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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1988

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Titus Allooloo, Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Crow, Mr. Ernerk, Mr. Gargan, 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. Sibbeston, Mr. Zoe

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

**SPEAKER (Hon. Red Pedersen):** Orders of the day for Wednesday, November 2, 1988. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Butters.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 39-88(2): Seat Belt Awareness Program

**HON. TOM BUTTERS:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind the Members of this Assembly that enforcement of seat belt legislation will take effect on April 1, 1989, ending a one year phase-in period. After that time, non-compliance by the public may result in fines to either driver or passengers.

Enforcement of seat belt legislation will require that an awareness program be implemented to inform the public of the need to secure drivers and passengers. Emphasis will be placed on communicating with young people, who it is hoped can effectively reinforce the message to others. It is intended to commence a four month campaign beginning in January 1989. Key elements of the campaign include: activity books for children; slogan buttons; teacher kits for use in schools and groups such as the Boy Scouts organization; bumper stickers; press releases; newspaper advertising; radio spots; Anik info; use of a "seat belt convincer", borrowed from the Province of Alberta. The convincer is a crash sled which people are allowed to ride on.

Statistics relating to accidents experienced in the Northwest Territories are shocking and disturbing. Less than five per cent of all persons involved in Northwest Territories accidents wear seat belts. Sixty per cent of all motor vehicle injuries in the Northwest Territories happen within municipal boundaries. Most collisions occur within forty kilometres of the victim's home. When seat belts are not worn by motorists, injuries are one and a half times and death three times more likely in an accident.

In Canada, over 4000 Canadians die in traffic accidents each year. In 1986 it is estimated that between 1200 and 1500 lives could have been saved if the victims had been wearing seat belts. Highway safety could be significantly improved by motorists through the use of appropriate restraining devices. Persons thrown from their vehicles during an accident are 25 times more likely to suffer death than persons secured by a seat belt.

Some motorists believe that seat belts will trap you in a burning or submerged vehicle. In fact, if one is wearing a seat belt he has more likelihood of remaining conscious during and following an accident and effecting his escape and that of his passengers for whom he is responsible.

Some passengers seated in a rear seat unwisely believe it is not necessary to use their seat belts. In fact, in collision conditions, they could be hurled into the front seat or through the windshield following impact. It is a fact, Mr. Speaker. Seat belts do save lives and prevent injuries.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Ministers' statements. Mr. Government Leader.

Ministers' Statement 40-88(2): Meech Lake Accord Strategy

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in April, the Supreme Court of Canada determined that the Meech Lake Accord was essentially a political document which was not yet law and not reviewable by the courts at this time. They therefore decided not to hear full argument on the accord, bringing to an end this opportunity for a legal challenge. Manitoba and New Brunswick are still considering whether to ratify the accord. Their consent is required before it can be finalized.

A Member of the Executive Council and a Member of the Legislative Assembly will appear before a select committee of the New Brunswick legislature to make presentations on the Meech Lake Accord in December, or January of 1989. I will inform Members when the dates have been set for those hearings. We are also seeking to make presentations to the Manitoba legislative committee which will be holding public hearings on the Meech Lake Accord. The dates for those hearings have not yet been determined, but I shall keep you informed as developments occur.

Mr. Speaker, the Executive Council has turned its energy toward developing political strategies for amending the accord and for limiting the negative implications for the Yukon and the Northwest Territories if the accord is finally ratified by all provinces. Since the inception of the Meech Lake Accord, we have worked to strengthen the lines of communication with the provinces to be in a better position to win support for our participation in future constitutional conferences. Through our intergovernmental affairs office in Ottawa we are pursuing arrangements to ensure that the Northwest Territories is treated as an equal participant with other regions. In a recent visit to the Northwest Territories, the Prime Minister agreed that our Minister of Finance should be involved in decisions relating to national economic matters. The Prime Minister also made a commitment to me to work on a formula to give this government a stronger voice in national decision-making processes. We are currently approaching provincial representatives to ensure their support for our participation in Senate reform talks.

Our continued pursuit of devolution is of major importance. The recent enabling agreement on oil and gas resources is a major step toward assuming province-like powers necessary to advance our constitutional status.

The Minister of Justice has written to all Members of Parliament and to Members of several provincial legislatures to make them aware of our concerns with the legal implications of the Meech Lake Accord. The responses have, on the whole, been sympathetic. I shall continue to take every opportunity to educate provincial and federal politicians about the negative implications which the accord holds for the Northwest Territories. More importantly we must continue to pursue creative solutions to win the support of the provinces for constitutional development in the Northwest Territories. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Government Leader. Ministers' statements. Mr. Ballantyne.

Ministers' Statement 41-88(2): Crime Prevention Week And Policing Initiatives

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, as Minister of Justice, I am pleased to announce that the week October 30 to November 5, 1988, has been designated National Crime Prevention Week by the Solicitor General of Canada. Accordingly, this is an appropriate time for me to report to the Assembly on current policing initiatives.

The police are aware of the need to educate our young people about the dangers of substance abuse. As part of the drug awareness program, the RCMP officers visit schools and community



groups and talk with young people in a way which will gain trust, and permit frank discussion. Videos are often used to provide students with more information in this area.

The 1988 native student special constable program, funded by the territorial and federal governments, gave 16 young native people experience through summer jobs in a number of RCMP detachments in the NWT. The results of this program have been encouraging. One of the young people from the program has already been hired by the RCMP in Fort Smith, and some of the others have submitted applications to join the force. All participants took back to their communities a better understanding of the role of the police.

The RCMP have developed a new policy which enables special constables to be hired at the local level for some months to gain on-the-job experience in the NWT prior to undergoing training in Regina. Five individuals have applied to start training as special constables. Two of these applicants already have been hired by the RCMP and are working in detachments in the NWT. They will start their training program in Regina in February. It is anticipated that the other three applicants will be hired by the RCMP as soon as the application process is complete.

The RCMP continues to encourage special constables to meet the criteria for promotion to constable by providing funding for academic upgrading. This year, two former native special constables from the NWT have been promoted to constable. The RCMP is also using the media to promote policing as a viable career for native northerners. A number of articles about native constables have appeared in the Nunatsiaq News, and it is anticipated that similar coverage will be given in the Native Press. In addition, a very positive article recently appeared in Up Here magazine. The RCMP are working with the Equal Employment Directorate to feature special constables and constables in a series entitled, "Northerners on the Move".

I am especially pleased that the RCMP are continuing to meet on a regular basis with native organizations, regional councils and associations, and local band and hamlet councils.

During the week prior to Crime Prevention Week, the RCMP co-operated with the Solicitor General of Canada in sponsoring a tour of the Western Arctic by Winston Wuttunee, a well-known native performer based in Edmonton. Mr. Zoe brought that to the attention of the Assembly last week. Mr. Wuttunee's message is one of building pride and self-esteem and "solving our problems together". Corporal Dave Grundy travelled with the tour, expressing the growing concern about alcohol and drug abuse in the North. The tour visited several of the communities in the Western Arctic: Rae, Fort Resolution, Fort Simpson and Inuvik. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Ministers' statements. Ms Cournoyea.

Ministers' Statement 42-88(2): Uranium Mining In The NWT, Hearings And Responsibilities

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I would like to provide Members with an update on uranium mining in the NWT and the federal responsibilities that exist. Federal responsibility for uranium mining falls primarily under two authorities. The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is responsible for mining in general and the Atomic Energy Control Board has authority over uranium mining and the use of uranium within Canada.

