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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1988

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Titus Allooloo, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Mr. Butters, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Crow, Mr. Ernerk, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Lewis, Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Morin, Mr. Nerysoo, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Mr. Pollard, Hon. Red Pedersen, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Zoe

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Red Pedersen): Orders of the day for Friday, October 21st. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Kakfwi.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 23-88(2): Public Housing Rent Scale Review

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Housing Corporation has been working carefully toward the design and implementation of a new rent scale for public housing since receiving recommendations to that effect from the Legislative Assembly's special committee on housing. It is important that those who will be directly affected by the introduction of a new rent scale have every opportunity to contribute to its development. To this end, the Housing Corporation has made the design of a new scale a public process with the distribution of two rent scale discussion papers followed by rounds of public meetings in all the communities.

The second rent scale discussion paper was published in June and the subsequent series of public meetings has just come to completion at the end of September. The schedule of meetings included all 47 communities where public housing is available. The second discussion paper put forward the outline of a new rent scale. In that this second paper was much more detailed in its content than the first, it has stimulated a wider response from the public. The corporation's field staff have taken detailed notes recording the responses and comments people have made at the public meetings. In addition the boards, staff and members of several housing associations and authorities have taken the trouble to prepare written submissions expressing their criticisms of the proposed scale and their suggestions for the final one. These formal submissions, together with the summary reports of the public meetings, will receive careful consideration and will play an important part in the formation of the new scale.

The Housing Corporation's next step is to consolidate the results of the public consultation process and incorporate them into the design of the new rent scale. The corporation will prepare a report on its progress for tabling at the Legislative Assembly in February. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Ministers' statements. Mr. Kakfwi.

Ministers' Statement 24-88(2): Home-Ownership Assistance Program Evaluation

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: This is a bit overdue for Mr. Ernerk. Mr. Speaker, later today I will be tabling a report on the evaluation of the home-ownership assistance program. This evaluation was commissioned by the Housing Corporation in 1987 in response to a recommendation of the special committee on housing. The evaluation, conducted by an independent consultant, confirmed that the program has been very successful in providing much-needed affordable housing to residents of the Northwest Territories.

Early next year we will have an opportunity to compare the success of the home-ownership assistance program with other housing programs delivered jointly with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The Housing Corporation is participating in a national evaluation of the rural and native housing program, which includes the home-ownership assistance program. This evaluation was initiated by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and includes the rural and remote housing program, the emergency repair program as well as public housing and the home-ownership assistance program houses delivered since the signing of the global agreement in 1986.

I welcome this national evaluation as it will allow us to compare the cost-effectiveness of the public housing program with the home-ownership assistance program, a concern raised by the Auditor General. It will also help us to address the differences between the rural and remote program and the home-ownership assistance program. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Ministers' statements. Mr. Allooloo.

Ministers' Statement 25-88(2): United Nations Resolution And Fur Trapping Exhibit

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, in response to measures applied by the anti-trapping movement in Europe and Canada, my department has undertaken two recent projects which will tell the people in Canada and Europe about the hunting and trapping way of life.

As Members will recall, the Government of the Northwest Territories hosted a conference this summer of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Many people from across the NWT and other circumpolar countries attended this conference in Yellowknife in order to present their viewpoints.

The delegates informed the United Nations that in future economic planning, the traditional knowledge and cultures of aboriginal peoples should be considered. The Canadian Commission for the United Nations passed a resolution to support this view. They have asked the UNESCO General Conference, which meets next year in France, to also support the resolution.

The new resolution supports a northern lifestyle which is based on traditional hunting and trapping activities. The resolution will gain the help of the United Nations during the world decade for cultural development. The United Nations will lobby on our behalf to secure funds for a study of traditional knowledge. A copy of this resolution was recently sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Rt. Hon. Brian Mulroney, and to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Rt. Hon. Joe Clark.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, another major project has been developed by our Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. A new travelling exhibit about hunting and trapping and its importance to northern people has been created. The exhibit contains many photographs, artifacts and maps which look at the history of fur trapping and hunting, as well as what is happening today. Many communities have helped with this display, including Fort Franklin, Cambridge Bay, Eskimo Point, and my own community of Pond Inlet.

We have called this exhibit "Trapline/Lifeline". It will officially open to the public at 2:00 p.m. this Sunday, October 23, at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. The exhibit will remain in the North for three months and will then tour across Canada and eventually Europe. I will have all MLAs provided with a listing of the exhibit dates at various museums across Canada.

I am sure the United Nations resolution and the new exhibit will help inform the people of Canada and Europe about how we feel concerning our right to live in accordance with our own values. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. McLaughlin.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Post-Secondary Students In NWT

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a statement which comes out of the statement the Minister of Education made in his statement the other day showing the number of post-secondary education students that exist in the Territories. He mentioned that there are now 950 students in post-secondary studies, of which 370 are native students, as opposed to five years ago when there were only 505 students of which only 99 were native students. This causes me to want to make the statement that with that number of students out at our campuses, I think we have to look at those students, especially the ones at the campuses where we have a large population, as being small communities of residents of the NWT. When Expo was on, we had 300 or 400 residents of the NWT working at Expo. We treated them as a small community of adult residents of the Territories and provided them with some social services, education services, and some recreation services, involving more than just one department of the government.

So, I would like to suggest that the Executive Council consider that, especially during the first month of the year when students from small communities are making that adjustment down south with the registration problems and the changes in lifestyle they have to go through. I think that by the time the student goes through kindergarten to grade 12, we have probably spent over \$100,000 on each one of them and we are not giving them the resources that we give to prisoners in our correctional centres.

Just to wrap up, Mr. Speaker -- I think I am stretching my time by 10 seconds or so here -- I think we are spending something in the order of \$80,000 to \$100,000 a year per bed in our prisons and we are giving them a two prisoners to one staff ratio. For students, we give them a 20 to one ratio in the schools.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Your time did run out. Members' statements. Mr. Zoe.

Member's Statement On GNWT Support To Lubicon Indians

MR. ZOE: Mahsi cho. Mr. Speaker, we have heard over the past days of the efforts of the Lubicon Indians to bring their fight for a land claim settlement to the attention of the Canadian people. These people have been fighting for recognition of their rights for almost 50 years. The Lubicon people should have the same opportunity to negotiate rights to their land as the Dene and Metis and the Inuit people of the Northwest Territories.

I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that this government consider conveying our support for their cause, to the Lubicon people and Chief Ominayak as soon as possible. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Members' statements. Mr. Ernerk.

Member's Statement On Grey Whales Trapped In Ice, Point Barrow

MR. ERNERK: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I have been watching television news reports and observed that the people of Point Barrow, Alaska are working to free three grey whales trapped in ice off Point Barrow and are being assisted by the Government of the United States in their efforts to save these whales from danger.

Mr. Speaker, the Inuit depend on wildlife such as these whales in their subsistence and I commend them for their efforts and wish them success in this rescue operation. Once again, Mr. Speaker, this is an example of how the aboriginal people are able to live in harmony with nature. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. Members' statements. Mr. Gargan.

Member's Statement On Canoe Race To Celebrate Sir Alexander Mackenzie Bicentennial

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My speech would be sort of in line with what Mr. Allooloo has said with regard to the United Nations world decade of cultural development. 1989 marks the 200th anniversary of Sir Alexander Mackenzie's voyage down the Mackenzie River to the Arctic Ocean. To celebrate the bicentennial of this historic event, the community of Fort Providence is preparing a proposal to host a canoe race from Fort Providence to Inuvik, stopping in each community on route.

