of the Premier elect for Nunavut, Mr. Okalik, and welcome him to the Legislative Assembly where I am sure we will show him only our good side today. We are in the final stretch to the historic date of April 1, 1999 when the Northwest Territories will divide and two new jurisdictions in Canada will be created. There is still a lot of work to be done between now and then. With only 15 days left, there are still many significant issues to consider and legislative initiatives to deal with.

So, I remind Members that I intend to be strict with the rules of the House so that we are able to move with the business of the Assembly as efficiently as we can. I ask Members to continue to be aware of their commitment to serve the people of their constituencies, indeed the whole NWT, in their deliberations with mutual respect and good intentions.

Welcome to the reconvening of the Seventh Session of the 13th Legislative Assembly.

Before we get on to the orders of the day, I wish to inform the House that I have received two letters dated March 11, 1999 which is in accordance with section 76.05 of the Nunavut Act from the Acting Interim Commissioner of Nunavut. I would like to read the following letters received.

Dear Speaker:

The formal creation of Nunavut is now less than a month away. As we continue our preparation for this historic event, this bill amends several statutes that will be duplicated for Nunavut.

As required by section 76.05 of the Nunavut Act, it is with pleasure that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories the passage of the bill entitled Nunavut Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, during the Seventh Session of the 13th Legislative Assembly.

Yours truly,

Joe Adla Kunuk

Acting Interim Commissioner of Nunavut.

The second letter, again signed by the Interim Commissioner.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The formal creation of Nunavut is now less than one month away. As we continue our preparations for this historic event, this bill reflects the determination of all parties to ensure uninterrupted service to the people of Nunavut in the critical area of electrical power generation and delivery.

As required by section 76.05 of the Nunavut Act, it is with pleasure that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories the passage of the bill entitled Nunavut Power Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, during the Seventh Session of the 13th Legislative Assembly.

Yours truly,

Joe Adla Kunuk

Acting Interim Commissioner of Nunavut

There is also a third letter that was written by the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories. I would like to advise the House that I have received the following message from Her Honour, the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, the passage of the Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 5, 1998-99, and the Interim Appropriation Act, 1999-2000, during the Seventh Session of the 13th Legislative Assembly.

Yours truly,

Helen Maksagak

Commissioner

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ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Minister's Statement 6-13(7): Sessional Statement

HON. JIM ANTOINE:

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome all the Members back and to welcome to this House, visitors in the gallery and those people at home who have joined us through television.

Before I begin I would like to join you, Mr. Speaker, in greeting two very important people in the gallery today. I am sure that all Members will join me in welcoming the Premier-Elect of Nunavut, Paul Okalik,

--Applause

and the Acting Interim Commissioner of Nunavut, Joe Adla Kunuk, to the House today.

--Applause

This session is very special. It is the last one of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, as we know it today. It marks the end of an era, and more importantly, it is a new beginning for all northerners. The work during this session will be critical as we complete the last of the legislative requirements for the smooth transition to the two new territories. Before reviewing where we are in the

division agenda, I would like to take a few moments to review how far this government has come and where we plan to go.

Mr. Speaker, when this government was elected in the fall of 1995 we were facing very difficult fiscal challenges. We had a rising deficit and a mounting debt. Spiralling expenditure requirements, particularly in the social envelope, combined with significant reductions in federal transfer payments, meant that we had to take some tough decisions in the way that we ran the government. For the sake of our children, and those who will follow them, the debt, the deficit, and the rising costs could not be ignored. We had to get our House in order.

Mr. Speaker, we were faced with tough choices, to cut programs or cut the cost of delivering them. When this government was elected, we were spending almost half our program dollars on administration. This had to change. The choice we made, and I firmly believe it was the correct one, was to save programs and to find more efficient and effective ways of delivering them. The most visible example of more efficient program delivery was the creation of the Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development from three different departments that had overlapping mandates. This saved \$10 million and made sure that we could continue the delivery of programs previously offered by the three departments. Throughout every department, we have found ways to work more effectively and for less money.

Fiscal restraint meant reducing the size of the territorial civil service, rearranging certain departments and privatizing some services. We knew that would not be easy. Under the circumstances, our staff has been very patient. They have shown true dedication to their work and I would like them to know how much that is appreciated.

The hard choices have begun to pay off. The Finance Minister, the Honourable John Todd, was faced with a huge challenge and the objective was reached. We have balanced our budget and plan to introduce a balanced budget for the next fiscal year.

--Applause

The new territories can begin their separate journeys without the burden of debt holding them back. Mr. Speaker, we have been able to give our employees the security of knowing there would be no more layoffs during the life of this government.

Last fall Mr. Todd negotiated and signed a funding agreement with the federal government for the new Western Territory. This government had a pivotal role in the finalization of a similar agreement for Nunavut. These agreements give us the stability we need to plan our futures. Mr. Speaker, it is important to note the work that we have done over the past three years to ensure a smooth transition to two new territories. This session, we will naturally focus very closely on the work we must complete by March 31st. As MLAs, we will enjoy our last few days with our eastern colleagues, and we offer our congratulations to those who will be serving in the new Legislature and Government of Nunavut.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to briefly point out the size of what we have achieved with our other partners in this process. It is an encouraging sign for the future, Mr. Speaker, that we have been able to reach agreement on virtually all major tasks required to implement division.

As I stated earlier, two new formula financing agreements are in place for the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. We have successfully negotiated an equitable division of the assets and liabilities of this government with our partners in the Office of the Interim Commissioner, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and the Western Coalition. Transition agreements have been reached with respect to the Workers' Compensation Board and the Northwest Territories Power Corporation. We have completed agreements on the transfer of records between the Government of the Northwest Territories and the future Government of Nunavut. The Government of the Northwest Territories has over 200 intergovernmental agreements with the Government of Canada and other governments. We are working to ensure that these agreements are in place for both Nunavut and the Northwest Territories after division and a great deal of progress has been made to make sure that this occurs.

In the short term, the Government of the Northwest Territories will continue to deliver some services in Nunavut until the government there has reached full capacity. I am pleased to note that we have been able to reach agreement on every single program requirement.

--Applause

Mr. Speaker, these agreements have not been reached without the occasional difference of opinion. However, it is

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important to note the spirit of goodwill and cooperation needed to make sure that it did happen. This government and the Legislative Assembly can be proud of the work that has been accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, the division measures legislation that will be introduced later today is the final step in this journey. During the first years of our mandate, our focus was on the smooth transition to two new territories. The most pressing priority was the creation of Nunavut. As we entered the final year of our mandate, our focus has included the future of the new Northwest Territories. The establishment of a new territory gives us a new opportunity to take a fresh look at where we are going. We all want a society that meets our needs and reflects our values. Northern society is made up of many different cultures. I believe that fundamentally we have common interests, although at times we express these interests in very different ways.

- I believe we all want to participate in a political system which respects aboriginal rights and the rights of all northerners;

- We all want to become independent and self-reliant;

- We want our children to live in safe homes, free of violence; We want them to get a good education, through the school system and through their elders and other role models in our communities;

- We want to be sure that we all have access to excellent health care, no matter where we live;

- We want northerners to benefit from our northern economic potential, in terms of jobs, training and business opportunities;

- We want to protect our northern environment for generations to come;

- We want to be able to continue to pursue our traditional relationships with the land and its resources;

- We want our children to grow up in healthy communities and inherit a society which respects differences and makes them feel proud to be northerners;

- We want to show that we can work together and have a strong northern voice on the national agenda.

These things just do not happen. They must be built and nurtured with hard work, trust and respect. The role of government is to provide leadership, to listen, to take action.

This government has been listening. As a result we developed the "Western Agenda" -- a plan to provide us with the means to meet the needs of the northerners. The agenda includes:

- Getting governance right
- Restructuring our fiscal relationship with Canada
- Harnessing our economic potential, and
- Taking control of our resources

The society that we want can be achieved if we all work together and move ahead together. We all have to be part of developing the new territory. We listened, we took action and developed the western agenda, and now we are taking it to the people, discussing it and listening again. I introduced the agenda on television last month and have attended meetings with northern leaders from the south of the territory to the north, including members of the Western Caucus. Other Cabinet Members have been meeting with northerners. It is our belief that this agenda will lead to a stronger territory and a better future for our children and grandchildren. But we can not do it alone. To achieve this we will work with our partners to create a form of government that is right for the new Northwest Territories, one that will meet the needs of northerners.

Mr. Speaker, this government and this Assembly have undertaken great tasks.

- We have balanced the books.
- We have paved the way for the smooth transition to two new territories.
- We have developed an agenda for the new Northwest Territories and are working with our partners to achieve a better future for our children.

While doing all this we have carried on the normal day-to-day business of the government, and, I believe, have improved the lives of northerners.