In June, the Executive Council requested the Minister of DIAND to refer the proposed Kiggavik uranium mining project near Baker Lake to the Minister of the Environment for public review. The Executive chose the federal environmental assessment and review process because it is the most intense and complete public environmental and socio-economic review available to our government. In fact, the Kiggavik project is the first proposed mining operation in Canada to undergo such a comprehensive appraisal.

The Federal Environmental Assessment and Review Office is currently in the process of finalizing panel membership and chairmanship based on GNWT and DIAND suggestions. Once panel members and the chair have been selected, they will be confirmed with this government and

DIAND before being announced publicly by the federal Environment Minister. It has been recommended that the review panel comprise four members and two co-chairmen.

The GNWT has taken advantage of every opportunity to increase the northern content and credibility of the review process. This has been accomplished by insisting that a maximum number of northerners are chosen as panel members, and that the panel is co-chaired by a member of the northern public. Government of the Northwest Territories departments have had full input into the terms of reference for the review. An interdepartmental committee chaired by the Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat will co-ordinate the involvement of affected departments of the territorial government in the review. The government and the communities will play a critical role in the development of the environmental impact statement guidelines and in establishing the location, timing and procedures for the review.

Regional public workshops or seminars will occur before the hearings to ensure a good understanding of both the Kiggavik project and the review process. The Government of the NWT, FEARO, DIAND, the proponent and the Atomic Energy Control Board all have an important role to play.

This government and DIAND have agreed to provide intervenor funding. Criteria for allocating funds will be developed to ensure that important public concerns are raised during the review. Effective GNWT departmental participation in the hearings will require additional resources, but these can only be determined after the scope, duration, location and schedule of the hearings are finalized. It is expected that the panel will be formed by December. The panel's final report is anticipated by spring 1990. I will keep this House informed of the progress on the FEARO review. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Ministers' statements. The Chair would like at this time to recognize and thank two overseas exchange students who have been working as Pages for us this session. They are leaving us today. Miss Valerie Varvat of St. Etienne in France, and Miss Fumie Hayashi of Kamakura in Japan, are leaving us today and we wish you a safe journey home, and we would like to thank you for the services you have provided us. Thank you.

---Applause

Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Morin.

### ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

#### Member's Statement On Challenge Program, Fort Resolution

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I would like to use my Member's statement to recognize a couple of young ladies from my community of Fort Resolution that are here on a challenge program, Wanda Balsillie and Lorraine MacKay. The challenge program is initiated through our local education authority in Fort Resolution. It is basically a program in which students go to school for half a day and go on work experience for the other half. It is going very well and, like I say, it is initiated by the community. It is taken on wholly by the LEA. We have had no government funding but I hear that it is coming in the near future. Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Morin. The Chair welcomes you. Members' statements. Mr. Zoe.

#### Member's Statement On Municipal And Community Affairs Response To NWTAM Resolutions

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, yesterday during question period I raised a concern regarding the responses from the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs. I have made an error during my questioning to the Minister. I suggested that the department had not responded to all the resolutions that were submitted to the department; but going through my files, Mr. Speaker, I see this was not the case. Only seven of these 13 resolutions that were submitted were not responded to. So, I just wanted to make a correction on my part. Thank you.

---Applause

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

Member's Statement On Participation Of Rankin Inlet Students In Soccer Tournament, West Germany

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Northwest Territories champion, Maani Ulujuk Illiniarvik juvenile school soccer team, has been invited to play soccer in West Germany during the 1989 Easter holidays. This invitation, Mr. Speaker, comes from Mr. Jurgen Boden, a German publisher who visited Rankin Inlet in August of 1988. He was very surprised to learn that we play soccer in the Canadian arctic.

I think this invitation is very good, Mr. Speaker. While in Germany, the girls would be representing Canada as the guests of the German football association. Their visit will also receive extensive coverage by the German television and radio as well as the print media. German hosts have apparently offered to pay the costs of the girls' meals, transportation and accommodation while in Germany. I have been told by Mr. William Belsey, who is coaching this soccer team, that the total cost of the air transportation from Canada to Germany, return, would be approximately \$16,000. By the way, this is not an isolated case. I am also aware of the other Members of the Legislative Assembly with similar requests.

Mr. Speaker, I want to tell the Minister responsible for recreation that I will be asking a question with regard to the possible financial assistance in this important sporting event. Thank you.

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

Member's Statement On Correction To Motion Re Community Centre For Clyde River

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I have a statement regarding the motion that I made yesterday regarding a community centre for Clyde River. First of all, I thank those Members who supported my motion. However, there was a misunderstanding by one Member which was due to the written translation of my motion. The English version stated that the government consider placing a provision in the 1989-90 budget for a community centre for Clyde River, which was my intention. However, the Inuktitut version asked the government to take away from somewhere else, money from the 1988-89 budget. This was not my intention at all. I just wanted to clarify that, Mr. Speaker, that there was just one error and I want that recorded correctly. The English version is fine but the Inuktitut made a mistake. This is just a correction, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. I have been made aware of the problem that existed yesterday and I have reviewed it very carefully. Mr. Kilabuk is indeed right. The Inuktitut translation was not as the English version of the motion. The years were listed wrong and there was a reference to taking it out of the budget. On the basis of that, I admonished Mr. Arlooktoo for not speaking to the motion. He was not speaking to the motion I had in front of me but he was indeed speaking to the motion that he himself had in front of him. The Chair wishes to apologize for this error to Mr. Arlooktoo in particular. I want to assure the House that we will do everything within our power to try to ensure that such things do not happen in the future.

So, we are on Members' statements. Mr. Lewis.

Member's Statement On Concern With Disease Registries Act

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I have raised a similar point previously about the Disease Registries Act which we have dealt with but which I still have grave concerns about. I have these concerns, I suppose, as a member of the national council for Statistics Canada. I should point out that Statistics Canada has been keeping statistics on cancer since 1968. It has also kept statistics on therapeutic abortion, tuberculosis and other notifiable diseases since 1924.

The concern I have is that we may have included in this act something which is contradictory to everything we know about the confidentiality of statistics. For example, under the Statistics Act, the onus for the protection of confidentiality of data is placed upon the employees of Statistics Canada. All employees take an oath of office in which they "shall not disclose, or knowingly cause to be disclosed by any means, any information obtained under this act in such a manner that it is possible to relate the particulars obtained from an individual return to any identifiable individual, person, business or organization". Under this Disease Registries Act, Mr. Speaker, it is possible that a researcher could get access to information about me personally, could phone me up requesting further information on that statistic that he would have obtained from the Department of Health, and I would be required to give that information to that person. I believe this to be an invasion of privacy and I shall be continuing to try to get this act changed in February. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Mr. Angottitauruq.