Several communities have already indicated their support for this project and we expect to hear from others shortly. Each community must be willing to sponsor a team of paddlers and hold activities while the canoes are in their area. These will be true community events involving both young and old people. This anniversary is an important cultural and historic date for the people and the communities of the Western Arctic, and we hope that Members of the Legislative Assembly will support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Members' statements. Mr. Lewis.

Member's Statement On Behaviour In The House

MR. LEWIS: I would like to use my two minutes today, Mr. Speaker, to raise a point of privilege. Executive Members were very, very distressed, and passed that on to Members of our ordinary Members' committee, that many of the words I used yesterday were objectionable and that my behaviour perhaps was not as good as it could be. I apologize if I have given personal offence to any individual Member of this House. I shall avoid, as much as possible, naming any individual and, in fact, accusing them of bad behaviour. I was making a general point, I believe, and I did so within the rules of the House which you, Mr. Speaker, could have ruled on. However, I do apologize to any Member that felt personally hurt by any comment I made.

However, I would like to point out, Mr. Speaker, that in this House we have people of many different cultures, many backgrounds, and that there has to be respect also among each other that we are not all the same, we do not all behave in exactly the same way.

But by your behaviour yesterday, Mr. Speaker, you indicated that what I had done, by not ruling me out of order on anything I said, that at least I stayed within the rules of this House. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis, for your Members' statement. It is not a point of privilege.

---Applause

Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Allooloo.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Return To Question O18-88(2): Statement To Federal Government Re Sealing Industry

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: I have a return to Question O18-88(2), asked by Mr. Gargan on October 14. Mr. Speaker, I do not believe there is any reason to make a statement to the federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans at this time. The Government of Canada has provided information and analysis of seals from the NWT to our government. Our interest as the Department of Renewable Resources is to continue to be aware of problems such as this. In this way we are able to monitor our own seal population in the NWT and be aware of similar signs and symptoms should they occur, although this is considered unlikely. To date, this disease has not been found in North American populations. The outbreak of this disease is considered severe and is recognized as

a natural disaster throughout the world. We have not supported those countries whose seals have fallen to this disaster, nor can we condemn them during the occurrence of the natural disaster. The large scale destruction of nature through causes such as this is a loss for all mankind.

Mr. Speaker, the responsibility for seals is a federal mandate and we appreciate the co-operation shown by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to this date on this matter. We will continue to monitor, in co-operation with Fisheries and Oceans, any threat of this disease that should occur. To date it is confined to Europe. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Returns to oral questions. Ms Cournoyea.

Return To Question Q26-88(2): Radio-Active Levels In Caribou

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a return to Question Q26-88(2), asked by Mr. Gargan. Mr. Speaker, I had indicated to the honourable Member for Deh Cho, Mr. Gargan, that I would table a report dealing with radio-activity in caribou. However, my staff advised me that the Health and Welfare Canada information is in its preliminary form and is not due for release until the new year. As soon as Health and Welfare Canada releases its report I will proceed to make it available to the Legislative Assembly and interested members of the public.

However, I would like to make some general comments regarding radiocesium and the present guidelines for caribou meat. Radiocesium, which is now found in caribou, is a man-made element produced by nuclear bombs and reactors. It gives off radiation that can cause cancer and other illnesses. Radiocesium lasts for many years in the environment, especially in the North where it stays on slow growing lichens. Caribou eat lichens and the radiocesium is then transferred to people eating caribou.

During the 1960s, Health and Welfare Canada measured the level of radiocesium contamination in northern caribou and conducted contamination counts on some 2600 people in a number of northern communities. Following the 1986 Chernobyl accident, measurements of contamination of caribou were repeated. All levels measured in the Northwest Territories were less than 600 becquerels per kilogram, and were far below those in the 1960s. A becquerel is a measure of radio-activity. The radiation received by people eating caribou is less than that from background sources, for example natural radio-active elements in the soil and food, and no restrictions on eating caribou have been necessary to date.

Tests For Radiocesium Contamination To Be Conducted

However, this conclusion is based on several assumptions. Health and Welfare Canada is preparing to conduct further work in the Northwest Territories to prove that the assumptions are correct. The best way to do this is to measure the amount of radiocesium in people who eat caribou. Radiocesium gives off invisible rays that cannot be felt, but that can be measured with sensitive instruments called detectors.

Health and Welfare Canada is presently preparing to conduct body counts for radiocesium contamination in communities where a significant amount of caribou hunting is carried out, and where local people rely heavily on caribou for their meat requirements. Health and Welfare Canada is in the process of arranging meetings with selected communities in the NWT and hopes to conduct the actual counts next spring, 1989. It is proposed that these counts take place in two communities in the East and two communities in the West.

It would be desirable to measure about 200 people in each of the selected communities with a balance among women, men and children. A mix will also be achieved among those who eat a lot of caribou and those who eat little or none. The measurement process is very simple and takes about five minutes. No harm or discomfort is associated with the test. Some individuals will also be asked to supply information about what they have been eating recently. Any man, woman or child in the selected communities may volunteer to be a part of this study. A report

on the results of the measurements would be made available to the department and the involved communities about a month after the review.

No National Standard For Contamination Levels

As for the standards related to contamination of caribou meat, there is no national standard at this time. Following the Chernobyl accident, the Department of National Health and Welfare set an interim screening limit of 300 becquerels per kilogram for imported food products. This limit is still in effect. In 1987, a federal/provincial ad hoc task force on nuclear emergency intervention levels was established to advise the Department of National Health and Welfare on acceptable radio-activity levels in foods in the event of another nuclear accident. The task was to establish radio-activity levels of food, immediately following a nuclear accident in or close to Canada, that would establish a base for internationally accepted dose limits and principles. The recommendation of this task force was that radiocesium-137 levels could be as high as 3500 becquerels per kilogram in meat. These recommendations have not been adopted by the Department of National Health and Welfare. They are being considered in the context of the global debate on this subject to achieve international harmonization of levels. It is expected that consensus on an international standard will be reached in 1989. Health and Welfare Canada will most likely adopt the standard for Canadian use.

It is reassuring that the levels of radiation found in caribou following the Chernobyl accident were lower than during the 1960s. I anticipate that the body counts to be done in the spring will conclude that the radiation levels in caribou meat are within safe levels. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Returns to oral questions. Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O19-88(2): Reduction In Fort Providence Wood Bison Quota

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to Question O19-88(2), asked by Mr. McLaughlin on October 14th. My department issued a management plan for wood bison in the summer of 1987. This plan outlines a conservative management strategy designed to maximize benefit to northerners while ensuring the health of the herd. Allowances have been made for kills from wolves as well as accidental death. The quotas were developed on this basis for two years, to be followed by a review. The present allocation of tags to Fort Providence and other communities will not change as a result of the highway accidents in their area. However...