When this government was elected, Members gave themselves a special responsibility. We could have continued providing services the same way we always had. We could have just let change happen to us.

Instead, we chose to take charge of our future. Under the leadership of Premier Don Morin, we agreed to make the hard choices because we knew that, in the end, we would build a stronger territory. As the current Premier, I plan to continue that work, right up to election day. There is still much to do to make a better future. We do not have the luxury of relaxing now.

In closing, Mr Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the hard work by all the Members of this Assembly during a very challenging period in our history. I am sure that all of us from the west join with me in wishing our eastern colleagues and all the people of Nunavut the greatest of success in the future. Mahsi, Mr. Speaker.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you, Ministers' statements. Mr. Antoine.

Minister's Statement 7-13(7): Minister Absent From the House

HON. JIM ANTOINE:

Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise Members that the Honourable Stephen Kakfwi will be absent from the House today to attend the Prospectors and Developers Conference in Toronto, Ontario.

As well, I wish to advise Members that the Honourable Kelvin Ng will be absent from the House for today to attend to a personal matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

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ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement 18-13(7): Nunavut Election Results

MR. NINGARK:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, 16 new Members were elected during the Nunavut election. I congratulate all the candidates and I also recognize the Nunavut elected candidates during the

first election of Nunavut. I will not say all their names because there are too many of them, and I do not have enough time. I am also very glad that they have had elections in Nunavut and have elected people who are capable to work, and different races and responsibilities is quite obvious. As of April 1, 1999, for the four coming years, the Members who will be in that term I am glad that they will continue with their work. It is obvious that Nunavut will be looked after quite well, but I am saying that the Nunavut people will be represented by their own people.

Also the challenges that we face in our language in Inuktitut, that it will be put forth and they will be able to speak both in English and also I am sure in French who will be also learning in this class. We will be leaving you behind in the Western Caucus so I thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
(Translation ends)

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Miltenberger.

Member's Statement 19-13(7): Western Electoral Boundaries

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to state for the record that I have not, I do not, and I will not be supporting the proposal for 19 seats for the western Legislature. I believe it is too much government, I believe that it is also too much money, over \$1 million a year as we tell educators and communities, hospitals, needy groups that there is not enough money, that we have no more money.

I also believe that it is very clearly, a major shift in political battles of the fabric of the Northwest Territories as we now know it. This is going to have negative political implications for us as we move into a new territory after April 1st. Especially as we ask our summit partners, as the Premier indicated in his statement, as we go to our summit partners and ask for their support for a northern accord. As we ask for their support for a tax window, as we ask for their support for the transfer of jobs from Ottawa and such to the north. It is going to be very difficult to once again spurn their position and not recognize their concerns on this issue and, on the other hand, ask them for their support. I think we are all going to pay a price for that down the road. We are going to have

to work through it, but it is going to make our job much more difficult.

I think we should be looking at doing the minimum necessary to comply with the judgement, which is a 15 member option. We, as a Legislature very clearly, also have to make a decision and time is of the essence. Above all as we debate this very emotional and important issue, we have to protect the ability of the Legislature to function of course. Mr. Speaker, I will be prepared to accept once the final vote is in, the decision of the House on this issue. Until that time, I will be making the case as strongly and as often as I can for the people I represent, and for myself on this very important issue, that the need to be very careful to do the minimum amount necessary. Until the final vote is in, Mr. Speaker, I feel that I have an obligation to raise these concerns. I think it is a fundamental importance to how we are going to evolve as a territory after April 1st. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Mrs. Groenewegen.

Member's Statement 20-13(7): Western Electoral Boundaries

MRS. GROENEWEGEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. The issue of the electoral boundaries was very easily settled in Nunavut, but here in the west the controversy continues. I want people to understand some of the difficult issues that we have been grappling with since the result of the court challenge by the Friends of Democracy. A Judge ruled that three ridings in the west are deemed unconstitutional by virtue of their constituents being under-represented. These ridings are Hay River, Yellowknife North and Yellowknife South. The Legislature has until March 31, 1999, pending the results of an application for a stay to fix the numbers problem.

So let us look at the options. We can redraw all the boundaries, but with less than two weeks to work in, I do not think that is practical. We can address the problems of being too far over the average in two ways. By making a large riding smaller or making the small ridings larger. Either of these solutions would make some people unhappy. In making a large riding smaller, we need to add more seats in electoral districts. To make the small ridings larger, we have to

combine them or attach them to parts of larger ridings. The Deh Cho, for example, could be increased by adding part of Hay River to it. Tu Nedhe could be made larger by adding part of Yellowknife North to it. But there are problems with both of these scenarios however. People are worried that the balance of power to Yellowknife would have a negative impact. That this would become an issue of major centre versus regions. Adding a seat in Hay River and Inuvik make people concerned that the balance of power between larger centres and smaller communities will negatively impact small ridings. Aboriginal people are concerned that any detracting of power and representation from the small ridings in favour of larger predominantly non-aboriginal centres will have a negative impact on the fulfilment of the goals and aspirations of aboriginal governments.

Some people are concerned that we should not be spending more money on more MLAs with other pressing requirements on our financial resources. Every one on all sides of this issue are concerned about their rights to fair representation. They say that the most sure way to avoid criticism is to say nothing and do nothing and be nothing. I think we have already tried

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that option and ended up with a successful court challenge.

What to do from here is a difficult question because no matter what we do, not everyone is going to be happy. Mr. Speaker, I would like to seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Hay River is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mrs. Groenewegen, you have unanimous consent.

MRS. GROENEWEGEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In spite of what my colleague from Thebacha says about 15 seats, I want to state for the record that I will not, have not, and cannot consider lopping off a significant part of my constituency, diminishing Hay River's presence in the new Western Territory in the interests of balancing the numbers. I am not prepared to impose extinguishment on small ridings, or rolling them up with non-traditional components in the interests of

balancing the numbers. From a very pragmatic position, does Hay River need two MLAs? Probably not, but we have a court ruling and a judgement which says fix the numbers. Given the options for adding or taking away, I believe that it is better to add.

The question of appealing the judge's decision is risky at best. We have not heard any good grounds for doing that to date. To be non-compliant with the order is to render three ridings non-existent on March 31st, one of them is my riding. Appeal is also a risk, in that appeal judges may not agree with Justice DeWeerd's opinion that over-representation is acceptable in our unique territory but under-representation is not acceptable. An appeal could bring about the need to address the ridings which fall below 25 percent average. Right now, we are only being asked to address the situation of the ridings which exceed 25 percent over the average.

One advantage of adding to the number of Members is the number that would be available to share the committee workload, and the number of Members available to hold the government accountable. Required greatly in this mix is a healthy dose of trust, fairness and respect for each other in our very diverse, new, emerging territory. As stated in our press release, this matter and proposed changes to legislation will receive full debate in this House prior to being voted on.

As I have said, it is easy to be a critic, but if anyone out there has any ideas of how these concerns can be addressed differently, while still satisfying the test of constitutional compliance, of course we would greatly appreciate hearing from them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Member's Statement 21-13(7): Nunavut Election Results

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome all of my colleagues back to the Assembly this afternoon, especially my friends from Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, I want to first acknowledge and offer my sincere thanks to the good people of my home community of Arviat, for their tremendous support in the February 15th election.

--Applause

Mr. Speaker, the trust and responsibility that my constituents have placed in me is genuinely appreciated and I will assure them that they will get 110 percent from me.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Miltenberger, you are included in my good afternoon. Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working closely with the new Premier of Nunavut, Mr. Okalik, and his cabinet, and also all the new regular MLAs. I look forward to working in a cooperative manner that will serve all the people of Nunavut. Mr. Speaker, there is much work to be done in order to get Nunavut off to a good start. In order to accomplish this, we will have to work closely with our neighbours and good friends, the GNWT. We have numerous contracts that we have entered into that will, hopefully, benefit both new territories. Thank you.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Members' statements. Mr. Erasmus.

Member's Statement 22-13(7): Secondary Diamond Industry

MR. ERASMUS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the secondary diamond industry, which is possible in the Northwest Territories. Mr. Speaker, recently I attended the opening of the BHP sorting facility and was reminded of all the hard work, the speeches, the threats, the cajoling that we had to do in order to get that sorting facility here in a community. I also attended Diavik's environmental hearings and made a presentation there. I indicated that the NWT should benefit to the maximum extent possible from our diamonds, and that over 80 percent of the benefits occur after the diamonds are actually out of the ground, through a secondary industry such as cutting and polishing of diamonds, jewellery, cottage industry.

Mr. Speaker, a secondary industry in the north could mean hundreds of jobs and new businesses. These types of things would be different from mining jobs because they make money here, they spend their

money here, and they pay their taxes here. I might add that these businesses and jobs could be in Hay River or Fort Smith or even Yellowknife, and I must say that they would be different from mining in that the mining jobs are often fly-in and fly-out, meaning that no money is spent here, and the income taxes are paid wherever their province is.