Member's Statement On Community Occupational Program

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to use my Member's statement to try to clarify something on my oral question on October 24. I received a letter on October 27 and it was in regard to the community occupational program. The community education society of Gjoa Haven has seemed to misunderstand me completely. They are saying that I do not support the occupational program but in my oral question I said I held a public meeting and a question was asked in regard to COP, which is the community occupational program. I was told the government was wasting \$30 million a year and it does not say that I was the one asking the question. It was the community. When I held a public meeting as their representative I thought I had the right to act on behalf of the community. It was not me that asked the question; I did not oppose the community occupational program. I hope this makes that clear for that community. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Angottitauruq. Members' statements. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Member's Statement On Unattended Rifles In Communities

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be mentioning my concern at this time concerning hunters' rifles that are left unsecured within the community, rifles that are left anywhere within the community. Who is responsible for the rules on rifles? Are the RCMP or the by-law officers responsible? It has been my concern because rifles are being left anywhere within the community, especially in the Baffin Region where there are many hunters. My concern has been increased because just recently in Cape Dorset there was a shooting accident involving a kid. It is carelessness of the people that leave the rifles around. There is a problem with rifles being left in boats, snowmobiles and around houses, which is very dangerous, and the RCMP should start working to stop this.

I am not blaming anyone in particular concerning that shooting accident in Cape Dorset. I am not pointing at anyone but I think we should really look at this problem very closely so we can have more safety within the communities, because there was this accident just recently. It is unfortunate for the parents that just lost their child. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Patterson.

**ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS**

**Return To Question O186-88(2): Reponse To NWT Association Of Municipalities Resolution**

**HON. DENNIS PATTERSON:** Pardon me, Mr. Speaker. I have too many papers on my desk. Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Zoe on November 1, respecting NWT Association of Municipalities resolutions. This I am making on behalf of Mr. Wray.

I wrote to Mr. Kelvin Ng, president of the Northwest Territories Association of Municipalities, on August 31, 1988, thanking him for bringing to my attention some of the resolutions passed at the association's annual general meeting in April of this year. I indicated that I had instructed my officials to review and research the legislative and financial topics raised in the resolutions to determine what would be feasible and appropriate for consideration by the Executive Council. The financial matters are being considered in the context of the comprehensive review of municipal funding undertaken by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs; and the NWTAM has had the opportunity to contribute some valuable input, particularly during their executive meeting on October 6, 1988.

When introducing new local government legislation in June 1987, I indicated that it would be subject to amendment as necessary, and I still intend that appropriate amendments should be made. I am reluctant, however, to make amendments to the Cities, Towns and Villages Act in isolation from other local government legislation, the Local Authorities Elections Act in particular. When the cycle of a full year is complete, it will be appropriate to determine exactly what amendments should be made. There will, of course, be appropriate consultation with the NWT Association of Municipalities.

**Suitable Amendments Being Prepared**

The Member is aware that the development and passage or amendment of legislation takes some time and will, therefore, be glad to know that my officials are already working on the preparation of suitable amendments. In particular, I would refer to the Member's motion of February 29, 1988, that: "The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs and the Executive Council consider implementing a system of property tax rebate for disabled persons similar to that property tax relief available to senior citizens in the NWT."

Mr. Speaker, I have written to those municipal corporations which collect their own property taxes, asking if they would be prepared to support legislation to provide property tax rebates for disabled persons on a basis similar to that for senior citizens; that is to say, allowing a council, by by-law, to give a rebate of up to 50 per cent of the tax, to be matched by a similar rebate from this government. Based on the responses to my letters, I intend to bring forward in the new year appropriate legislation on this and on other issues being actively considered at this time. I will be providing Members with more detailed information on actions and positions taken by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs on the NWTAM resolutions pertinent to it before this session ends.

**Further Return To Question O196-88(2): Complaints About Economic Development Agreement Secretariat**

If I may, Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Pollard yesterday, concerning EDA operational review and assessment. This is on behalf of Mr. Wray in his capacity of Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Mr. Speaker, an operational review and assessment of the EDA is currently being undertaken and will be completed by the end of this month. The review and assessment will be examining all aspects of program delivery including the application process, project evaluation, and the disbursement of funds. I will be pleased to report back to the House on the measures which will be adopted as a result of these investigations.

Further Return To Question O146-88(2): Economic Development Planner For Clyde River And Broughton Island

Finally, Mr. Speaker, if I may, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Kilabuk on October 26 to Mr. Wray as the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, concerning an economic development officer in Clyde River.

Mr. Speaker, the response to this question when it was originally raised in February of this year was that there was insufficient demand to warrant the placement of an economic development officer to serve Clyde River and Broughton Island. Indication was given that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism would assist the communities in preparing an application to EDA for an economic planner.

I am pleased to announce that the application has been approved and it is anticipated that the planner will be in place within the next two months. The planner will develop economic plans for both communities and will work on specific projects as they are identified. Once the plans are completed the communities will be eligible to apply under the EDA for an implementer, who would get specific projects up and running. In any event, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism maintains its commitment to the placement of an economic development officer should sufficient demand arise. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Arlooktoo.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O201-88(2): Enforcement Of Rifle Safety Rules

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Department of Justice. The RCMP officers should be responsible for rifles that are being left around. They should get the RCMP officers to reinforce the rules, especially when rifles are just being left around without being watched over by the owners. Sometimes there are bullets in the rifle and I would like, as soon as possible, for the Minister to advise the RCMP officers to implement safety rules. It is very dangerous to have rifles lying around, especially when children are playing out and they are curious about these kinds of things.

This is not only my concern but that of our community as a whole; and I have been spoken to by people concerned about the danger of having rifles lying around. I am asking you to try and do something about this problem. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

Return To Question O201-88(2): Enforcement Of Rifle Safety Rules

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As far as I am aware, it is not the direct responsibility of the RCMP to look after the safe handling of firearms. The RCMP are there to enforce laws and if somebody handles a firearm unsafely or somebody is hurt because of the handling of a firearm, that is as far as the RCMP are involved. I think what we have here is the need for better education at the community level and I am more than prepared to ask the RCMP to be part of that education process and to work with the community council, to work with the by-law department and to work with hunters and trappers associations to put together better safety awareness courses for anyone that uses firearms. I think this is a community problem and an individual responsibility, to make sure that their firearms are put in a safe place. I definitely will talk to the RCMP and I am sure the RCMP will be very happy to be part of a community approach to try to have firearms used in a safer manner in the Territories.

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

Question O202-88(2): Gun Safety Program For Schools

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources. Does your department still have in effect the gun safety program that you teach in schools in the small communities? Usually the game warden puts on that program.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O202-88(2): Gun Safety Program For Schools

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, we do.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Morin.

Supplementary To Question O202-88(2): Gun Safety Program For Schools

MR. MORIN: If you do, do you put them on yearly or monthly or every five years, or when are they put on?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will give the Member detailed information tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. That part of the question is taken as notice. Mr. Ernerk.

Question O203-88(2): Inclusion Of Renewable Resources Officers In Safety Programs

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary to Mr. Arlooktoo's question regarding gun safety. I am also wondering, Mr. Speaker, if the renewable resources officer, wildlife officers are not included in these safety procedures programs. Should they not be?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ernerk, was this directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources?

MR. ERNERK: The Minister of Renewable Resources, yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, it was then a supplementary to Mr. Morin's question. Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O203-88(2): Inclusion Of Renewable Resources Officers In Safety Programs

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, yes, they should be and, yes, they do. Thank you.

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

Question O204-88(2): No Renewable Resources Officer For Gun Safety Course

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a very simple question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. What if there is no renewable resources officer in the community who would handle the course on gun safety? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O204-88(2): No Renewable Resources Officer For Gun Safety Course

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In those cases, we try to use hunters and trappers associations with the assistance of the RCMP. Thank you.