---Laughter

...if the number of highway accidents increases greatly, this will be taken into account in the review of the plan. If necessary, quotas will then be changed for the herd. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I will be flying to Hay River this afternoon to pick up my vehicle. The estimated damage was \$2400.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O77-88(2): "Trapline/Lifeline" Museum Exhibit Dates

To get back to the Minister on what he just said, the Ministers' statement today indicates, in his second last paragraph, "The exhibit will remain in the North for three months and will then tour across Canada and eventually Europe." He then goes on to say, "I will have all MLAs provided with a listing of the exhibit dates at various museums across Canada." I also have a letter written by the Minister on October 20th, that was yesterday, with the "Trapline/Lifeline" exhibit museum tour and it does show the schedule here. I would like to ask the Minister, what is this statement that was made that was a little bit out of date?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O77-88(2): "Trapline/Lifeline" Museum Exhibit Dates

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, as you know, dates could always change but I have the most recent dates available to all the Members and I will be sending them out today. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Zoe.

Question O78-88(2): Capital Funding For Band Offices

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Government Leader. I believe he is acting for Municipal and Community Affairs. Last session I raised the issue of capital funding for band offices and the reply that the Minister has given me was that it was not resolved between Indian Affairs and that particular department. Could I ask the Minister if that issue has been resolved?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Zoe. To the Acting Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O78-88(2): Capital Funding For Band Offices

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, no, the issue has not been resolved. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Zoe.

Supplementary To Question O78-88(2): Capital Funding For Band Offices

MR. ZOE: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, what is the department strategy in order to resolve this particular issue, because it has been dragging on for a number of years now. Mr. Wray indicated to me at the last session that he had at least two drawers full of correspondence between the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and his particular department. They are throwing the ball back and forth between Indian Affairs and the department. When are they going to get down to the bottom of it and get this thing resolved?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O78-88(2): Capital Funding For Band Offices

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I can assure the honourable Member that our government is extremely anxious to resolve this issue, as well. It was announced during the last session that a team of senior officials from our government and Indian Affairs has been asked to review the delivery of services to native people in the NWT, and amongst the very large number of issues is the issue of responsibility for band office capital funding. There have been some informal meetings aimed at agreeing upon an approach to the review, but frankly, we are a long way apart. The federal agenda seems complicated by certain ambiguities within the Department of Indian Affairs themselves, between support for the concept of delivery of services through public government and the national policy of Indian self-government.

We are working hard on resolving those issues, Mr. Speaker. I am hopeful that some progress will be made this year. It looks as though there may be a resolution of the matter of grants in lieu of taxes, but I cannot promise that this is going to be an easy matter to resolve. But I can assure the honourable Member that we have assigned senior officials to the task and we are aware of the importance it is to communities and community leaders in the NWT. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. The Chair would like to recognize in the gallery today an esteemed former colleague, Mr. Bob MacQuarrie...

---Applause

...and his grade 11 and grade 12 northern studies class from Sir John Franklin Territorial High School. Welcome.

We are on oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question O79-88(2): Draft Policy On Affirmative Action

MR. LEWIS: Merci bien, Monsieur le President. Today, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question to the Minister responsible for Social Services. Last night I was at a meeting and I was told that there had been some draft policies circulated on the affirmative action program, but I was told I could not see them because they had been given, confidentially and personally, to a select group of people. Would the Minister undertake to make that draft policy on affirmative action available to this House?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Madam Minister.

Return To Question O79-88(2): Draft Policy On Affirmative Action

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to clarify that. I will take that question as the Minister of Personnel and Equal Employment. First of all, I would like to thank the Member for giving me notice of this question. In regard to his request, I am sorry to advise him that the policy was indeed given to the members of the affirmative action advisory committee for their comments prior to the policy being approved through the cabinet. It is the policy that was initially developed in conjunction with Equal Employment and the affirmative action advisory council. Because of the fact that the policy has not gone through cabinet for approval or discussion, I am sorry I will not be able to consider tabling such a policy in the House. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Kilabuk.

Question O80-88(2): Community Centre For Clyde River

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, my question is coming from Clyde River. The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs is absent, but I am sure someone will be able to respond to it. Clyde River has requested a community centre but they have not been told when they can expect to get one. My question is, when is there a capital plan to build such a facility in Clyde River? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. Any Acting Minister for Municipal and Community Affairs? Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Member's indulgence to take that question as notice. I will provide an answer as soon as possible this session. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. The question is taken as notice. Mr. Ernerk.

Question O81-88(2): Reductions In Air Fares

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Government Services. I believe that people who have to travel by airplane and do not have enough funds for ticket fares, will be able to travel within the North more. Last month, for example, First Air said that air fares from Rankin Inlet to Yellowknife, beginning November 1, will be 35 per cent less. How do they work out the discounts and what is the reason behind them? I know this is a good thing, Mr. Speaker, but what is the justification for cutting down these air fares? That is a major percentage reduction. Perhaps, Mr. Speaker, it is possible for all the

airlines, say Calm Air, NWT Air, to decrease their fares as First Air has done. So, is it possible, Mr. Speaker, to reduce the air fares that the airlines are charging currently?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Whatever moves these companies to reduce their rates is a puzzle to me right now. If we knew why they did, we would encourage them to do it all over the place. That question would require some research, as that would give a comprehensive response to the Member. I will undertake to do that and get back to him as soon as possible. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. The question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have got a question for the Minister of Health relevant to the fact that there is a supplementary estimate which is going to appear before this committee of the whole of this Assembly that shows two or three million dollars...

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin, a question is not in order that asks about something which the House has not officially been apprised of. The supplementary is not in front of the House yet. That is a supposition. Mr. McLaughlin.

Question O82-88(2): Plan Showing Person Years After Health Transfer

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry. I thought the bill had been tabled. I would like to ask the Minister if she will be able to make available, before any debate occurs in this House relevant to the health transfer, a plan that the Department of Health prepared previously, showing the person years and where they would be in the regions while all the money was going to be spent in the Department of Health. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Ms Cournoyea.

Return To Question O82-88(2): Plan Showing Person Years After Health Transfer

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I will do the best I can but I hope that the honourable Member will consider that in the transfer of the health responsibility from the federal to the territorial government increments of person years and/or dollars were taken from various departments and calculated in the overall transfer. So I will do the best I can but I hope that he will know that there are going to be some questions on the material because it was not totally consolidated and was a matter of negotiations. So I will endeavour to do that but the material may not be as concise and detailed as he wishes.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Zoe.

Question O83-88(2): Social Services Internal Committee Structure Review

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister responsible for Social Services. Last year, in June I believe, there was an internal committee structure review of regulations and guidelines of the department, in particular relative to social assistance. This committee comprised of middle management people from within the department from all regions. I believe they conducted this review. Can I ask the Minister as to where this review stands, if she had an opportunity to review the committee's recommendations? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Return To Question O83-88(2): Social Services Internal Committee Structure Review

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the Member for notice of this question. The review that had taken place was initially targeted for completion for the end of June. However, there were difficulties in meeting that time frame, and it was to be completed by the end of September. The review is basically the co-ordinating of the recommendations and it is anticipated that the recommendations should be to my office, from the department, in the somewhat near future.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Oral questions. Mr. McLaughlin.

Question O84-88(2): Status Of Agreements Signed Previous To Election

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Government Leader. I am sorry that I could not give him notice of this question, but your ruling me out of order previously has sort of changed my game plan on this issue. I would like to ask the Government Leader, in light of the accord that was signed between our government and the federal government, the arctic accord on energy, which commits the Government of Canada after the federal election to still have talks with us involving that accord, how he compares that accord with the agreement that was signed by our government, which included memorandums of understanding with native people on the health transfer, which only went ahead on the condition that native people agreed with it, and only went ahead on the condition that the regional steering committees would agree, so that there would not have been an agreement between our government and the native organizations and the federal government.