In order for this secondary diamond industry, Mr. Speaker, we need a steady, reliable source of rough diamonds. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to ensure that the north gets this from our own diamonds, and that is because we do not control our resources, so we have to rely on the federal government to do this; just as we rely on them to take most of

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the royalties and the benefits from our diamonds. At this time, Mr. Speaker, I would urge the federal government to do what it has to, to ensure that we get a steady, reliable source of rough diamonds, whether it is through legislation or otherwise, and I also urge this government to keep the pressure on the federal government to ensure that we get the maximum benefit possible from our diamonds. Thank you.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Todd.

Member's Statement 23-13(7): Congratulations to Nunavut MLAs-elect

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, may I just add my congratulations along with my honourable colleague, Mr. Ningark, King of Natilikmeot, to the new MLAs-elect and the Nunavut government, and add my congratulations to, of course, the Premier-elect, Mr. Okalik. I particularly would like to congratulate, if I may, Jack Anawak and Mannie Thompson, who are going to represent my riding in the future. I have every confidence both these people will be able to represent it as well, if not better, than I did in the past. Thank you.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Roland.

Member's Statement 24-13(7): Representation of Inuvik Constituents

HON. FLOYD ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, seeing that this is my first opportunity to stand up on this side of the House, I thought I would send greetings back to the constituents in Inuvik, and to inform them that, although I am now on this side of the House, I will still do my best to represent their concerns in this Assembly, at the same time balancing my new responsibilities as a Minister for the rest of the territories. So, just to inform the people back home that I am still here for them and working on behalf of their interests. Thank you.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Steen.

Member's Statement 25-13(7): Tuktoyaktuk to Inuvik Highway

MR. STEEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Nunavut Members who are elected to the Nunavut Cabinet, as well as to the Nunavut Legislative Assembly.

I would also like to take this opportunity to advise my constituents that I have been informed that there is a meeting of stakeholders for the highway committee between Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk, and that meeting will be scheduled to happen on Thursday, March 18th, in Inuvik, and I will be attending this particular meeting. At the appropriate time today, I will be asking the appropriate Minister, Mr. Roland, whether he will be attending the meeting as well.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Ms. Thompson.

Member's Statement 26-13(7): Acknowledgement of Constituents' Support

HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker, also my colleagues, my fellow MLAs who are able to attend

the meeting here, also the Premier-elect, I would like to welcome him to our Legislative Assembly; and I would like to thank my constituents in Rankin South, also Whale Cove. I will be representing them at the Nunavut Legislative Assembly and I would like to thank them for electing me on February 15th. I would like to congratulate the communities that I was representing, Repulse Bay, Chesterfield Inlet and Coral Harbour. I represented them in the previous Legislature, and I will be asking to represent Baker Lake and Rankin for electing them, and I would like you to be pleased as well, for having me in this Legislature. Thank you. (Translation ends)

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Barnabas.

Member's Statement 27-13(7): Acknowledgement of New Nunavut Legislators

MR. BARNABAS:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First I would like to thank my constituents from the High Arctic, and it is going to be the constituency of Quttikumiut under the Nunavut Legislature. Also, I would like to thank the people who were elected in the Nunavut Legislature, and I would like to welcome the Premier-elect for the Nunavut Government. I would also like to thank the western MLAs for sitting with me in this Legislature, and my other colleagues who were represented in this Legislature. Thank you. (Translation ends)

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Antoine.

Member's Statement 28-13(7): Congratulations to New Nunavut Government

HON. JIM ANTOINE:

Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people that I represent in the six communities in Nahendeh, I would like to congratulate the new Nunavut government, the Premier-elect, Paul Okalik, is here, and the Interim Commissioner, and I want to say that we, in the west, in my constituency, they are very concerned and very curious about what is going on in Nunavut, and we wish them all the best.

It was said that I was going to go east, I think there was an outstanding commitment to hopefully go to Coral Harbour and look at the Kerchoffer River bridge, and also I had wanted to go walrus hunting or something. I hope those opportunities are still there after division. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Members' statements. Mr. Evaloarjuk.

Member's Statement 29-13(7): Acknowledgement of Support

MR. EVALOARJUK:

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and your Honour. I think I have to also thank, first of all, people that we had just heard, the aboriginal organizations that have been developing in their regions since the 1970's. I knew the people when I was representing ACL, some of the Dene people are represented in the cooperative movement. Also for a federation of cooperative federation had membership from the Dene regions, as well as the Inuit regions. They are very well represented and have good representation from the Dene areas. I would like to thank them very much for helping me out.

I would like to thank, as well, my constituents from Igloodik as well as Hall Beach who have elected me, even though I was not elected in majority. I would like to thank the people who voted for me. Also all of my fellow Inuit, even though I will not be attending the Nunavut Legislature, we are always involved in the decision-making process, so I will be helping both sides of the western Legislature as well as the eastern Legislature. Our representatives who are going to be representing us from my region, I will be helping and supporting them in regard to financial matters. The financial situation in Nunavut will have to be taken care of and even though we are not going to be right at the legislation part, we will support the MLAs in that region from the eastern Arctic. I will be seeing them in that area, I am sure. Thank you.(Translation ends)

MR. SPEAKER:

Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Item 5, recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. Roland.

ITEM 5: RECOGNITION OF VISITORS IN THE GALLERY

HON. FLOYD ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For those who are wondering why I did not send greetings to my wife and children back home, I have the opportunity today to recognize them here in the gallery. My son Samuel in the front row and beside him is Justin. In the back there is Courtney and Quincey and in the arms of my lovely wife is Mitchell, and of course, my wife who has kept our family in organization while I have been spending a lot of time down here. Thank you.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Welcome to the Assembly. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. Mr. O'Brien.

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize a friend of mine, a constituent from Arviat, Lawrence Pameolik.

--Applause

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Welcome to the Assembly. Recognition of visitors in the gallery. For the rest of the people, welcome to the Assembly. Item 6, oral questions. Mr. Steen.

ITEM 6: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question 6-13(7): Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Planning

MR. STEEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Transportation, the Honourable Floyd Roland. Mr. Speaker, as I said in my statement, I referred to the fact that there is a committee meeting planned in Inuvik on Thursday, March 18, for consideration of exactly what is happening towards development or construction of the road between Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk, how far the plans are advancing, and as well as what exactly happened with the consultant's report.

That I believe is what we have been told what the meeting is going to consist of. I plan to be at that particular meeting. Mr. Roland, who also has constituents with a very large interest in this road going ahead, no doubt has constituents who would like to know what his opinions are now that he is a Minister. I would like to know if Mr. Roland, as the Minister of Transportation, plans to attend this meeting at all? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Transportation, Mr. Roland.

Return To Question 6-13(7): Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Planning

HON. FLOYD ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Member from Nunakput, Mr. Steen, for that question. I will be attending, I just so happen to be travelling back to my constituency of Inuvik that day and will be taking part in the strategy meeting that will be taking place in Inuvik. The Member is correct, there are a number of issues that are ongoing and following up on further meetings as to where we are right now with the strategies. We will be taking that information, and I am hopeful that I can present to my Cabinet colleagues as we wrap up these strategies with a number of options to move forward with. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Steen.

Supplementary To Question 6-13(7): Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Planning

MR. STEEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In supplementary, would the Minister be confirming then that this particular meeting, at this point in time, the government has no strategy in place?

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MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Roland.

Further Return To Question 6-13(7): Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Planning

HON. FLOYD ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In fact, the Department of Transportation which I now represent has been working on a strategy. There are four, I am sure everyone is aware, the Slave Geological Province, the Mackenzie Valley Highway, Inuvik/Tuktoyaktuk Highway and the acceleration of Highway #3 reconstruction; those are, in fact, all being worked on at this time. As I said earlier, hopefully we will be able to come up with a number of options in the very near future that I can take forward to my Cabinet colleagues. We do have, in fact, a strategy that is under way but I could not give the Member a strategy in hand today because it is not complete. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Steen.

Supplementary To Question 6-13(7): Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Planning

MR. STEEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Minister be prepared to confirm that at this point in time the highway between Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik is still an option, it would be considered as part of the strategy?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Roland.

Further Return To Question 6-13(7): Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Planning

HON. FLOYD ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I would like to confirm with the Member that the Inuvik/Tuktoyaktuk highway is still a part of the strategy and is still an option that will be worked on. As I said, again, once we have completed all the strategies and wrap up, I will be able to present to my colleagues in Cabinet options from that point on we will be able to move forward with. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

Question 7-13(7): Arviat Health Centre Project Status

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for the P3 projects. I am not quite sure who that is but, I believe it is Mr. Todd. I wonder if the Minister could update me as to what is the status of the P3 project as it relates to the Arviat Health Centre?