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

Question O205-88(2): Statistics On Vehicle Accidents In NWT

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to Mr. Butters. Ms Cournoyea did say in a return to Mr. Lewis about driving conditions that some of the accidents occur because of driver error or else inexperience and, also, disorientation when you are passing a vehicle, or some other factors which cause a lot of these accidents. Mr. Butters did make a public statement here regarding seat belt awareness. I would like to ask the Minister, when he said less than five per cent of all persons involved in the Northwest Territories accidents wear seat belts, what per cent of what number are we referring to in this case? Also, 60 per cent of all vehicle injuries in the Northwest Territories happen within municipal boundaries. I would like to know, 60 per cent of what? Three, four, five? I am not aware of it and I would like to ask the Minister what the statistics are, and are these accidents including people, motorists that come from the South as well as motorists from within the Territories?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, do you have that readily available?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Well, I will have it readily available when we come to the debate on this question because, obviously, the statistics that are available will impinge upon the decision made later on in the committee of the whole, Mr. Speaker.

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

Supplementary To Question O205-88(2): Statistics On Vehicle Accidents In NWT

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, in most cases where accidents do occur it is based on driver error and experience. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not there are any defensive driving programs in existence in the NWT and in which communities.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I will provide that information at the appropriate time which, again, I think will be during the debate, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O206-88(2): Financial Assistance For Soccer Team's West Germany Visit

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned during my Member's statement, I intended to ask the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs with regard to possible financial assistance to the NWT champion Maani Ulujuk Illiniarvik juvenile school soccer team. I am wondering, Mr. Speaker, if the Minister could consider providing financial assistance to the soccer team for their visit to West Germany during the Easter holidays, 1989.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O206-88(2): Financial Assistance For Soccer Team's West Germany Visit

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the honourable Member for notice of his question and I would like to inform him that I am aware of this request. I am also aware of the excellent record of the Maani Ulujuk girls soccer team. They were even able to beat the Iqaluit girls soccer team at the Arctic Winter Games playdowns last year, so they are very good.

Mr. Speaker, requests such as those from the Illiniarvik team for travel to West Germany do not, strictly speaking, lie within our policy for such assistance since we do not normally support travel outside of Canada. However, Mr. Speaker, in light of the special circumstances of this case and considering the assistance available from the host and also considering I know this girls soccer team will be excellent ambassadors for the NWT in Europe, I am pleased to inform the honourable



Member that the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs will provide a grant of \$8000 toward this travel request. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. Mr. Morin.

Question O207-88(2): RCMP Response Time

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Justice. Since in your statement it is crime prevention week, October 30 to November 5, do you believe that it would help to prevent crime if the RCMP responded to a call immediately? Like, quickly?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O207-88(2): RCMP Response Time

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I think it would probably help to catch the culprit but I do not know that it would help to prevent the crime. The crime would have to be committed before you could call the RCMP, so you could probably catch somebody.

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MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Just to remind Members, a question should not really ask about an opinion but to seek information. Mr. Morin.

Question O208-88(2): RCMP Telephone System

MR. MORIN: Well, since I got an opinion -- if the RCMP got there quickly they would be able to prevent a future crime by the same culprit.

---Laughter

I was wondering if you have looked into your telephone system lately for the RCMP, where all the calls from the small communities come to Yellowknife and it takes such a long time to answer it, and how the communities feel about this. Have you done any study into it, or anything else? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O208-88(2): RCMP Telephone System

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: The Member is aware that was a difficult decision that we made a couple of years ago in putting in that system. I have had discussions on this very thing in the last week with the new chief superintendent. We are reviewing the whole system right now with the view to trying to make improvements to it. The question of the Member is a good one. I will report back to the Member probably at the next session, or in between now and the next session, about any improvements we can make to the system. Thank you.

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

Question O209-88(2): RCMP Responsibility For Confiscating Firearms

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to add to my same question, to the Minister of Justice, who is responsible for the police. In regard to firearms that have been left behind outside, can the RCMP be responsible for confiscating firearms which have been left behind outside or, as well, could an RCMP officer confiscate or investigate people and persons that have left behind firearms? Is that possible at all, is there a way of enforcing the firearms regulations, before I report back to the hamlet? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I will take the specific question as notice. I will give the Member my assurance that I will work with the Minister of Renewable Resources to find the best coordinated approach to improve the safe use of firearms. I will come back with a specific answer to the Member about the powers the RCMP might or might not have in order to enforce any regulations that are on the books. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. The question is taken as notice. Mr. Zoe.

Question O210-88(2): RCMP Plan For Establishing Regular Detachments

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, during this session I raised a question on the plan that was being developed by the RCMP with regard to their detachments. The Minister responded to my question but he responded only to half of my question. He indicated that the RCMP were developing a plan that would be tabled during the session. The only plan that he provided to this House was the RCMP plan for establishing satellite offices. Although I am interested in the satellite offices, I wanted to ask him about the other half, the regular detachments that are being planned. I think at the beginning of last month there was an article in the paper that Fort McPherson and a couple of other communities were getting new detachments. That is the type of information that I was seeking from the Minister. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O210-88(2): RCMP Plan For Establishing Regular Detachments

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I want to explain the press release that came from the federal government. Our MP, actually, made the announcement. We are talking about capital expenditures for improving some of the buildings in communities like Fort McPherson. We are not talking about putting in new detachments. That, again, is a federal government responsibility, improving the actual buildings themselves. We are in the process of developing a longer-term plan of action for new detachments, but I want to emphasize to the Member that the reason that we went to satellite detachments is because it is a very long and very ponderous process to put new detachments into communities. There is probably a five year waiting period to get the federal government to approve funding. It is a very, very expensive proposition. I gave the Member an innovative way to try to put policemen in communities. We could then approach the long-term problem of getting federal government support for capital funding. I am working on the other part of the honourable Member's question, and I will get that to him as soon as we have it ready.

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

Question O211-88(2): Five Year Capital Plan

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Government Leader, Mr. Speaker. It is my belief that the Government of the NWT has a five year capital plan, Mr. Speaker. If this is the case, would the Government Leader make that capital plan available to Members of this House? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O211-88(2): Five Year Capital Plan

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Well, Mr. Speaker, I think I have said before in this House that there is not a five year capital plan. There is a working document, a planning document, but there is no such a thing as a capital plan. It is a living, evolving, ever-changing planning tool. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Supplementary To Question O211-88(2): Five Year Capital Plan

MR. POLLARD: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Ever changing; that is the practice of the chameleon, Mr. Speaker.

--Laughter

This planning document, the ever-changing planning document that is almost a five year capital plan. Will the Government Leader make that available to Members of this House? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson. Directed now to the Minister of Finance.