Since there has been a general election called up here, does that mean that the agreements we signed previous to that election regarding the health transfer no longer stand between our government and the native people?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Return To Question O84-88(2): Status Of Agreements Signed Previous To Election

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member has first asked me to compare the northern energy accord agreements with understandings reached between aboriginal organizations respecting health transfer. In the case of the northern energy accord, there was a memorandum of agreement with the federal government which made certain undertakings with respect to involving aboriginal people in negotiations and as well, respecting aboriginal rights and respecting land claims. I am not as familiar with the memorandum of understanding with the Government of Canada with respect to the health transfer but I do believe it contains similar undertakings about involving aboriginal people.

I find that comparing is a bit difficult. Mr. Speaker, I can assure the Member and the House that this government is committed and remains committed to undertakings that may have been made by a previous Minister of Health in a previous government. I do not think we would in any way seek to use the fact of a territorial election to renege on commitments that might have been made earlier, if that is what the Member is suggesting. I think we are committed to, as best as possible, following through with the discussions undertaken on health transfer with the steering committees and to continuing to work with aboriginal organizations to make sure that they are fully involved with the establishment of health boards and the implementation of this new responsibility within the Territories. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O85-88(2): Teacher And School For Kakisa

MR. GARGAN: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education. Last spring Kakisa children were going to school in Fort Simpson. The hostel is now

closed. The Minister mentioned at that time that we might have a teacher at Kakisa. School has started already, and I would like to ask him if we have a teacher over there, if the teacher is there already and if there are any plans for a school in Kakisa in the future.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Minister of Education, Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O85-88(2): Teacher And School For Kakisa

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, the population of Kakisa is, I understand, such that there are very few young children, preschool age children. So, there is not any need to build a school in Kakisa. Right now there are 10 school aged children living in Kakisa and what they were doing previously was being home boarded in Fort Providence, or else living in a hostel.

Right now, as I understand it, there are three children that are of school age that are not attending school. So, one child that is eight years old is being locally boarded in Providence and four were accommodated in Lapointe Hall in Simpson. Two teenagers who are about 16 years of age are not attenders, after spending several years in Simpson. There was a motion passed on October 7th by the Deh Cho Regional Council that a school be built by the start of the 1987-88 school year. The possible enrolment we have is that last year the possible enrolment was 10 and the possible enrolment now is seven. It will stay at seven for the next year and possibly even drop in 1990-91.

Right now there is no funding identified in the capital plan for a new school in Kakisa. That part of it is a decision as we would have in places like Colville Lake or any other remote communities that presently do not have government services. For instance, in Colville Lake there is no road; there are no government personnel; no government building per se except some cabins. Medical services has a service cabin there, as does the RCMP. That is what we are trying to do in Kakisa and I do not know if the teacher has moved there. We needed to provide temporary facilities, to make sure that there was accommodation and a classroom, which was going to be a temporary measure, by moving portables in there. There is nothing planned for a permanent facility and that was the condition under which I agreed to provide these services in Kakisa.

The same applies in a place like Colville Lake, where we are using the community hall for classroom facilities, and a local house is being used by the teacher, because we do not know what the enrolment is going to be next year or the year after. What it looks like is that there is not any great increase in the number of students that are going to be requiring enrolment in elementary schools in the next few years. Aside from it, it is just requiring an overall government approach to what do we do with communities like this that are very few in number, from 60 to 80 people, and they start asking for schools. They require electrical power; we put power poles in there; power plants; we would be required to put in public roads; irrigation ditches; all those things that those communities have.

It is a question that no one has an answer to in a case where a community may just by design decrease in population rather than increase. That is why the action has been taken as it is, to keep an eye on it. We will provide a teacher if the students are going to be taught there. I am not certain if the facilities have been provided yet so I could get back to the Member on that particular part of the question later.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Butters.

Question O86-88(2): Suspension Of Ferry Service At Mackenzie Crossing At Arctic Red River

MR. BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have an urgent question for the Minister responsible for DPW. I regret that I could not give her notice but as she well knows, the Mackenzie crossing is freezing and, I believe, it was announced this morning that ferry operation has been suspended at that crossing. I am aware that after September 30th the service is provided on a day-to-day basis. I think there is an attempt made to warn potential users of that service or give them 24 hours notice of a closure.

I just wonder if the Minister would personally, if she has not done so already, contact the people operating the ferry, as there was no 24 hour warning given, and ask them if they could give their full effort to attempt to maintain that service and keep it open a little bit longer so that vehicles waiting across the river are accommodated and transported before freeze-up. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Speaker, the honourable Member is correct that there was a requirement that we give 24 hours notice. I am aware of this situation. I have just become aware of it this morning so we are doing everything we can to deal with the ferry operator to accommodate the people who were not informed and have their vehicles on one side of the river. So, I take this as notice and thank the Member for bringing this to my attention, because I believe that when we make commitments on giving notice on these types of services that it is part of the requirement that we live up to those expectations.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O87-88(2): Holdup Regarding Custom Adoption

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Social Services. I understood the Minister to say that the NWT Bar Association was doing a review regarding custom adoption. I also understand that some of the people in my own constituency did file for custom adoption some eight to nine months ago, and to date have had no response as to whether their adoption has been accepted or not. I would like to ask the Minister what seems to be the holdup with regard to this whole issue of custom adoption, and why there is such a long delay, because anything could happen in nine months.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Madam Minister.

Return To Question O87-88(2): Holdup Regarding Custom Adoption

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regard to custom adoption, I would like to make it clear to the Minister that it is a responsibility of our department to assist individuals in the administrative format of filling out the necessary forms required for custom adoption. However, the procedure for custom adoption is, as we all know, through the court system, which possibly is, in these instances, the case for holding up the custom adoption process. However, I believe it is the responsibility of the Department of Justice to determine the status on custom adoption files that have been processed. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Question O88-88(2): Delay In Processing Custom Adoption Applications

MR. GARGAN: I will then, Mr. Speaker, direct my question to the Minister of Justice. The issue of custom adoption normally takes less than four days to process, yet I understand there is a backlog of applications that still have not been put through. I would like to ask the Minister what seems to be the holdup on that, because it was a custom that was practised and was accepted by the courts; but that is no longer the case, I believe. I would like to ask the Minister what seems to be the problem.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice and get the information back to the Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Zoe.

Question O89-88(2): Review Of Custom Adoption By Law Reform Committee

MR. ZOE: Mahsi cho, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to Mr. Gargan's question. On February 19 I asked the same question in relation to custom adoption. At that time the Minister responsible for Social Services indicated that the whole question of custom adoption was under review with the law reform committee. Has that review been concluded? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

Return To Question O89-88(2): Review Of Custom Adoption By Law Reform Committee

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: If Members will recall, the law reform committee did a very preliminary study of the question. There was a lot of concern expressed by people across the Territories on this sensitive issue. Because of that concern, the law reform committee is not looking at it, and we are trying to look at it in a different context. I think in the joint study between the Department of Social Services and the Department of Justice on the whole area of family law, this is going to be one thing they will be looking at through that medium as opposed to the law reform committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Zoe.