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 7-13(7): Arviat Health Centre Project Status

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The tender of the RFP closed on that project three or four weeks ago. I believe that evaluating the two proponents that were brought forward, I am optimistic that we will be able to make a recommendation to the new government to proceed with this project, and of course will be subject to them whether they, in fact, agree to continue or not. Certainly, I am optimistic that within the next week to ten days we will be able to get a recommendation brought forward to proceed with the project in Arviat and get this health centre that has been outstanding for some time now completed. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Supplementary, Mr. O'Brien.

Supplementary To Question 7-13(7): Arviat Health Centre Project Status

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Prior to Christmas there was a question as to, this question may not be relevant now but, there was a question as to the Interim Commissioner's Office had spending authority of only \$400,000 and that we have to go back to Ottawa to have that looked into. Is that still relevant or is it not part of the equation now?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 7-13(7): Arviat Health Centre Project Status

HON. JOHN TODD:

Given that we are probably about two weeks away from a new government, I am not quite sure when you will be sworn in, but I do not think that it would be relevant. You will have full legislative and spending authorities in keeping with the budget that we set with the Interim Commissioner, Mr. Jack Anawak, at the time.

As I say, I am confident and optimistic that we will make a positive recommendation to proceed with this project and that Mr. O'Brien and others will then have to carry the case to the new government and make sure that we get it up and running this year. It certainly is my intent to try to get a decision and recommendation made as quickly as possible so that project can get under way and get the piles on the ground and get the project moving forward on the first sealift of this year, which is in early July. We can only make a recommendation and I am confident we will be able to do that within the next two weeks. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Miltenberger.

Question 8-13(7): Affordable Transportation Strategies

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is addressed to my former seatmate and now Minister of Transportation. It is in regard to, in fact, the transportation strategy. In the past, the Minister and I have had numerous conversations about the need to move away from hugely expensive mega projects. They are impossible to fund, to try to come up with a more doable kind of strategy where the communities could possibly each start working at their end of the roads over the course of the winter and summer and so many kilometres a year. I would like to ask the Minister if, in fact, now that he is in a position to influence these kinds of decisions, whether he still has that kind of thought in his mind when it comes to the transportation strategy? Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Can I ask the Member for Thebacha to rephrase his question. You can ask the Minister about the transportation policy that is under his department, but his thoughts on transportation I must rule out of order. Would you like to rephrase your question?

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will not make any reference to the Minister's thoughts or lack of them. I will ask the Minister, is transportation looking at an approach with their transportation strategy that will be more affordable that communities could start possibly working on advancing highways out of their communities towards each other or to connect with the existing highway? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Roland.

Return To Question 8-13(7): Affordable Transportation Strategies

HON. FLOYD ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As mentioned earlier, the highway strategy does look at a number of options that would be put forward and just to inform the Member that I do take this job very seriously about how things flow. We have had discussions previously on how this might unfold but as of yet we have not finalized the strategies. I have not been able to bring the options forward to my Cabinet colleagues but indeed, one of the things we hoped to come out for is a long term vision of how we can connect the north and the communities to one another that would reduce prices in all of the communities by a lot of money substantially. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Miltenberger.

Supplementary To Question 8-13(7): Affordable Transportation Strategies

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I applaud the work ethic of the Minister because I have worked beside him all these years and I know he is a real workhorse. I was not paid to say that either. Could the Minister indicate, given the advance stage of the transportation strategy, will there, in fact, be time to effect possible conclusions and recommendations that would reflect some of the things that he just mentioned in his previous response? Is there enough time left to, in fact, do that? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Roland.

Further Return To Question 8-13(7): Affordable Transportation Strategies

HON. FLOYD ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to inform the Member once we have finalized a strategy, a number of options, as I said earlier, will be presented to my colleagues in Cabinet and from there we will be able to select the best options to move forward with and consideration as a whole, the soon to be Western Territory, when we look at the road strategies. Once we have that finalized, we will be able to move forward and inform all the Members as to what option we selected are we are trying to move forward with. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Miltenberger.

Supplementary To Question 8-13(7): Affordable Transportation Strategies

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister indicate when he anticipates this process will be concluded and the transportation strategy that will be there for committee consumption as well as Cabinet consideration? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Roland.

Further Return To Question 8-13(7): Affordable Transportation Strategies

HON. FLOYD ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One of the things with this highway strategy, there has not been an absolute time line, a deadline to meet. We are hoping that in the early new year, fiscal new year, we will be able to finalize the strategies and bring those forward. At that time, they will be able to go out to the committees for them to review and look at as well.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mrs. Groenewegen.

Question 9-13(7): Government's Position on De Weerd Decision

MRS. GROENEWEGEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Premier. We had undertaken an Electoral Boundaries Commission that this Legislature had in 1998 and the results of that commission were rejected by this Assembly. That decision has since been challenged in the courts and a ruling has been issued. My question, Mr. Speaker, is, what is the government's position with respect to this ruling by the courts? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Premier, if you can respond on the government's position as opposed to a legal opinion.

Return To Question 9-13(7): Government's Position on De Weerd Decision

HON. JIM ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This ruling was done very recently and last week on Thursday and Friday the Western Caucus was debating and discussing it. The position of the government is that there is going to be a notice of motion introduced in the House, Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act. So there is notice to move in that direction today, but really the whole decision really rests with the Western Caucus, and as a Cabinet we still have to sit down and discuss this whole move and at this present time we have not done that yet. However, as I said, it is really upon the direction of the Western Caucus that we will move forward. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Supplementary, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Supplementary To Question 9-13(7): Government's Position on De Weerd Decision

MRS. GROENEWEGEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I am sure the Premier is aware, we are on a very tight time frame. We have 15 days left before some actions will take place as a result of this court ruling. Am I to understand that it is

the position of the government that they will comply with this court order? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Antoine.

Further Return To Question 9-13(7): Government's Position on De Weerd Decision

HON. JIM ANTOINE:

Yes, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we are moving forward. This is the first day of this session and we will break until Monday again, but we are giving notice of a Bill 15, today, and we will proceed from there. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Supplementary To Question 9-13(7): Government's Position on De Weerd Decision

MRS. GROENEWEGEN:

Thank you, the legislation then, Mr. Speaker, that the Premier refers to then would be legislation that would bring this Legislature into compliance with the judge's order? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Mr. Antoine.

Further Return To Question 9-13(7): Government's Position on De Weerd Decision

HON. JIM ANTOINE:

Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Barnabas.

Question 10-13(7): Lease Increases in High Arctic Communities

MR. BARNABAS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question will be directed to my Nunavut colleague, Manitok Thompson, who is still responsible for MACA. I represent three communities which are not tax-based and there has been assessment through the

homeowners, although there were no improvements in their lots, there is significant increase in the lease. I would like to know why there is a significant increase on the lease? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Return To Question 10-13(7): Lease Increases in High Arctic Communities

HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We did a land reform initiative which authorized the communities now to set their own rates on land leases. Under the Nunavut Land Claims, the authority has been given to the hamlets to set their own land leases, so it is now up to the communities to decide how much money they have to collect from the property owners of their communities.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Barnabas.

Supplementary To Question 10-13(7): Lease Increases in High Arctic Communities

MR. BARNABAS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to know whether the hamlets or homeowners were consulted before the leases increased? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Ms. Thompson.

Further Return To Question 10-13(7): Lease Increases in High Arctic Communities

HON. MANITOK THOMPSON:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We did some consultations for quite some time in the beginning of this three years of this government with the communities and also through the NWTAM, so I do know that the hamlet councils have also been consulted on the land reform initiative. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

Question 11-13(7): NWTPC Fuel Supply Contract

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for the Power Corporation. Mr. Speaker, recently there was a contract issued or awarded for the resupply of fuel for various power plant locations in Nunavut. I wonder if the Minister could update me with some details of this particular contract? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation, Mr. Dent.

Return To Question 11-13(7): NWTPC Fuel Supply Contract

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my understanding is a company by the name of Woodward Oil has been awarded the contract for delivery of oil in that region. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. O'Brien.

Supplementary To Question 11-13(7): NWTPC Fuel Supply Contract

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope there are more details available than that, so I guess I would follow that up with a question as to, I believe a three-year contract was

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awarded. My question is why was this awarded with only a number of months left before division? These are Nunavut communities, the Nunavut government will come into play in the next few weeks. I wonder if the Minister could provide more detail as to why a three-year contract was awarded given the timeframe in Nunavut? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dent.