Further Return To Question O211-88(2): Five Year Capital Plan

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I think at one point a document was made available to the standing committee on finance, and I think that is the appropriate place to talk about this five year plan. In many ways, it is a five year wish list. What the departments, especially the Department of MACA, have done is go to every community and ask them what are their total needs. It gives us an overall idea of what, in the long term, the needs of communities are. What we have to decide, on a year by year basis, is what resources we have to meet those needs. The document referred to as the five year plan is really all the needs of communities. I am not sure exactly how helpful it will be to Members to have this here, except to raise expectations in every community. I would be more than happy to discuss with the standing committee on finance, some of the problems we have with the five year plan and the expectations it raises for MLAs, for this Assembly and for the cabinet -- expectations that we cannot always meet because we do not have the resources on a yearly basis. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Supplementary To Question O211-88(2): Five Year Capital Plan

MR. POLLARD: The Minister of Finance, Mr. Speaker, said he would like to discuss the problems he has with this so-called five year capital plan, and that is precisely the reason we are trying to get it. We want to discuss the problems. Right now, if a Member goes to a Minister and asks, "When is this going to happen in my community?", the Minister consults a document and says, "In three years time". So we are getting that information back to the communities right now, which is raising the expectations anyway. So I repeat, again, to the Minister of Finance this time, why will he not bring that document to this House? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O211-88(2): Five Year Capital Plan

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: At this point in time, there is not a magic five year plan. Departments have their own five year plans. The one that probably has the most community consultation is the MACA five year plan. As I said, the appropriate place to talk about this would be the standing committee on finance. Perhaps we can find ways to give more certainty; I think what the Member is asking for is a little more certainty in our long-term planning. I am not sure, because we do not know year by year the resources available to us, how we can provide that amount of certainty. At this point in time I would like to wait until we have had the discussion in the standing committee on finance. If after the budget session the Members think it is important to bring all the information we have and throw it into the House, then we will consider that.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Final supplementary, Mr. Pollard.

Supplementary To Question O211-88(2): Five Year Capital Plan

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, a very simple question to the Minister of Finance or the Government Leader, whichever one wants to field the question: Are they saying "No" to my question? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

Further Return To Question O211-88(2): Five Year Capital Plan

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: At the moment, yes.

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

Question O212-88(2): Assistance For Caribou Hunts

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs concerning the assistance for caribou hunts. I really do not want to take the whole funding of the government, but I have to ask you, regarding my concern. The money set aside for caribou hunting is very small and I think it is split between Resolute, Broughton Island and Clyde River. The money is \$15,000 for those three communities. Broughton Island has to go a long way from their community to hunt the caribou as it is the community the caribou are the farthest from. Mr. Speaker, I would like the Minister responsible for this to reconsider increasing the budget for the caribou hunts. I am not talking about a lot of money needed from the government. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you. I will look into this to see if we can rectify this problem soon.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Morin.

Question O213-88(2): Current Status Of Arctic Airports Transfer

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for the airport transfer from the federal government to the territorial government. What I would like to know is at which stage are negotiations?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Morin. Mr. Patterson.

Return To Question O213-88(2): Current Status Of Arctic Airports Transfer

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, on a certain day last week I am quite sure I tabled an arctic airports program devolution progress report in response to an oral question from Mr. Zoe, and I arranged for distribution of that written report. It is a two page report which includes a letter to Mr. Bouchard, the federal Minister of Transport, and I think it provides the Member with all the details on the current status of the arctic airports transfer. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O214-88(2): Basis For Priorities In Road Construction

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Public Works and Highways. Firstly, Mr. Speaker, I got your statistics for vehicles that went to and from the ferry at Fort Providence in July. The statistics showed 6898 vehicles that crossed on the ferry in July. I do not know the statistics for August or September. I have a letter here, written on October 28, in which the Minister has set certain priorities with regard to road

construction and reconstruction of roads. The first priority for reconstruction are those projects required to preserve the existing investment and levels of service, and the second priority that the Minister indicates is to upgrade substandard facilities to acceptable levels of service, which will be done in a way which provides the best overall return on the investment. I would like to ask the Minister, am I correct in saying that now the priorities are based on investment rather than on statistics?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I did not quite understand what that question was. I wonder if the Member could rephrase it. Just the last part as it relates to investments.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There was a pavement program on 37.5 kilometres between Hay River and Pine Point. That was because investments were put into that. I assume the government has based priority on that rather than the amount of traffic flowing between Fort Providence and Yellowknife. What I am referring to is that priorities are not based on statistics but are based on what the government invests in these roads.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea.

Return To Question O214-88(2): Basis For Priorities In Road Construction

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, every road we have has an investment in it because the investment we are talking about is the money that is expended on that particular program and that particular road. One of the priorities is to protect that investment that we put into that infrastructure on the road. I cannot tell you for sure now but certainly in judging uses of roads and people usage of roads, there are priorities also on what we maintain and how we serve the consumer or the user of the roads. I believe that in every place that we have a road, if there are some trouble areas or if we feel that a road is going to be washed out or is suffering under some maintenance anomaly, then we would want to keep it up and not let a trench go through the road. So, I believe the uses of the roads are very important. However, every road has an investment according to the funds that are put toward it.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Butters did bring to our attention the 60 per cent of vehicle accidents involving physical injuries in the Northwest Territories. I do not know where these accidents occurred but I am certainly interested in finding out if the government is more concerned about the amount that they invest or whether they are more concerned about improving the conditions of existing roads, which maybe would prevent a lot of these accidents.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan, for your concern. Do you still have a question in it?

Supplementary To Question O214-88(2): Basis For Priorities In Road Construction

MR. GARGAN: So, am I correct in what Madam Minister has indicated? That priorities are based on investments rather than on statistics? Am I correct?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea, is Mr. Gargan correct?

Further Return To Question O214-88(2): Basis For Priorities In Road Construction

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I really do not understand the question. I might be quite thick today but I really do not understand the question. The investment that the government has is in the money that they put into a highway or into a road and the statement that we want to maintain and preserve the existing investment, I suppose could mean preserve and maintain the

existing road, whichever one that may be. Most highway priorities are set where people are demanding or using that particular area and they are built according to a plan. If the Providence highway is well used and we put a great deal of money into it or a great deal of investment, then we would want to continue to make sure that that investment is not lost because of inactivity in trying to maintain it. I do not know if that answers your question.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Oral questions. Mr. Morin.

Question O215-88(2): Levels Of Allowance To Mature Students

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education. On March 2, 1988, in the committee of the whole, I had a commitment from the then Minister of Education, Dennis Patterson, to review levels of allowance for mature students. He said then that he would make a commitment to the Member that, "Well in advance of the next school year, I will review the levels of allowance that we pay." He was going to get advice from the students who wrote to him and he was going to do something about this well in advance of the next school year. I am wondering if he has done anything yet?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader, are you doing Education today?

---Laughter

Return To Question O215-88(2): Levels Of Allowance To Mature Students

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I will try to answer this on behalf of Mr. Kakfwi, who is not in the House today, if the Member will bear with me. Mr. Speaker, as Members know the student financial assistance program has experienced enormous growth in its population since 1985. Overall, the student population increased by 55 per cent between 1985-86 and 1986-87 school years. This growth has put a strain on the department. In an effort to reduce the financial strain and to meet targeted expenditures, the department has amended the student financial assistance regulations in two key areas: reduction in the amount of duplicate funding that education leave and other employer-assisted students are receiving; and amendment of the student loans provisions so long-term northerners receive the maximum benefit of forgivable loans while short-term residents would only qualify for loans that must be repaid.

Mr. Speaker, those amendments took place on August 15th, 1988, and I have summarized the major changes. I would like to emphasize that students who were receiving funding in 1987-88 were protected by a grandfather provision that enables them to receive continued funding under the previous regulations or the new regs, whichever is more advantageous to them.