Supplementary To Question O89-88(2): Review Of Custom Adoption By Law Reform Committee

MR. ZOE: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I am a little bit puzzled with this particular question of custom adoption. During the last session, the government gave us a response saying that the item was under review by the law reform committee. Now the Minister is indicating, no, they are not even looking at it now. I do not know where this issue stands now. I am a little bit puzzled. Now he is saying it is back within the Department of Social Services. Could he give us a further explanation as to where the whole issue of custom adoption is?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Mr. Minister, could you clarify?

Further Return To Question O89-88(2): Review Of Custom Adoption By Law Reform Committee

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I thought I did clarify it. It is a very sensitive issue, as the Member knows. There are two schools of thought on the issue. One school of thought is that there should be more safeguards built into the system. The other school of thought is that the system should be made as streamlined as possible. Once the law reform committee did a preliminary look at it, it was decided that the issue was so sensitive that their structure is not set up to handle it in the proper way. The Department of Justice, along with the Department of Social Services, is in the process of doing a very comprehensive review of the whole area of family law. There has been set up a committee with membership from right across the Territories, from native organizations, from communities. We thought that was a much better forum to deal with this very sensitive problem than the law reform committee. It is part of a larger question, and the whole question of family law is something which badly needs review.

We are happy with where it is at now. It will be part of this comprehensive review, so everybody in the communities, native organizations, people generally, will have more input. What we do not want to do is make a sudden decision which upsets what we are doing now, unless we have thought it through. So that is where it is at now. It will be part of this comprehensive review of family law. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions. Mr. Ernerk.

Question O90-88(2): Atlantic Council Of Fisheries

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On October 20, 1988, the Minister of Renewable Resources in his Ministers' Statement 21-88(2), regarding our participation in the

Atlantic Council of Fisheries Ministers...(Translation ends) The Minister spoke in the following manner: "Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report on the Northwest Territories continuing role as a member of the Atlantic Council of Fisheries Ministers." I am wondering, Mr. Speaker, exactly what is this body, because I hear the Minister continue to say that sealing, for one, continues to be the responsibility of the federal government. I am wondering what the terms of reference are all about in this Atlantic Council of Fisheries.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O90-88(2): Atlantic Council Of Fisheries

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Atlantic Council of Fisheries Ministers meets to determine who gets a mixed groundfish quota in the Atlantic Ocean, and fortunately now the NWT has one company taking advantage of the shrimp quota out of the Davis Strait and other parts of the Labrador Sea. This council deals with the shrimp allocations, shrimp licences, and also groundfish quota only at this time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Oral questions.

Item 6, written questions. Item 7, returns to written questions. Mr. Clerk.

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, return to Question W7-88(2), asked by Mr. Crow to the Minister of Government Services.

Return To Question W7-88(2): King-Air Type Aircraft Accidents

Hon. Stephen Kakfwi's return to Question W7-88(2), asked by Mr. Crow on October 17, 1988, regarding King-Air type aircraft accidents:

In response to the Member's request for a copy of the investigation report on the crash of a King-Air type aircraft near Sanikiluaq on December 22, 1984, and also for a summary of aircraft accidents over the past 10 years involving King-Air aircraft, today I am able to supply him with a copy of the investigation report as prepared by the Canadian Aviation Safety Board.

For the general information of the Members of this House, the Canadian Aviation Safety Board was unable to determine the cause of this aircraft accident.

The summary of aircraft accidents involving King-Air aircraft over the past 10 years has been requested from the Canadian Aviation Safety Board, and it is anticipated this information will be available to the Member before the end of October.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Returns to written questions.

Item 8, replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, petitions.

Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Item 11, tabling of documents. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 33-88(2), Amendment to the Formula Financing Agreement, in English and Inuktitut.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 34-88(2), Home-ownership Assistance Program, An Evaluation.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Tabling of documents. Item 12, notices of motion. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 11-88(2): Tabled Document 33-88(2) To Committee Of The Whole

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, October 24, 1988, I will move the following motion: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Tabled Document 33-88(2), Extension Amendment to the Formula Financing Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories, be moved into committee of the whole for discussion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Notices of motion. Mr. Gargan.

Notice Of Motion 12-88(2): Funding For 200th Anniversary, Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Trip Pageant

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 24th, I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that this Legislative Assembly officially acknowledge that 1989 marks the bicentennial of Sir Alexander Mackenzie's canoe trip down the Deh Cho to the Arctic Ocean; and further, that the Legislative Assembly recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories consider providing funding for the planning and implementation of this historic canoe pageant from Fort Providence to Inuvik. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Notices of motion. That would appear to conclude Item 12. Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 25-88(2): Write-Off Of Assets And Debts And Forgiveness Of Debts Act, 1988-89

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, October 24, 1988, I shall move that Bill 25-88(2), Write-off of Assets and Debts and Forgiveness of Debts Act, 1988-89, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Gargan.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 26-88(2): Motor Vehicles Act

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, October 24, 1988, I shall move that Bill 26-88(2), An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. That concludes Item 13. Item 14, motions. Motions 8-88(2), 9-88(2), 10-88(2). Mr. Lewis.

ITEM 14: MOTIONS

Motion 8-88(2): Delay In Selection Of Ministerial Position

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to move Motion 8-88(2):

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that the selection for the eighth ministerial position be delayed until the new Member for Yellowknife South takes his seat in this House.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Your motion is in order. Proceed.

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This morning, and I do not know under our rules whether or not we can refer to what we do outside this House, but this morning we agreed that Mr. Wray, currently sick in Edmonton, will be able to cast his vote on the selection of an Executive Council Member, by proxy. The principle here, Mr. Speaker, was that we do everything conceivably possible to allow one democratic principle to be exercised, which is to cast your ballot in an election. I believe that what we are doing by delaying the selection of an eighth ministerial Member is doing no less than allowing a Member soon to be elected, to take part in the most important election that really takes place because, in our system, we do not allow the people to chose a government.

When we choose our eight Executive Council Members, what we are really doing is choosing the real government of the people. When this election was called, it was called in such a way that the Member for that biggest riding in the Northwest Territories, who represents the biggest number of people, could be elected soon enough to take his place in this House. It just happens that, by accident, the most important thing that we do, as Members, is to take place very soon. As soon, perhaps, as this afternoon.

So, the basic principle that I am trying to observe here and I hope Members will agree that it is a basic principle, is one of the fundamentals of our democratic process. I believe that that is why Mr. MacQuarrie is here today. He has brought a class, trying to observe how democratic we are.

---Laughter

Sometimes, Mr. Speaker, I am accused of being a school teacher and not really ready for the rough, tough world of politics where sometimes the rules do not matter, or you make the rules whatever you want them to be. Mr. MacQuarrie and myself are not a similar kind of person. I left teaching 21 years ago to enter into all kinds of other rough business and I think some of the Members will know exactly what I mean.

So I am speaking today not as someone who is standing up on a high mountain telling everybody that I have got great principles and that I have got the right vision and you guys are all wrong. What I am trying to do today is to stress that by delaying this selection for just a short period of time, we will be achieving what we did when we in fact decided to call that election. Not a year from now because we have one full year to fill this position, but we decided no, the powers that be decided that we should get that position filled quickly so that Member could sit in the third session of this House.