Further Return To Question 11-13(7): NWTPC Fuel Supply Contract

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Power Corporation's operations could not be stopped. If, in fact, we had waited until after the creation of Nunavut, there might have been some concern about whether or not oil could have been delivered this shipping season. It was imperative that the process be undertaken and dealt with as it was. It is important to point out that the Power Corporation will continue to be operated as a single entity for the next two years, and therefore we have ensured that the most cost-effective method of providing fuel for the Power Corporation operations in this region has been adopted. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. O'Brien.

Supplementary To Question 11-13(7): NWTPC Fuel Supply Contract

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, was it possible to just extend the existing contract for another year, as opposed to awarding a three-year contract?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dent.

Further Return To Question 11-13(7): NWTPC Fuel Supply Contract

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, a tender was put out to see if we could get the best possible price, so there was no consideration given to just extending the contract. The intention was to make sure that we got the best price possible for residents in the area.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Supplementary To Question 11-13(7): NWTPC Fuel Supply Contract

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am aware that we have to do what is in the best interest of saving dollars, but it is my understanding that it was a

local company that was also in the running for this contract, and unfortunately a company from outside the north was selected to deliver this contract. Was northern preference considered when this contract was awarded? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dent.

Further Return To Question 11-13(7): NWTPC Fuel Supply Contract

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, northern preference is not a factor in considering fuel purchases by either the Government of the Northwest Territories or the Power Corporation in their operations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Steen.

Question 12-13(7): Transportation Strategy Completion

MR. STEEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transportation, Mr. Roland. Mr. Speaker, my question follows up on my honourable colleague from Thebacha, Mr. Miltenberger's question as to when the transportation strategy is going to be in place. I am a bit concerned about the response from the Minister as to our timelines. I wonder if the Minister can confirm that we will have a transportation strategy to debate in this House before June session's close, and that we will have a strategy in place before this government's term expires? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Transportation, Mr. Roland.

Return To Question 12-13(7): Transportation Strategy Completion

HON. FLOYD ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated earlier, I am hopeful that I can have something which I can bring forward to my Cabinet colleagues and then flow from there to the committees early in our new fiscal year. If

everything works according to plan we would be hopeful to present something, at least so we can have, if not this Assembly, then the next Assembly be able to act on the work we have done to date; but, until we actually move forward and I get the options through Cabinet, I could not give a firm date as to when we would like to see this happen.

I am hopeful that in the very early new year of this fiscal year that I would be able to come forward to my Cabinet colleagues and from there it would flow out to the committees and try and establish and put something in place for the future government especially. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mrs. Groenewegen.

Question 13-13(7): Revenue Canada Forms to Seniors

MRS. GROENEWEGEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is now for the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment. It would seem that a number of seniors in my constituency, and I am sure in others, recently received from this government a form called a T5-007, indicating that they had received income in a previous year for which they would have to now report to Revenue Canada. This caused some concern to these seniors because, of course, this would affect a readjustment of income in previous years, and I know that for a senior this is particularly

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troublesome. I know when I get an envelope that has got Revenue Canada at the top, I do not particularly look forward to seeing what is inside. Mr. Speaker, could the Minister please explain for us what the purpose of these T5-007s is?

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Return To Question 13-13(7): Revenue Canada Forms to Seniors

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This would probably be a better question for the Minister of Finance who may

know more about tax forms than I do. Mr. Speaker, I was unaware of this situation until the Member questioned me about it just before session today, and I have not been able to get a response yet, so I will have to take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

Question 14-13(7): NWTFC Fuel Supply Contract Process

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question, again, is directed to the Minister responsible for the Power Corporation in reference to the fuel resupply contract that was issued for various locations in Nunavut. Would the Minister tell us what type of tender or RFP or RFQ, whatever it was, which was it that was awarded? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister responsible for the NWT Power Corporation, Mr. Dent.

Return To Question 14-13(7): NWTFC Fuel Supply Contract Process

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Mr. Speaker, it was a Request for Proposal.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. O'Brien.

Supplementary To Question 14-13(7): NWTFC Fuel Supply Contract Process

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister could tell this House whether price was the major deciding factor in awarding this contract to an outside company?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dent.

Further Return To Question 14-13(7): NWTFC Fuel Supply Contract Process

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, price was not the major factor. Both firms that did submit proposals were very similar in price. It was in the evaluation of other criteria that the decision was made. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Supplementary to Question 14-13(7): NWTPC Fuel Supply Contract Process

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister would be so kind as to inform the House as to what other criteria were considered aside from price, awarding this contract to a company outside the Northwest Territories?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dent

Further Return To Question 14-13(7): NWTPC Fuel Supply Contract Process

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am advised that the other criteria included things such as payment terms, contract risk, contract administration, risk and flexibility, customer service and the desirability of a future competitive purchasing environment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Supplementary To Question 14-13(7): NWTPC Fuel Supply Contract Process

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, is it fair to say that a company that has been doing business in the Northwest Territories and the eastern Arctic for the last 25 years, such as NTCL, did not meet these other criteria? Is that what the Minister is saying?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dent.

Further Return To Question 14-13(7): NWTPC Fuel Supply Contract Process

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Mr. Speaker, The evaluation showed in these other criteria that Woodward Oil came out somewhat ahead and that was the reason for the decision. I did not say that NTCL could not meet them.

One important aspect to note in my previous answer, Mr. Speaker, was the potential for a competitive environment in the future. This is one area that was taken into account when they awarded this tender. It is also important to point out that it would appear that NTCL will be awarded the contract for delivery of about 85 percent of our total requirements across the Northwest Territories. We are not talking about a huge loss for the company. In fact, they are still going to be the largest shipper of oil for this government and for the Power Corporation in the north. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Miltenberger.

Question 15-13(7): Collective Bargaining and Pay Equity

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Finance. It is in regard to the

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critical issues relating to staff and unresolved personnel issues, specifically, pay equity and the collective agreement. Could the Minister update this House as to the status of those initiatives? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Todd.

Return To Question 15-13(7): Collective Bargaining and Pay Equity

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There really are two issues, or three. One is the collective agreement, one is the settlement agreement with respect to pay equity and

the other issue which was raised by a number of Members was, what are you doing about the non-unionized employees on the pay equity side?

On the non-unionized employees, Cabinet colleagues support me, and we are going to provide them with the same benefits as the other members with respect to pay equity, that is going to get done and is being done as we speak. On the collective agreement, they are out right now asking the membership to vote on it, and I hope, and I am confident that our employees will sign off that collective agreement, because it puts significant new dollars in their hands. In particular, there are some areas where we have had some problems, community nurses, et cetera, along with, of course, every body else.

On the pay equity sensitive issue, as most of you know now, we did send out and were given legal advice on our right to send out a letter to individual employees, indicating to them what the pay equity would be in accordance with our calculations and our belief that the Hay Plan Evaluation System was a fair gender neutral one. We have had considerable success in the returns to date. We have somewhere in the region of about 64 percent of people have signed off on the pay equity and have returned it, and we are trying to issue the cheques as quickly as we can.

We have extended the deadline, if you want, for returning the pay equity agreements until the end of March, and I am optimistic that we will get somewhere between 70 percent or more of our employees signing off on the pay equity issue. Hopefully, at the end of the day, by doing this, we will have concluded a very tough and difficult issue for a number of our employees and to some extent, reduced the long-term liability that two new governments may have if there are any future liability issues that unfold in the coming years, because it will literally take years for us to try and resolve this issue with the Tribunal with the Commission.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Miltenberger.

Supplementary To Question 15-13(7): Collective Bargaining and Pay Equity

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister indicate as to whether the vote on the collective agreement

will be in before the end of the month, so that there will be certainty and could he also put a number to the 64 percent? What does that translate into in terms of a large number compared to what? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Todd.

Further Return To Question 15-13(7): Collective Bargaining and Pay Equity

HON. JOHN TODD:

We indicated to the UNW that it was imperative they move quickly to allow the membership to vote on the agreement as we laid it out. We have done that and I am optimistic and hopeful that we can get that concluded by the end of March. We certainly want to get that resolved. I am fairly confident we will. I know we are having meetings about it in each of the areas, the ridings, if you want to call it that, to try to get the membership to vote. It is something like a six week process. Today, is the 15th or 16th; hopefully, we will get that done in the next week or so. I certainly hope so.

On the pay equity, of course, it changes daily because we are being flooded with letters coming in. To date, we have as of yesterday, we have 2,600 out of a total of 4,400. Recognize that some of these employees are no longer with us and some of them are with us. Right now, that is what we are sitting with to a total value of about \$15.5 million. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mrs. Groenewegen.

Question 16-13(7): Healthy Children Initiative

MRS. GROENEWEGEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to point out for Mr. Miltenberger, that, in fact, this would be it, 14 Members, six Cabinet, seven or eight Ordinary Members. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment, is with respect to the Healthy Children Initiative which was introduced by this government. This is a fund which non-profit community organizations in my riding have come to rely on for implementing program and service delivery in Hay River. I was wondering if the Minister could please up- date us on the status of the Healthy Children Initiative funding?