Although specific details of the regulation changes were not available until mid-July, the students and the public were generally aware through previous media coverage that changes were being made to the regulations for 1988-89 school year. Minimal negative reaction to the changes has been received. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O216-88(2): Content Of Disease Registries Act

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, the Disease Registries Act went through this House, and it was not until we went right into it that we began to raise questions which are fundamental to the protection of the public. I would like to ask the Minister responsible for Health whether, in fact, she was aware of the very stringent controls that Statistics Canada has on this very confidential information; whether she examined that kind of information very carefully before passing this on to our committee on legislation.

Secondly, I want to know whether she designed this piece of legislation to fit into a national cancer registry currently being developed by Statistics Canada to provide a data base for

identifying the health outcomes in terms of cancer, of exposure to radiation or chemicals, or whether it goes beyond what is required in this national cancer registry currently being developed by Statistics Canada. It seems to me upon examining it, that this particular piece of legislation goes far beyond what Statistics Canada requires under this new registry that it is developing.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea.

Return To Question O216-88(2): Content Of Disease Registries Act

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, to the question that Mr. Lewis placed before us. All legislation that I have been familiar with and been involved with is not necessarily always new legislation. Other legislation is researched. There were many similar types of legislation explored before we put this one together. I cannot tell you exactly how many other documents but I can perhaps get that information and give you the references to the provincial legislation that we took into consideration when it was being developed.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan. Supplementary, Mr. Lewis.

Supplementary To Question O216-88(2): Content Of Disease Registries Act

MR. LEWIS: The Minister, Mr. Speaker, answered the first part of my question but not the second part of my question. Was this piece of legislation designed to provide the kind of information Statistics Canada needs in the creation of this national registry for all cancer cases throughout the country or does it go beyond that to meet our own territorial needs?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O216-88(2): Content Of Disease Registries Act

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: In developing the legislation, it was both. We took into consideration the things that we require in the NWT and we also took into consideration the territorial/federal compatibility and relationship so that we could at some point in time, if required, work with the national registry act. The Department of Health is familiar with the federal legislation and also with the federal department on these particular issues.

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

Question O217-88(2): Questions To Minister Of Health

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health. I would like to ask the Minister, what are the programs that are now in existence with regard to the CHR programs, which is the community health representative people, and also, the Minister did indicate in her statement yesterday that health boards are in place in most regions with the exception of the Mackenzie region. I would like to ask the Minister what seems to be the problem with the Mackenzie region that is holding back the Mackenzie from establishing one?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. That is really, quite two separate questions. Madam Minister, did you get both?

Return To Question O217-88(2): Questions To Minister Of Health

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I will answer the final one and perhaps Mr. Gargan can repeat the first part. In the matter of health boards, the reason that the Mackenzie area health board has not been formed is because a lot of the people who are involved and who would want to sit down at meetings were preoccupied with the agreement in principle meetings that were going on. In times that we wanted to bring the working group together, it was not entirely

possible. So it is really a matter of trying to get the people who want to be involved with this process, the time, to get them to these meetings or discussions.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Gargan, could you ask question one again, please?

**MR. GARGAN:** Mr. Speaker, in the Minister's statement yesterday, the Minister did indicate that a community health representatives training program was going to be put in place. However, I wanted to ask the Minister, presently how many CHRs are working in the communities? What are the numbers that are working, and does she anticipate that each community will be getting a CHR worker once this training program is over?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Ms Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O217-88(2): Questions To Minister Of Health

**HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA:** Mr. Speaker, on the transfer, enough money was made available and I will give you approximate figures. I believe that in the budget allocation, we can fund 60 positions and when we put the breakdown toward the number of communities, there were very few places that we were short. However, the number of CHRs that we have got and carried over are perhaps in the vicinity of 13. This ability to create CHR positions in almost every community is a challenge and we are attempting to put a training program together that will meet several levels of need. We realize that in some communities there may be a person that was working in that particular field for some time and that we would have to develop an upgrading program to bring up the level of training that is necessary. So it is quite a challenge and I believe what we wanted to do is to come up with two or three options that would fit a number of different situations across the North. I believe that this is an excellent opportunity for people to be involved; particularly when people would like to stay and work in their own communities.

The training program is going to have to be quite extensive. The Department of Health is working with Arctic College to try to design a program so that we can take advantage of the various situations of different people who are interested in that field. The program must adapt to allow interested people to fit in particular requirements to qualify for these positions.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Mr. Zoe.

Question O218-88(2): Date For Tabling Regional And Tribal Councils Report

**MR. ZOE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Government Leader. As he may recall, Mr. Speaker, last session I raised a question of the regional and tribal councils report. At that time...

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I am getting to that point. I realize that he indicated to me that it would be tabled sometime during this session and two weeks ago I raised the same question again. At that time he indicated to me that it would be tabled the latter part of last week. On Friday, I rose again in this House questioning the Minister as to where this particular report is and when he was planning to table it. He indicated to the House and he made a commitment to this House that it would be tabled sometime this week. Now, I have reminded the Government Leader two days in a row and today being Wednesday, the third day of the week I would like to ask the Minister, when or what date is he planning to table the government's response to the report on the regional and tribal councils? Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Government Leader.



Return To Question O218-88(2): Date For Tabling Regional And Tribal Councils Report

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I believe I have told the honourable Member that it is not just the regional and tribal councils review, the co-ordinating committee's report, that I will be tabling, along with the government's response. Since I believe it is very important that the issue of the future regional and tribal councils be discussed in the context of the total evolution of our public government, and such issues as the prime public body and the integration of land claims institutions be also considered at the same time, I will be tabling this report and response, along with a paper on the political and constitutional development of the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make it clear, we are trying to do the very best job possible on this complex matter. I hope that the careful work we have been doing in fine tuning and refining this paper will save the House time when the paper is presented.

Mr. Speaker, we are working very hard and I would say we were thrown a bit off by the major debates that took place earlier this week on the issue of the Northern Accord which, in itself, addresses some of the questions of the roles of aboriginal organizations and this Legislature in political and constitutional development. The work is well under way. At this very moment, translation has begun, Mr. Speaker, and I would ask the honourable Member to bear with me. There are great rewards for those who wait and I think...

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...soon the Member's patience and understanding will be rewarded, Mr. Speaker. Very soon. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Zoe, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O218-88(2): Date For Tabling Regional And Tribal Councils Report

MR. ZOE: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is to the Government Leader. Would the Government Leader be more comfortable if he produces this elaborate response to the regional and tribal councils report during the next session?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Further Return To Question O218-88(2): Date For Tabling Regional And Tribal Councils Report

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: No, Mr. Speaker. I fully intend to honour my commitment to table it during this session. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O218-88(2): Date For Tabling Regional And Tribal Councils Report

MR. ZOE: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as you know the session may be ending very shortly...

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I am quite concerned, even though the Government Leader is prepared to table it during this session, we may not have the opportunity to thoroughly discuss this particular report. So, maybe I can make a suggestion to the Government Leader that if he will wait until next session. I waited for over a year for this particular report; I can wait another six months.

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MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader, I think the question was, would you wait until next session? If there was a question.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to beg the indulgence of the honourable Member to take that question as notice and I will reply tomorrow.

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MR. SPEAKER: The rules grant you that indulgence. Oral questions. Item 6, written questions. Mr. Ernerk.

#### ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

##### Question W19-88(2): Data On Effects Of Uranium Mining At Kiggavik Uranium Mine

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This written question is addressed to the Ministers of Health and Renewable Resources. Could the two honourable Ministers provide this House with baseline data regarding socio-economic indicators for all communities concerned with Kiggavik uranium mine in particular with the following: health levels -- rates of cancer, miscarriage, birth defects, etc.; climate and meteorology; terrestrial wildlife -- trace element and radionuclide content, etc.; population dynamics, diversity, etc.; terrestrial flora -- trace element and radionuclide content, etc.-- population dynamics, diversity, etc.; aquatic ecology -- sediment characterization (physical/chemical), annual deposition factors, water-sediment transfer factors, watershed flow rates, etc. -- fish population dynamics, diversity trace element and radionuclide content; groundwater -- flow characterization, trace element and radionuclide content, etc. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. Written questions. Mr. Pudluk.

##### Question W20-88(2): Relocation To Northern Quebec

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a question to the Government Leader. In my constituency, this past summer a number of people moved back to their home communities. The federal government had houses built for these people who were moving back. Can the Government Leader look into this to see whether these people were allowed to move into these new houses? I believe this was a part of the agreement. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Written questions. Item 7, returns to written questions.

#### ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, a return to Question W16-88(2), asked by Mr. Nerysoo to the Minister of Justice.

##### Return To Question W16-88(2): Assistance Program For Careers In Legal Profession

Hon. Michael Ballantyne's return to Question W16-88(2), asked by Mr. Nerysoo on October 25, 1988, regarding financial assistance for careers in the legal profession:

Starting this year, the Department of Justice will award a bursary of \$1000 each year to an NWT resident entering first year law school in a Canadian law school.

Individuals applying for the bursary must submit to the Department of Justice proof of admission to a Canadian law school, university/high school marks and two letters of recommendation from respected persons in the community describing the applicant's public service record. Applications for this year's bursary must be submitted to the department by December 15 of each year.

Applications are screened by a selection committee consisting of officials from the Departments of Justice and Education, who review each application to determine academic and community achievements and financial need. The committee reviews each application based on the following weight factors: academic achievement, 50 per cent; community involvement, 30 per cent; financial need, 20 per cent.

The Minister of Justice will announce publicly the name of the person awarded the Department of Justice bursary. Payment of the bursary award is contingent on proof of enrolment in a first year law program in a Canadian university. If the selection committee determines that there are no suitable candidates for that particular year, the committee will defer the competition until the following year.

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. Nerysoo.

#### ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, just to take advantage of Mr. Zoe's suggestion about the question of regional and tribal councils. Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 51-88(2), a document on Devolution of Powers to the Government of the Northwest Territories, Provincehood and Aboriginal Self-Government, as produced by the Dene Nation and the Metis Association of the Northwest Territories. Secondly, Tabled Document 50-88(2), Submission to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories on the Principles of Devolution, as produced by the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Tabling of documents. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following two documents. Tabled Document 52-88(2), Executive Committee Resolution EX 4-1/88, Keewatin Regional Council, regarding the northern energy accord, Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait and the negotiating team. Secondly, Tabled Document 53-88(2), Executive Committee Resolution EX 4-2/88, Keewatin Regional Council. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. Tabling of documents. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 54-88(2), a response to Petition 7-88(2), presented by Mr. Pudluk and responded to by the Minister of Justice.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Tabling of documents. That would appear to conclude Item 11. Item 12, notices of motion. Mr. Nerysoo.

#### ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTION

##### Notice Of Motion 29-88(2): Ongoing Participation In Negotiations On The Northern Energy Accord

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, November 4th, 1988, I shall move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that this House endorses the invitation of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and supports the participation of representatives of Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, Dene Nation, Metis Association and the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation on the Northern Accord negotiations team; and further, that the negotiations team, upon the direction of the appropriate Minister, seek consensus on the process for participation and input in developing the Northwest Territories

negotiation position; and further, that the Executive Council, through the appropriate Minister, report progress on this matter during the next sitting of this House or at any appropriate time such request is made by the Legislative Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Notices of motion. Mr. Ernerk.

Notice Of Motion 30-88(2): Negotiations To Include Hudson Bay And Hudson Strait Regions

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice that on Friday, November 4th, 1988, I will move the following motion: Therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Hudson Bay, that the Legislative Assembly of the NWT recommend to the Executive Council that the Government of the NWT northern energy accord negotiating team pursue and protect the rights of Inuit residents in the Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait regions and enhance the interest and jurisdiction of the Government of the NWT in the lands and waters of Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait during the course of northern energy accord negotiations with the federal government.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. Notices of motion.

Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 14, motions. Motion 24-88(2), Mr. Crow.

ITEM 14: MOTIONS

Motion 24-88(2): Repatriation Of Inuit Art And Artifacts

MR. CROW: (Translation) I will be making a motion. I will be reading in English. (Translation ends)

WHEREAS the Inuit of the Hudson Bay, Baffin, Keewatin and Kitikmeot regions have been working to protect and interpret their heritage;

AND WHEREAS the Inuit wish to see the return of historic artifact and art collections from museums and agencies outside of the North to interpret them properly;

AND WHEREAS the recent efforts to return the Indian and Northern Affairs Inuit art and artifact collection is an example of this work;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that this Legislative Assembly commends the communities on the Arctic Coast and the Eastern Arctic and the Government of the Northwest Territories in their efforts to repatriate Inuit artifacts and art and preserve Inuit heritage so that future generations may have access to it and be proud of it.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Crow. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Crow, would you like to lead off?

MR. CROW: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The motion I have made today is related to a motion made last spring concerning Inuit art and artifacts that are in museums down south, to have them returned to our communities. There are some discussions going on right now, negotiations concerning the repatriation of Inuit art and artifacts, the artifacts that are being held right now. We are proud of the heritage and so we want to try and have this art and artifacts returned to the communities so that the next generation will be able to learn from these, as it is their heritage. They can be educated from these artifacts. This is part of the life of the Inuit people. There are some Inuit art and artifacts in the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs at this time. I think in the area of 3500 pieces I have heard that are being held right now at the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. We are trying to get the art and artifacts returned to the North. We know that there are some Inuit art and artifacts in Canada and others outside of

Canada. We would like to have the repatriation of art and artifacts and we are trying to get this motion enforced so that the Inuit art and artifacts can be returned to the North. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Crow. Secunder of the motion, Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to support this motion because it is something that is very close to Inuit within our homelands. I supported, in the last Legislative Assembly session, a motion which was moved by Mr. Crow that indicated that some action should be undertaken to ensure that the Inuit artifacts were preserved and protected. We also suggested at that time that historical artifacts should be returned to Inuit homelands. I do not see this as a major problem because these historical artifacts were taken away from us without our permission. The Government of Canada tell us that in order to dig, in order to take out artifacts we need a permit from the government; and yet these people who took those artifacts did not get a permit or a licence to take them out of our communities; to take them out of our ruins. These artifacts, as indicated by Mr. Crow, are all over the place. They are in North America, they are in Western Europe and they are now in the hands of those who do not own them. I think that we Inuit have every right to retrieve these historical indicators, important to Inuit themselves. Mr. Speaker, I do fully support this motion and I would ask that other Members of the Legislative Assembly support this motion as well. The government, I am pleased to indicate, has taken some action, even though it is a small, minor action, but I think they can do more. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. To the motion. Mr. Allooloo.