I am not going to go into great details, Mr. Speaker. I believe people understand very well the principle that I am trying to achieve. I am not trying to stand on a high mountain and tell everybody that we are going to be doing dirty things if we do not pass this motion. This morning I voice no great objections if Mr. Wray wants to cast his ballot on the phone from the hospital. I will take my place in the caucus, I will cast my vote and I will think carefully, by the way, before I do it. However, by electing to support this motion, you will in fact be allowing Mr. Wray perhaps, who may be back by this time, in fact I think he very likely will be back -- not only will he be back in body to begin doing his talking and lobbying around the group like everybody else but also the Member for Yellowknife South would be here.

I want to point out, Mr. Speaker, that this is a game of arithmetic when we choose this government of ours. There are some Members who oppose this motion, not because of the principles of democracy and trying to make sure everybody has a chance, but by in fact controlling the arithmetic because everybody who decides to get on to the Executive Council had better keep his piece of paper handy and his pencil, to make sure that he knows where everybody is shifting.

Reason For Opposing Motion

The people that have opposed this motion are in fact, potential Members of that group. They have a very definite motive for trying to defeat this motion because they themselves have very, very clearly indicated that by adding this unknown, there is more work to be done. You do not know who it is so they do not know who to talk to and by delaying this they will be messing up the arithmetic that they have already done in their heads. So, Mr. Speaker, I am not going to get emotional as sometimes people accuse me of being. The facts are clear. Everybody knows the case so I am going to sit down. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. The seconder of the motion, Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be brief. I made most of my case the other day on the motion that was defeated. That was basically that in previous by-elections and after general elections, we did everything we could to accommodate all Members so that they could take their seat in the Assembly before important decisions were made. This is an important decision because the person who is elected to the Executive Council to fill that vacancy may be there for three years and will affect how this government operates in the future for a considerable time. So it is a very important item. I believe that the residents of Yellowknife South through their MLA-elect should be able to have a voice in that decision. I would also like to point out that three or four of the Members that spoke against the motion last time and voted against it only did so, they said, because they did not want the vote to take place in the House. This now resolves that problem for them and I look forward to them now voting in favour of this basic democratic principle. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. To the motion. Mr. Zoe.

Other Important Matters Under Discussion

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if Mr. Lewis's motion is to delay the vote on the Minister until after the by-election in Yellowknife South so that the new Member can participate in the choice of new Ministers then I feel that there are more important matters being discussed in this House that the new Member should also be involved in. Mr. Speaker, perhaps we maybe should just adjourn the whole House until after the by-election so that the new Member can take part in every proceeding in this House.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to make some comments on this motion since unfortunately I was not able to participate in the debate that took place earlier on what I thought was the same subject. But since this motion has been ruled in order I would like to make a few comments, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I had stated publicly before this session when I was asked by a member of the press about the selection process for the vacancy in the cabinet and when it would take place, that I would like to see the selection of a new Minister if possible include the new Member for Yellowknife South. I still believe that would be an ideal situation if that could occur, Mr. Speaker. However, I think today I have to be realistic and note that the business of this House is almost complete. We have taken most bills to second reading and without trying to in any way rush the business of the House, we will likely have, by the end of next week or by the end of this month,

substantially completed the business of this House for this session. Now, Mr. Speaker, I am advised that the earliest possible date the new Member for Yellowknife South could be sworn in -- and this is only if there is no close vote and only if there is no judicial recount -- would be Monday, November 7. Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is realistic to assume that the business of this House will likely have been completed and that this House will have been adjourned by this time.

Costs And Delays Involved

So I think that what the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre is really asking us to do today in supporting his motion is agree to reconvene the House in order to allow one Member to participate in the selection process. I think if it was a matter of delaying a few days while the House was in session I would be all in favour of accommodating that particular Member. But if it involves, Mr. Speaker, the cost which I understand is around \$30,000 just to bring the Members back to Yellowknife, not to mention the daily costs of sitting which flow from there. If it involves that kind of expenditure then I think we have to ask ourselves whether we can afford that cost and furthermore, whether we can afford to hold up the business of this Legislature in other respects.

I note, Mr. Speaker, that the standing committee on finance has important work which is to begin later in November, reviewing the main estimates. I do expect that if the House were adjourned -- and of course there is a motion on this floor to adjourn the House today if Mr. Lewis's motion should pass -- if the House were to adjourn for a period of several weeks and resume its interrupted business, we would in fact be crowding the business of the standing committee on finance and other committees and perhaps be threatening the development of the budget in preparation for the budget session.

So, Mr. Speaker, although I am in sympathy with the intent of the motion and if it were conveniently possible to include the new Member for Yellowknife South, I would be all in favour of it. I do not think that it is realistic that we could include that Member without actually adjourning the session, having Members go home and then going to the significant expense of reconvening the House.

Mr. Speaker, I have to note that this is an unfortunate situation. It is unfortunate for the constituents of Yellowknife South that for the second time in my tenure in the Legislature, a person that they chose to represent them for four years has not completed the term. That is an unfortunate result, Mr. Speaker, but I suppose in some respects one might say the voters themselves have to take some responsibility for the consequences of their decision.

Mr. Speaker, although I had initially supported the concept, I have to say that I do not believe it is realistic that we take the time and the expense. I suppose that while one may say that \$30,000 or more is not a significant amount of money, I think we should not take those kinds of decisions lightly. Having carefully considered all the arguments, I believe that we should get on with the business of the House and welcome the new Member for Yellowknife South to participate in the budget session and we will hope that Member will be able to continue the tenure for the balance of the term. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I support the motion as I supported the last motion. I have to let this House be aware of the fact that I am somewhat dismayed by the procedures used by the mover. I personally believe that if this identical motion had been moved on Monday, it probably would have passed in this House with no problem and I think there would have been a good feeling of good will in this House welcoming a new Member. I think the strategy chosen by Mr. Lewis and the inflammatory statements he made caused three things to happen. One, the business of this House has been disrupted during the week. Two, there is animosity in this House that was not here at the beginning of the week. Thirdly, I think there is a very good chance this motion is going to lose. That is all I have to say, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion please. Mr. Lewis, you have the right to last reply and this will close debate on the motion. Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, very briefly I think everybody has heard the arguments. Mr. Patterson has changed his mind. This is a democracy and we can do that. I will accept it. It is very clear to me, Mr. Speaker, that, as I pointed out the other day in my story about a young lady I tried to take out once, if you do not want to do something, you can use any reason. It does not matter. Any reason you want to make. I would suggest as a counter argument to Mr. Patterson's about the work of this House, there is so much committee work that needs to be done and we all know why that is. There is piles of it. There would be no great pain to spend some time on committee work. If it were the wish of the House to in fact do what I suggest we do, which is to observe a basic democratic principle that if we, as 24, are going to chose a government, that is the most important work we do. We have made an accommodation for Mr. Wray to allow him to use his proxy from Edmonton and we should delay this particular election of our government Member until the Member for Yellowknife South can sit in this House. Thank you.

Motion 8-88(2): Delay In Selection Of Ministerial Position, Defeated

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Did I hear you earlier call for a recorded vote? A recorded vote has been called, Mr. Clerk. All those in favour of the motion, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Ernerk, Mr. Lewis, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. Kakwi.

MR. SPEAKER: All those opposed to the motion, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Crow, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Morin, Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Zoe, Mr. Gargan.

MR. SPEAKER: All those abstaining from the motion, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Butters, Mr. Allooloo, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MR. SPEAKER: We cannot have a point of order when the vote is in progress. The vote will be announced. The motion is defeated.