MR. SPEAKER:

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

Return To Question 16-13(7): Healthy Children
Initiative

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, most Members will be aware that for the first two years of the program, Health and Social Services and Education, Culture and Employment were granted base funding of \$3 million for the Healthy Children Initiative. We found a way to top that up with some extra money, which I believe was about \$350,000 a year. This funding, was not available to us past March 31, 1999, into the new fiscal year. There was some concern among agencies that there would be some reduction in funding. Added to the concern about the decreasing dollars, in some communities we received a dramatic increase in numbers of applications, so there were more programs applying for funding than we had seen in the past. Therefore, there was much more competition for the

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available dollars.

The budget has not yet been introduced, Mr. Speaker, but I am confident that we will find a way to address the shortfall expected in the program. I believe we will find a way to carry on the program with the same dollar amounts in the next fiscal year as what we have had in the past. One of the sources of the funding will be Phase 2 of the National Child Benefit, which will be coming into place on the 1st of July, and it will provide us with some money to put into the program. We are actively looking within the department for other sources of funds which we can reallocate to ensure that the program can continue at the same funding level. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Supplementary To Question 16-13(7): Healthy
Children Initiative

MRS. GROENEWEGEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To confirm that I understand what the Minister is saying then. What he is saying

is, so far as he can predict without the budget being passed in the House, that we will be looking at a continuing source of funding in the \$3 million range for Healthy Children Initiative programming after March 31st? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dent.

Further Return To Question 16-13(7): Healthy
Children Initiative

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The \$3 million should be fairly certain because it is part of our base budget. It was the extra few hundred thousand dollars that the department has been scrambling to make up, that we had been providing for the first two years of the program. I am confident we will find some way to maintain the program at the same level of funding as in this current year. However, that will still leave a problem in some communities where there has been more competition for the available dollars. Even if we can come up with exactly the same dollars in some communities, there has been an increase in applications for funding. The regional committees that are making decisions on how the funding should be allocated may face some difficult choices. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mrs. Groenewegen.

Supplementary To Question 16-13(7): Healthy
Children Initiative

MRS. GROENEWEGEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the Minister speaks of allocation of funding, is there a certain amount that is allocated per community this time, that has been set and will continue to be in place? Is that on some type of formula per capita or what is the standard for that formula? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Dent.

Further Return To Question 16-13(7): Healthy
Children Initiative

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The funds have been allocated on a community basis across the territories. I do not have the details of the formula with me right now, Mr. Speaker. It is a formula that recognizes a base requirement in each community and then an amount is allocated on a per capita basis.

There is a separate part of the formula which relates to young children who have special needs in particular that would have otherwise been funded through Health and Social Services. There are three parts to the formula and funding is allocated on a community by community basis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. O'Brien.

Question 17-13(7): Down Payment Assistance Program

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for Housing. I wonder if the Minister could tell us if there are any funds left in the program that came out a few months ago, I am not quite sure what the name of it is, but the down payment to the DAP Program, where I think \$10,000 or \$15,000 was provided for first-time homeowners and usage of the program east and west, if there were many interested parties, for example, from Nunavut in this program? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister responsible for NWT Housing Corporation, Mr. Arlooktoo.

Return To Question 17-13(7): Down Payment Assistance Program

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is still money available in the program, in fact, we have extended this program until the spring. Originally we had allocated on a regional basis money between Nunavut and the western Arctic and the different regions. At this point in time, a major uptake has been here in the western Arctic. There is, I believe, a third or a bit more than that leftover for Nunavut residents. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. O'Brien.

Supplementary To Question 17-13(7): Down Payment Assistance Program

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One final question, what was the exact amount of money that was available per applicant?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Arlooktoo.

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HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On an individual basis for the western Arctic, the western Northwest Territories, the allowance was \$10,000 per applicant and for Nunavut is \$15,000 per applicant. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. O'Brien.

Supplementary To Question 17-13(7): Down Payment Assistance Program

MR. O'BRIEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My final question is in reference to the criteria that is used for an individual to access this funding. If they have owned a home before, are they eligible? Can you briefly give us the details as to what is the criteria? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Arlooktoo.

Further Return To Question 17-13(7): Down Payment Assistance Program

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The program we are talking about now is called the Minimum Down Payment Assistance Program that is different from what we call the Expanded Down Payment Assistance Program, and the EDAP are for first-time homeowners. This particular program is more open. This program allows

individuals, even though they have owned homes before, to apply and to help them put a down payment on a home. The other criteria that we left open also, was the income was not a factor. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Mr. Steen.

Question 18-13(7): Update on Down Payment Program

MR. STEEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Housing, Mr. Arlooktoo, as well. It tends to be the same subject as my honourable colleague, Mr. O'Brien, was questioning on. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister could supply the House with a breakdown as to where all this money is going for this program. What particular regions? I know this is kind of a detailed question, but could the Minister supply the House with a breakdown as to exactly what regions are benefitting from this program and how much?

MR. SPEAKER:

The Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation, Mr. Arlooktoo.

Return To Question 18-13(7): Update on Down Payment Program

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Several weeks after we introduced the program, we gave an update to MLAs on the status of those statistics and would be prepared to do that once again for all Members. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Steen.

Supplementary To Question 18-13(7): Update on Down Payment Program

MR. STEEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps the Minister could enlighten me as to exactly who was intended to benefit from this program, the range of people, who was this program directed at, low income people, new residents for the territories, who?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Arlooktoo.

Further Return To Question 18-13(7): Update on Down Payment Program

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This program targeted all sorts of individuals including attracting new residents of the Northwest Territories, especially those that are moving up here or would like to move up here to work in the diamond mines, for example. We were concerned, partly, about the fly-in/fly-out workers and we would rather that they stayed up here to work here, pay taxes here, et cetera. We also wanted to give individuals from the north who have moved to other communities a chance to buy homes in those other communities. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Oral questions. Supplementary, Mr. Steen.

Supplementary To Question 18-13(7): Update on Down Payment Program

MR. STEEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister indicate whether there was a residency requirement attached to this program?

MR. SPEAKER:

Mr. Arlooktoo.

Further Return To Question 18-13(7): Update on Down Payment Program

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would have to check the criteria on that, which I do not have. If there was one, it would be a minimal residency requirement. I will supply the proper information to the Member. 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. Item 11, reports of standing and special committees. Item 12, reports of committees on the review of bills. Item 13, tabling of documents. Mr. Antoine.

ITEM 13: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Tabled Document 1-13(7): The Implementation of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, Annual Report 1997-98

HON. JIM ANTOINE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following document entitled the Implementation of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement Annual Report 1997-1998. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Tabling of documents. Mr. Arlooktoo.

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Tabled Document 2-13(7): Letters from the President of NTI Regarding Consultations on Proposed Nunavut Legislative Initiatives

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table two letters from Mr. Jose Kusugak, President of NTI, regarding consultations on the proposed Nunavut Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 and the Nunavut Power Utilities Statutes Amendment Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Tabling of documents. Item 14, Notices of motion. Mr. Miltenberger.

ITEM 14: NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion 4-13(7): Extended Adjournment

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move the following motion.

I move, seconded by the honourable Member from Natilikmiot, that notwithstanding rule 4 that when this adjourns on Tuesday, March 16, 1999, it shall be adjourned until Monday, March 22, 1999.

Further, that any time prior to March 22, 1999, if the Speaker is satisfied after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the

adjournment, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it has been duly adjourned to that time.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time, I will seek unanimous consent to do up my motion today. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion. Item 15, notices of motion for first reading of bills, Mr. Todd.

ITEM 15: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Bill 1: Division Measures Act, 1999

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice on Thursday, March 18, I will move that Bill 1, Division Measures Act, 1999, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills, Mr. Arlooktoo.

Bill 2: Nunavut Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 2, Nunavut Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, be read for the first time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Bill 3: Legal Registries Division Measures Act, 1999

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 3, Legal Registries Division Measures Act, 1999, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices for motion for first reading of bills.
Mr. Dent.

Bill 4: Northwest Territories Power Corporation
Division Measures Act

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 4, Northwest Territories Power Corporation Division Measures Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills.
Mr. Arlooktoo.

Bill 5: Nunavut Power Utilities Statutes Amendment
Act

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 5, Nunavut Power Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills.
Mr. Todd.

Bill 6: An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills.
Mr. Arlooktoo.

Bill 7: Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 7, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills.
Mr. Todd.

Bill 8: Interim Appropriation Act, 1999-00

HON. JOHN TODD:

I give notice, Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 8, Interim Appropriation Act, 1999-2000, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading

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of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 9: Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 5, 1999-00

HON. JOHN TODD:

I give notice that on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 9, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 5, 1999-00, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills.
Mr. Todd.