---Defeated

Seven votes against, five votes for and five abstentions. Point of order.

MR. ERNERK: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. When my constituents send me to this Legislative Assembly, they ask me to do one of two things: Vote in favour or vote no. What does it mean by abstaining from voting? We have a responsibility here.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ernerk, a point of order has to be a point against the rules. The rules of this House permit Members to abstain on a recorded vote. We are on Item 14, motions. Motion 9-88(2), Mr. Morin. Motion 10-88(2), Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Privilege.

MR. SPEAKER: You can always rise on a point of privilege, Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: This is not a point of privilege, Mr. Speaker, because I have confirmed that in fact Members who have placed their names for Executive Council Member were lobbying you, Mr. Speaker, to rule my motion out of order. I believe that our Speaker has to be impartial and by

engaging in that kind of behaviour it is very much like trying to talk to a judge on the phone to fix a parking ticket or a speeding ticket. That took place, Mr. Speaker...

MR. SPEAKER: Order. Order. Point of privilege, Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, point of privilege. The honourable Member has submitted an accusation toward individuals like myself. I would like that Member to withdraw that accusation because, personally, I have not spoken to the Speaker nor any other Member in this House with regard to trying to amend or change or withdraw this particular motion.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Point of privilege, Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I would also like to rise on a point carrying on from Mr. Nerysoo. I believe that the Member should withdraw his statements imputing motives to the Speaker.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lewis, point of privilege.

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I did not impute anything against any actions of the Speaker. What I tried to say, and maybe I was not clear enough in stating it, is that I do not believe that it is right that any individual would, in fact, attempt to approach the Speaker to get a motion ruled out of order. It is, in fact, like asking a judge to fix a speeding ticket, and I apologize to Mr. Nerysoo in this House because I did not say all Members who were potential candidates, and I now know one Member at least who did not do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of privilege. Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He now knows three Members.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of privilege. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege, I too did not encounter this type of dealing, as the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre is indicating; so you have the fourth Member here.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. McLaughlin, are we on a point of privilege still?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: A point of privilege, a slightly different one though, Mr. Speaker. I believe the Speaker's role in this type of a matter is that of a judge, and in courts people from both sides get to make reasonable arguments to the Speaker as to whether a motion is in order or out of order, and make their case. They cannot threaten the Speaker with his job or bribe him, or whatever, but they can certainly put a case to the Speaker as to what they think precedent is or is not regarding any type of a motion. Thank you.

Speaker's Ruling

MR. SPEAKER: I wish to inform Members that we have had a number of points of view presented, none of which constitute a point of privilege. I will read to Members, for your clarification, from the authorities on parliamentary privilege. "To constitute privilege, generally there must be some improper obstruction to the Member in performing his parliamentary work in either a direct or constructive way, as opposed to a mere expression of public opinion or of criticisms of the activities of the Members; for example, threatening a Member for what he said in debate, contemptuous reflections on Members, allegations of improper conduct during a proceeding in

Parliament, or allegations that the chairman was biased." As it was clearly stated that that last allegation was not included in this, there was no point of privilege.

It is disturbing that we should have such matters raised in the House, though.

I wish to assure all Members that the Speaker is indeed impartial. If Members choose to speak to the Speaker and make comments as we pass each other, the Speaker obviously cannot shut his ears off, and a Member has every right to do so. In reaching the decision today that this motion was in order, I obtained advice from our own legal advisers, from our own administrative advisers, from the Province of Alberta's advisers, Saskatchewan and the House of Commons, plus consulted over a two day period all the authorities concerning motions and identity of motions. When the motions were taken side by side, removing the mover of it and not having any knowledge about the debate that went on, the motions are clearly different and it was, therefore, in order. I consider the matter of this motion now closed, and we will go on to Motion 10-88(2). Mr. Lewis, Motion 10-88(2), Tabled Document 28-88(2). Mr. Lewis, could you repeat please? Your microphone was not on.

Motion 10-88(2): Tabled Document 28-88(2) To Committee Of The Whole, Carried

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker:

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Pine Point, that Tabled Document 28-88(2), titled "Staff Problems at Yellowknife Correctional Institute", be moved into committee of the whole for discussion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Lewis. Mr. McLaughlin, the seconder of the motion, do you wish to speak?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. All those in favour? Thank you. All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Item 15, first reading of bills.

Item 16, second reading of bills. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Committee Report 1-88(2); Tabled Document 2-88(2); Ministers' Statement 7-88(2); Bills 2-88(2), 6-88(2); Tabled Documents 15-88(2), 21-88(2), 16-88(2), 10-88(2) and 11-88(2), with Mr. Gargan in the chair.

ITEM 17: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS AND OTHER MATTERS

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER MINISTERS' STATEMENT 7-88(2), CHILD CARE

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The committee will now come to order.

Ministers' Statement 7-88(2): Child Care

We are dealing with Ministers' Statement 7-88(2), Child Care. Mr. Butters.

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I believe that a number of Members will wish to continue the discussion that began yesterday, but I would ask the Minister, in view of the opportunity she has had overnight to study the suggestions made by ordinary Members, and some of the comments that have been put on the floor, whether or not she has had any inclination to change the attitude expressed in her opening statement; whether she feels, after consultation with her colleagues this

morning, that she might be able to move a little more quickly to provide some degree of ease, to improve the day-care situation in the Territories.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. I will give the Minister some time to respond to that. We will take a 15 minute coffee break.

--SHORT RECESS

The committee will now come to order. We are on Ministers' Statement 7-88(2), Child Care. Is the Minister prepared to make her response? Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regard to the Member's concerns, basically, as I had indicated yesterday, our development of our child care policy for our program delivery is still in the process of development. However, I did want to indicate to the Member that as of this a.m. I had asked my deputy minister to review our current budget to see if we can find any funds that may be available for additional day-care assistance. I do not want to jeopardize the comprehensive day-care policy that we are trying to achieve for the program to be delivered. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Day-care, general comments? Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am somewhat encouraged by some of the statements that the Minister made yesterday regarding day-care programs, services in the Northwest Territories and I will start off with that statement.

Points Raised By Rankin Inlet Resident

What I would like to do, today, is to read to you and to the House all of the statements that are made by Debbie Manson from Rankin Inlet, regarding our day-care facility there.

They indicate the following: 1) The Legislative Assembly has set standards which the day-cares have to match within one year, in order to be eligible for a licence. There should be sufficient funds to do the repairs and modifications to the buildings, to allow the existing day-cares to continue to operate; 2) There is a need to locate buildings that can be used for day-care and if they are on charity lease, there should be a guarantee that the buildings are available for a suitable length of time. The renovations cannot be done if there is no guarantee for the building. Even though the government is not responsible for finding or providing the buildings, they could help, especially in the smaller communities; 3) The day-cares, especially in the smaller communities, more isolated communities, need help with the operating expenses. It is not possible to fund, through fees, the full operation and if the fees were raised to cover the cost, the local people could never afford the service. Help would be needed to cover the costs of utilities, rent, food supplies and salaries; 4) Money would be needed for training of staff or for the services of trainers who would be free to travel to the communities to provide the training; 5) We are pleased that the Legislative Assembly has become involved in the matter of day-care and thank the Members for this legislation. We only point out that many of these established day-cares will have a lot of problems coming up to standards.