Bill 10: Forgiveness of Debts Act, 1998-99

HON. JOHN TODD:

I give notice on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 10, Forgiveness of Debts Act, 1998-1999, be read for the first time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills.
Mr. Todd.

Bill 11: Write-off of Assets Act, 1998-99

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 11, Write-Off of

Assets Act, 1998-1999, be read for the first time.
Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills.
Mr. Todd.

Bill 12: Write-off of Debts Act, 1998-99

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 12, Write-Off of Debts Act, 1998-1999, be read for the first time.
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills.
Mr. Todd.

Bill 13: An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 13, An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act, be read for the first time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills.
Mr. Todd.

Bill 14: An Act to Amend the Risk Capital Investments Tax Credits Act and the Income Tax Act

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Risk Capital Investment Tax Credits Act and the Income Tax Act, be read for the first time.
Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of Bills.
Mr. Dent.

Bill 15: An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will give Mr. Todd a little break by giving notice that on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of Bills.
Mr. Arlooktoo.

Bill 16: An Act to Amend the Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, March 18, 1999, I will move that Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills.
Item 16, motions. Mr. Miltenberger.

ITEM 16: MOTIONS

Motion 4-13(7): Extended Adjournment

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am requesting unanimous consent to deal with my motion on extended adjournment today.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Thebacha is seeking unanimous consent to deal with motion 4-13(7). Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Miltenberger, you have unanimous consent.

MR. MILTENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member from Natilikmiot, that notwithstanding rule 4 that when this House adjourns on Tuesday, March 16, 1999, it shall be adjourned until Monday, March 22, 1999.

AND FURTHER, that any time prior to March 22, 1999, if the Speaker is satisfied after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the

adjournment, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it has been duly adjourned to that time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Motions. Item 17, first reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

ITEM 17: FIRST READING OF BILLS

Bill 1: Division Measures Act, 1999

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HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to proceed with the first reading of Bill 1, Division Measures Act, 1999. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Keewatin Central is seeking unanimous consent to deal with Bill 1. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Todd. You have unanimous consent.

HON. JOHN TODD:

I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 1, Division Measures Act, 1999, be read for the first time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 1 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Bill 2: Nunavut Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to proceed with the first reading of Bill 2, Nunavut Statutes Amendment Act, 1999.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Baffin South is seeking unanimous consent to deal with Bill 2. Do we have any nays?

There are no nays. Mr. Arlooktoo. You have unanimous consent.

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 2, Nunavut Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 2 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Bill 3: Legal Registries Division Measures Act, 1999

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with the first reading of Bill 3, Legal Registries Division Measures Act, 1999. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Baffin South is seeking unanimous consent to deal with Bill 3. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Arlooktoo, you have unanimous consent.

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin Central, that Bill 3, Legal Registries Division Measures Act, 1999, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 3 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Dent.

Bill 4: Northwest Territories Power Corporation Division Measures Act

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with the first reading of Bill 4, Northwest Territories Power Corporation Division Measures Act. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake is seeking unanimous consent to deal with Bill 4. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Dent, you have unanimous consent.

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 4, Northwest Territories Power Corporation Division Measures Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 4 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Bill 5: Nunavut Power Utilities Statutes Amendment Act

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with the first reading of Bill 5, Nunavut Power Utilities Statutes Amendment Act. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Baffin South is seeking unanimous consent to deal with Bill 5. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Arlooktoo, you have unanimous consent.

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake, that Bill 5, Nunavut Power Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 5 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 6: An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with the first reading of Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Keewatin Central is seeking unanimous consent to deal with Bill 6. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Todd, you have unanimous consent.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 6 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Arlooktoo.

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Bill 7: Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with the first reading of Bill 7, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Baffin South is seeking unanimous consent to deal with Bill 7. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Arlooktoo, you have unanimous consent.

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that Bill 7, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 7 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 10: Forgiveness of Debts Act, 1998-99

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with the first reading of Bill 10, Forgiveness of Debts Act, 1998-99. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Keewatin Central is seeking unanimous consent to deal with Bill 10. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Todd, you have unanimous consent.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 10, Forgiveness of Debts Act, 1998-99, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 10 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 11: Write-off of Assets Act, 1998-99

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with the first reading of Bill 11, Write-off of Assets Act, 1998-99. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Keewatin Central is seeking unanimous consent to deal with Bill 11. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Todd, you have unanimous consent.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 11, Write-off of Assets Act, 1998-99, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 11 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 12: Write-off of Debts Act, 1998-99

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker I seek unanimous consent to proceed with the first reading of Bill 12, Write-off of Debts Act, 1998-99. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Keewatin Central is seeking unanimous consent to deal with Bill 12. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Todd, you have unanimous consent.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 12, Write-off of Debts Act, 1998-99, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 12 has had first reading. First reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 14: An Act to Amend the Risk Capital Investments Tax Credits Act and the Income Tax Act

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed with the first reading of Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Risk Capital Investments Tax Credits Act and the Income Tax Act. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Keewatin Central is seeking unanimous consent to deal with Bill 14. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Todd, you have unanimous consent.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake, that Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Risk Capital Investments Tax Credits Act and the Income Tax Act, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 14 has

had first reading. First reading of bills. Item 18, second reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

ITEM 18: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Bill 1: Division Measures Act, 1999

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with the second reading of Bill 1, Division Measures Act, 1999. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Keewatin Central is seeking consent to deal with Bill 1. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Todd, you have consent.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move,

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seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 1, Division Measures Act, 1999, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends various statutes to implement plans and agreements relating to the establishment of Nunavut. The amendments are placed in separate schedules organized by subject matter.

The Electoral Boundaries Commissions Act is amended to provide that the act is repealed March 31, 1999.

The Flag Act is amended to provide that the act does not apply to the part of the Northwest Territories that will become Nunavut. This prevents the duplication of the Flag Act for Nunavut.

The Floral Emblem Act is amended to provide that the act does not apply to the part of the Northwest Territories that will become Nunavut. This prevents the duplication of the Floral Emblem Act for Nunavut.

The Public Service Act is amended to provide that employees in the public service in positions located in Nunavut cease to be members of the public service at the expiry of March 31, 1999.

The Income Tax Act is amended to exclude, from the calculation of an individual's income under the act, the income included in the calculation of the individual's

income under the Income Tax Act (Nunavut). The Income Tax Act is also amended to exclude, from the calculation of a corporation's taxable income under the act, the taxable income included in the calculation of the corporation's taxable income under the Income Tax Act (Nunavut).

The Interpretation Act is amended to provide that Nunavut is included in references to both the provinces and the Yukon Territory.

The Statute Revision Act is amended to specify an appropriate short form citation for the revised statutes of Nunavut, 1999. A minor error in the French version of a provision is also corrected.

The Commissioner's Land Act is amended to provide for the transfer, on April 1, 1999, of certain interests and obligations of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories in respect of lands situated in Nunavut.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Act is amended to provide for the transfer, on April 1, 1999, of certain interests and obligations of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation in respect of lands situated in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 1 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Second reading of bills. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Bill 2: Nunavut Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with the second reading of Bill 2, Nunavut Statutes Amendment Act, 1999. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Baffin South is seeking consent to deal with Bill 2. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Arlooktoo, you have consent.

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin Central that Bill 2, Nunavut Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill adjusts the laws of Nunavut by amending various statutes that will be duplicated for Nunavut by the Nunavut Act. All the amendments come into force on April 1, 1999.

The Nunavut Public Service Act is amended to provide that employees in the public service of the Northwest Territories who occupy positions located in Nunavut at the expiry of March 31, 1999, are employed in equivalent positions within the public service of Nunavut, and subject to the same terms and conditions of employment as previously applied.

The Nunavut Union of Northern Workers Act is renamed the Nunavut Employees Union Act, and is amended to substitute references to the Nunavut Employees Union for references to the Union of Northern Workers. Several references specific to the Northwest Territories are replaced with terms appropriate to Nunavut.

In addition, the Nunavut Public Service Act is consequentially amended to substitute a reference to the Nunavut Employees Union for a reference to the Union of Northern Workers.

The Nunavut Income Tax Act is amended to include, in the calculation of the individual's income under the Act, certain income from business with a permanent establishment in Nunavut on April 1, 1999, that was earned prior to that day. The Nunavut Income Tax Act is also amended to include, in the calculation the taxable income of a corporation with a permanent establishment in Nunavut on April 1, 1999, certain taxable income that was earned prior to that day.

The Nunavut Business Corporations Act is amended to provide that an application for rectification of an error or omission in the registration of a mortgage under the act shall be made to a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories. This provision is repealed on the day the Northwest Territories Personal Property Security Act comes into force.

The Nunavut Children's Law Act is amended to replace a reference to "Judge of the Supreme Court" with a reference to "Judge".