Mr. Chairman, I did want to raise this with the Members of the Legislative Assembly and, in particular, to the Minister because I think, as I was trying to indicate yesterday, these are a number of the problems that we face at the community level. I would be most appreciative if the Minister and her staff could consider the points that my constituents have raised with regard to the issue of day-care in Rankin Inlet, as well as communities throughout the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. Day-care, general comments? Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make a motion. Is it okay if I make a motion? Is it in order?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Yes, Mr. Arlooktoo.

Motion To Find Additional Moneys For Day-Care, Carried

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) I move that the Legislative Assembly, the Executive Council, try to find additional funding for this year to assist the day-cares, to assist the smaller communities that wish to set up day-care centres; for interim measures so that communities can operate the day-care centres and to set up the committees in the NWT.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Could we have a copy of your motion please? Mr. Arlooktoo, your motion is in order. To the motion.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Mr. Chairman, I do not have anything further to add to the motion because I just mentioned what my concerns were in the motion itself but I urge the Members to think about it and it is in written form and you can see it yourself, in the motion. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Question being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? This motion is carried.

---Carried

Thank you very much. Are there any further discussions on child care? Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I would like to commend the government on the effort that they place on this particular important issue. As you can recall, as the Minister indicated, last year she hinted to the Members that there was not any money placed in her particular budget. But with public outcry and with Members raising concerns individually to her department, she did come up with emergency funding of \$200,000 to assist the existing day-care centres across the Territories. I realize that the government is bound or strapped because of the budget that they have in place. But the government did put forth a great effort to try to help out the existing day-cares. I commend the government for doing that. I realize it is one of their top priorities to put in place comprehensive day-care regulations and guidelines and that is going to take time, especially if you are going to consult with all the day-care operators. There is definitely a need in all areas.

Capital Expenditure Required For Facilities

In my constituency there is a great need for facilities. Without the facility we cannot operate day-care. I would like to stress strongly, Mr. Chairman, that there is a lack of facilities in smaller communities and the Minister would have to consider that component of day-care. It should have a lot of capital money in it. I stress this especially for the small communities where buildings have to be renovated, or new facilities have to be constructed. Without that, even though you create this nice regulation or legislation to cover day-care, it is not going to benefit the smaller communities in the Territories. It is going to benefit larger communities. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I finish my comments on day-care. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Are there any further discussions on day-care? Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just very briefly I would like to thank the Members for their comments. They were well taken and I would like to thank the Members for the support on indicating the priority that the department should place on day-care. As the previous Member, Mr. Zoe, has indicated, coming up with a comprehensive day-care policy to ensure the needs of day-care to all NWT residents is difficult. It has always been my intent as

a Minister to ensure that there is fair and equitable treatment in the delivery of such an important program. I recognize there is a need across the NWT and we certainly will make every effort to try to fulfil the requests of the Members of the House. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you very much. Day-care. Are there any further discussions on day-care? Does the committee agree then that Ministers' Statement 7-88(2), Child Care, is now concluded? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

MR. BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, might I move to report progress at this time?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. The motion is not debatable. All those in favour? All those opposed? This motion is carried.

--Carried

Before I rise to report progress, I would like to remind the Pages in the House that the only time you bow to the Mace is when it is on top of the table and the Speaker is behind me. So I just thought maybe the Sergeant-at-Arms should remind the Pages that they do not have to bow to me.

--Laughter

Thank you. I will rise and now report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: The House will come back to order, please. Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF MINISTERS' STATEMENT 7-88(2), CHILD CARE

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, the committee has been considering Ministers' Statement 7-88(2) and wishes to report that this matter is concluded.

Motion To Accept Report Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried

Mr. Speaker, I move that the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole be concurred with. Mahsi cho.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Mr. Zoe seconds that motion. All those in favour? Thank you. All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, may I request unanimous consent to return to Item 12, notices of motion?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member from Rae-Lac la Martre is requesting unanimous consent to return to Item 12, notices of motion. Are there any nays? There are no nays, Mr. Zoe. You have unanimous consent.

REVERT TO ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 13-88(2): Land Claims Of The Lubicon Indians Of Alberta

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, October 24, I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Deh Cho, that this Legislative Assembly urges the Government of Canada and the province of Alberta to complete negotiations for the settlement of the land claims of the Lubicon Indians in Alberta; and further, that the Speaker conveys this House's support of the Lubicon claim to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, the Premier of Alberta and the chief of the Lubicon people.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Zoe. We will now return to orders of the day. Item 19, third reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 19: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Third Reading Of Bill 3-88(2): Condominium Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 3-88(2), An Act to Amend the Condominium Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? All those opposed? Thank you. The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 3-88(2) has had third reading. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 4-88(2): Coroners Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 4-88(2), An Act to Amend the Coroners Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Thank you. Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 4-88(2) has had third reading. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 9-88(2): International Sale Of Goods Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Slave River, that Bill 9-88(2), International Sale of Goods Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 9-88(2) has had third reading. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 10-88(2): Interpretation Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 10-88(2), Interpretation Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 10-88(2) has had third reading. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 11-88(2): Judicature Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 11-88(2), An Act to Amend the Judicature Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Thank you. Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 11-88(2) has had third reading. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 12-88(2): Land Titles Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Slave River, that Bill 12-88(2), Land Titles Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 12-88(2) has had third reading. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 13-88(2): Legal Services Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 13-88(2), An Act to Amend the Legal Services Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 13-88(2) has had third reading. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 16-88(2): Reciprocal Enforcement Of Judgments (Canada - U.K.) Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Slave River, that Bill 16-88(2), Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments (Canada - U.K.) Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 16-88(2) has had third reading. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 17-88(2): Residential Tenancies Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 17-88(2), An Act to Amend the Residential Tenancies Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 17-88(2) has had third reading. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 18-88(2): Statute Revision Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 18-88(2), An Act to Amend the Statute Revision Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 18-88(2) has had third reading. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 21-88(2): Territorial Court Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Slave River, that Bill 21-88(2), An Act to Amend the Territorial Court Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 21-88(2) has had third reading. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 24-88(2): Vital Statistics Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 24-88(2), An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 24-88(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Ms Cournoyea.

Third Reading Of Bill 5-88(2): Disease Registries Act

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that Bill 5-88(2), Disease Registries Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour? Against? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 5-88(2) has had third reading. Ms Cournoyea.

Third Reading Of Bill 8-88(2): Evidence Act

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 8-88(2), An Act to Amend the Evidence Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 8-88(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Clerk, orders of the day, Item 20.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a caucus meeting immediately after adjournment. There will be a meeting of the standing committee on finance tomorrow, Saturday at 12:00 noon. There will be a meeting of the ordinary Members

committee on Monday at 9:00 a.m. and a meeting of the standing committee on legislation on Monday at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Monday, October 24th, at 1:00 p.m.

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Oral Questions
6. Written Questions
7. Returns to Written Questions
8. Replies to Opening Address
9. Petitions
10. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
11. Tabling of Documents
12. Notices of Motion
13. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
14. Motions
15. First Reading of Bills
16. Second Reading of Bills
17. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: CR 1-88(2), Standing Committee on Legislation; Tabled Document 2-88(2); Bill 2-88(2); Bill 6-88(2); Tabled Documents 15-88(2), 21-88(2), 16-88(2), 10-88(2), 11-88(2), 28-88(2)
18. Report of Committee of the Whole
19. Third Reading of Bills
20. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The House stands adjourned until Monday, the 24th of October at 1:00 p.m.

---ADJOURNMENT

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