The Nunavut Document Registry Act is amended to provide that the documents registered under the Northwest Territories

Document Registry Act of the Northwest Territories are deemed to be registered under the Nunavut Document Registry Act and the applicable authorizing Act of Nunavut. This provision is repealed on the day the Northwest Territories Personal Property Security Act comes into force.

The Nunavut Interpretation Act is amended to provide that appointments made before April 1, 1999, continue to have effect in Nunavut where the original appointment indicates that the appointee is resident in a community in Nunavut and the appointee is still resident in Nunavut on April 1, 1999. Such appointments expire in accordance with their terms and the enactment governing the appointment. The Act is also amended to provide that the Northwest Territories is included in reference to both the provinces and the Yukon Territory.

The Nunavut Legal Profession Act is amended to provide that certain directors of the Nunavut Bar Association shall be the Executive of the Law Society of Nunavut until an election is held under the rules of the Law Society. The act is also amended to provide for the issuance of temporary certificates which permit members of the Law Society of the Northwest Territories to engage in the practice of law in Nunavut for two months before becoming active members of the Law Society of Nunavut.

The Nunavut Commissioner's Land Act is amended to recognize, as of April 1, 1999, that certain interests and obligations of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories in respect of land claims situated in Nunavut are validly transferred to and held by the Commissioner of Nunavut under the laws of Nunavut.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Act, as duplicated for Nunavut by section 29 of the Nunavut Act, is amended to recognize, as of April 1, 1999, that certain interests and obligations of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation in respect of lands situated in Nunavut are validly transferred to and held by the Nunavut Housing Corporation under the laws of Nunavut.

The Nunavut Workers' Compensation Act is amended to replace several references to "the Territories" with references to "Nunavut". Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. We do not have a quorum. I will ask the Clerk to ring the bell. The

Chair recognizes a quorum. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 2 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Second reading of bills. Mr. Roland.

Bill 3: Legal Registries Division Measures Act, 1999

HON. FLOYD ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with the second reading of Bill 3, Legal Registries Division Measures Act, 1999.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Inuvik is seeking consent to deal with Bill 3. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Roland, you have consent.

HON. FLOYD ROLAND:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that Bill 3, Legal Registries Division Measures Act, 1999, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Business Corporations Act, Document Registry Act, Personal Property Security Act and Securities Act to implement plans and service agreements relating to the establishments of Nunavut.

The Business Corporations Act is amended to add new Part VII.1 pertaining to the registration of corporate mortgages. This Part is repealed on the coming into force of the Personal Property Security Act. Corporate mortgages registered under the Companies Act are deemed to be registered under this new part upon repeal of that act on March 31, 1999

The Document Registry Act is amended to permit the Registrar to register documents made or submitted under an authorizing Act of Nunavut. Such documents are deemed to be registered under the appropriate authorizing Act of the Northwest Territories. These provisions are repealed on the day the Personal Property Security Act comes into force.

The Personal Property Security Act is amended to facilitate the registration of documents electronically. These changes include changing the name of the registry from the Personal Property Security Registry to the Personal Property Registry, which is the name used in existing electronic registry systems in several provinces, and authorizing the Registrar to enter into

agreements with persons to govern electronic access to the Registry.

In addition, several of the provisions consequentially amended by the Personal Property Security Act are further amended to refer to the registration of corporate mortgages under the Business Corporations Act following upon repeal of the Companies Act on March 31, 1999. The Children's Law Act and the Family Law Act are consequentially amended to change existing references to the Personal Property Security Registry to the Personal Property Registry.

The Securities Act is amended to permit the Registrar of Securities to exempt a person or company from the requirement to hold a certificate of registration before acting as a broker, security-issuer or salesperson. The Registrar may provide that a registration does not expire or expires on a day other than March 31st in each year, where a person or company is registered elsewhere in Canada or a code is adopted which permits the Registrar to do so. The Registrar is authorized to suspend or cancel a registration where the registrant does not comply with terms and conditions of a registration. The Registrar would also be authorized to exempt a person or company from requirements of the act where it would not be prejudicial to the public. The act is also amended to more clearly define the regulation-making powers under the act and to permit the adoption of codes or standards made by an association, person or body other than the government of the Northwest Territories. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the

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principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 3 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Second reading of bills. Mr. Dent.

Bill 4: Northwest Territories Power Corporation Division Measures Act

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 4, Northwest Territories Power Corporation Division Measures Act.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake is seeking consent to deal with Bill 4. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Dent, you have consent.

HON. CHARLES DENT:

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 4, Northwest Territories Power Corporation Division Measures Act, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Northwest Territories Power Corporation Act to enable the Northwest Territories Power Corporation to carry on its business in Nunavut.

The Public Service Act is consequentially amended to clarify that employees of the Northwest Territories Power Corporation who work outside the Territories are members of the Public Service. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 4 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Second reading of bills. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Bill 5: Nunavut Power Utilities Statutes Amendment Act

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 5, Nunavut Power Utilities Statutes Amendment Act.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Baffin South is seeking consent to deal with Bill 5. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Arlooktoo, you have consent.

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Keewatin Central, that Bill 5, Nunavut Power Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Northwest Territories Power Corporation Act, as duplicated for Nunavut, to establish the Nunavut Power Corporation and to enable the Northwest

Territories Power Corporation to provide services in Nunavut.

Consequential amendments are also made to a number of other acts. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 5 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Second reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 6: An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Keewatin Central is seeking consent to deal with Bill 4, do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Todd, you have consent.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh, that Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Public Utilities Act to authorize the Public Utilities Board to establish joint divisions with a public utilities board of another province or territory, where a public utility conducts business in both jurisdictions. The bill provides that a joint division has the jurisdiction, powers and duties of the board and that a decision or act of a joint division is a decision or act of the board. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 6 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Second reading of bills. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Bill 7: Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 7, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Baffin South is seeking consent to deal with Bill 7. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Arlooktoo, you have consent.

HON. GOO ARLOOKTOO:

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh that Bill 7, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill corrects certain inconsistencies and errors in the Statutes of the Northwest Territories. The bill also deals with other matters of a minor, non-controversial and uncomplicated nature in the Statutes and repeals certain statutes and statutory provisions that have ceased to have effect or will not be brought into force. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 7 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Second reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 10: Forgiveness of Debts Act, 1998-99

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HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 10, Forgiveness of Debts Act, 1998-99.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Keewatin Central is seeking consent to deal with Bill 10. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Todd, you have consent.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that Bill 10, Forgiveness of Debts Act, 1998-99, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the forgiveness of debts under section 25 of the Financial Administration Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 10 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Second reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 11: Write-off of Assets Act, 1998-99

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 11, Write-off of Assets Act, 1998-99.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Keewatin Central is seeking consent to deal with Bill 11. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Todd, you have consent.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 11, Write-off of Assets Act, 1998-99, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the write-off, under section 24 of the Financial Administration Act, of granular material assets held in the Granular Products Revolving Fund at or near the communities listed in the schedule attached. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 11 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Second reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 12: Write-off of Debts Act, 1998-99

HON. JOHN TODD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with the second reading of Bill 12, Write-off of Debts Act, 1998-99. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Keewatin Central is seeking consent to deal with Bill 12. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Todd, you have consent.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Frame Lake, that Bill 12, Write-off of Debts Act, 1998-99, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the write-off of debts under section 24 of the Financial Administration Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 12 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Second reading of bills. Mr. Todd.

Bill 14: An Act to Amend the Risk Capital Investments Tax Credits Act and the Income Tax Act

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I seek consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Risk Capital Investments Tax Credits Act and the Income Tax Act. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The Member for Keewatin Central is seeking consent to deal with Bill 14. Do we have any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Todd, you have consent.

HON. JOHN TODD:

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Baffin South, that Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Risk Capital Investments Tax Credits Act and the Income Tax Act, be read for the second time. Mr. Speaker, this bill amends the Risk Capital Investment Tax Credits Act to retroactively deem the act and the regulations made under the act to have come into force on the date the act was given assent. This bill also amends the Act to retroactively add a regulation-making power respecting fees.

In addition, this bill amends the Income Tax Act to give retroactive effect to a provision of that act respecting the investment tax credits established under the Risk Capital Investment Tax Credits Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Bill 14 has had second reading and accordingly the bill stands referred to a committee. Second reading of bills. Item 19, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. Item 20, report of committee of the whole. 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, there is a meeting of the Nunavut Caucus at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon, for tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. of the Special Committee on Nunavut Legislation and at 1:30 p.m. of the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

Orders of the day for Monday, March 22, 1999.

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 - Bill 15, An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act
 - Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act
18. Second Reading of Bills
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20. Report of Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER:

Thank you. This House stands adjourned to Monday, March 22, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

--ADJOURNMENT