#### Earlier Motion To Preserve And Protect Artifacts

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, will be supportive of this motion. First of all, during the last session of this Legislature, the Member for Hudson Bay, Charlie Crow, with the support of the Aivilik MLA, Mr. Ernerk, made a motion that some action should be taken to ensure Inuit artifacts were preserved and protected. In addition, it was suggested by Mr. Ernerk that an effort be made to return Inuit art and artifacts held by museums and agencies outside the NWT. Over the last six months, negotiations were started to return national and international collections of Inuit art and the artifacts, to make them more accessible to the population of the NWT if the transfer of ownership is not possible. In particular, new ties with UNESCO will enable special arrangements to be made with the museums outside of Canada.

Within Canada, discussions between the federal government, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, have focussed on the return of the historic Inuit art collection. The Inuit art collection is a group of sculptures, prints and crafts collected between 1950 and 1980 by the northern service program of DIAND. The collection numbers between 3000 and 5000 pieces. The pieces came from the NWT, Northern Quebec and Labrador. The collection was brought together in order to exhibit and promote Inuit art during its emerging stages. Inuit art has now been recognized both internationally and in Canada. The collection is no longer wanted by the federal government as it believes that museums can exhibit Inuit art more effectively. In deciding where the collection should go, DIAND believes that the collection should be accessible, that the national museums should develop a proper exhibition and that Inuit groups should draw on collections as a teaching and learning tool. Repatriation was not considered an issue.

This position was formally presented in a paper circulated to museums and interested groups. Responses were supportive of this action. Our government, in consultation with Inuit groups, further urged the department to transfer ownership to the Inuit. The federal Minister and the NWT Government Leader agreed that the NWT should have first call on the collection. In the Government of the NWT proposal, the Minister of Culture and Communications supported the federal position on the access to the exhibitions, and we stressed the federal obligation to transfer the ownership. In response to these suggestions, the federal Minister interpreted ownership for disposition, believing the entire collection would have to be transferred to the North. In his view, this was not possible.

A recent reply to the federal Minister, and the meeting with his officials, reaffirmed that the issue of ownership was a symbolic gesture, reaffirming Inuit claim to the control, both the history and destiny. It was suggested that a formal meeting be held involving the national museums, Inuit groups and the Government of the NWT to enable the Inuit to present their position and strategy for owning and accessing the collection. The federal Minister agreed that the meeting be convened in Ottawa at the beginning of November to enable Inuit groups to submit their position and their strategy.

Government Has Responded Quickly And Responsibly

Mr. Speaker, it is very important to all the people in the NWT, not only to the Inuit, that this collection should be accessible to the people in the NWT. I believe our government has moved quickly and responsibly towards repatriation of the art collection. I am very supportive of this motion. Thank you.

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

MR. LEWIS: Very briefly, Mr. Speaker, if you recall, on Mr. Crow's birthday I mentioned his great interest in history, and the fact remains that, apart from the stories that are passed down from one generation to another, the only things that are reminders of the past are these old tools and artifacts that were made a long time ago; and more recently the artistic creations of northern people. I understand fully what Mr. Crow is trying to do to make young people aware of their history, of the changes that have taken place over a long period of time, and I fully understand the difficulty of doing what Mr. Crow would like to see done. I know from my own personal experience that if you have anything that you would like to protect for the next several hundred years, you have to provide security for it, it has to be looked after. I suppose the concern, for people that currently look after this collection, is that anything that is done should be done so that the care and protection continues for that collection, so that people 300 years from now will be able to look at it as well, and to share it.

What it seems to me that the federal government is proposing is that there would be access to this collection, but it would not be set in any permanent northern location. But what I would urge, Mr. Speaker, that we try to do is to set up some place somewhere where these guarantees of protection and security will meet all the standards that all the major collections of the world have to meet. Because this collection is a major collection, of interest to people all over the world, for that reason, before any consideration of bringing everything back to the Territories is made, we should make sure that we can handle the job and do it properly so that this collection, in fact, is going to be available and accessible for a long period of time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. To the motion. Mr. Angottitauruq.

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to speak in favour of the motion. The motion clearly speaks for itself. Just the last speaker, my colleague Mr. Lewis, mentioned that it should be well prepared and that it should have the right kind of building for this material. I certainly agree with Mr. Lewis. But I do not think that we should doubt that these artifacts would have a place so in trying to speak to the motion, we need the artifacts and the art in the NWT. They are in the wrong heritage where they are right now. The majority of our people in the NWT do not have the access. If they wished to have similar items such as these they can have something substituted that the NWT can easily give away. This art and these artifacts are the signs of our history and they show our heritage.

Right now, in this time and age we keep saying that we are losing our heritage or our culture. We need these artifacts and arts in the NWT for our young people and our older people, because the times are changing and we need the information to show to our people. And if the southerners want to come to see them they are welcome. That would create more tourists to the NWT. If they wish to see these artifacts they also should see the people, the native people who can tell them exactly what they really mean and what they were. So I guess the NWT not having

these, is not benefiting. Saying that, I support the motion whole-heartedly and I would like the other Members to support it also because the motion speaks for itself.

(Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have our heritage and we have our own language and these artifacts have to be returned to the NWT because they belong to the northern people. If they are in the southern societies they are lost, the meaning is lost. Sometimes the interpreters and I have different dialects but I have my own language and my own culture, too. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Angottitauruq. Mr. Pudluk.

#### Artifacts Are Outside Of Canada

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to see the motion on the floor. There are a lot of artifacts that are taken away from the NWT and I know for a fact too that some of the artifacts are overseas. I want to support the motion for the reason that our next generation, if they would like to find out about our heritage and our traditional way of living, will have to go to Europe and see and find out what we have left them. But I would prefer that the artifacts be transferred to the NWT. I would like to see this be implemented quickly. I know that Mr. Allooloo was explaining to us that they are working on this concerning the artifacts being transferred to the NWT and we must do something about it now. Not too long ago there was something in the newspaper about the book called, "Bring Back My Father's Body". I think this was a very sensitive issue and something that a person would be hurt by. We do not want to go through the same thing in the NWT. Also, the museum here is improving all the time and I would like to bring out why I am supporting this motion. A few days ago I asked the Minister for Culture and Communications and the Northern Heritage Centre about what is happening with the artifacts transfer.

The artifacts are the symbol of my ancestors. For this reason, this situation has to be recognized before it is too late and if the artifacts are not going to be returned to the NWT I will not have a chance to see them. I would have to go overseas in order to see them or even to go down south if some of the artifacts are in the United States, then I have to travel down south to see them. For these reasons, I fully support the motion and I thank the MLA for Hudson Bay for moving the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. To the motion. Mr. Kilabuk.

#### Some Artifacts Returned Earlier

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is brief. I am very happy to see and I am happy to say that I am supporting the motion. I also know that we have been trying to get the artifacts back to the NWT. When I was a Member for the Legislative Assembly years ago, I pushed for the artifacts to be returned to the North. Other MLAs also went to their communities to see the things that were lost from the past and that were returned to our communities. I think we can do it, to have the artifacts returned to our land in the Arctic. It is good to see the symbols of our ancestors in the proper form and to see how they used to use the tools and things. They bring back some of the things that we do not know about. I would be happy if all the artifacts were returned that belong to all the communities on the Hudson Bay shore. They will have to have a good place to be put in. It would be good to preserve them in a proper place in the NWT and also in our community to have the artifacts that were returned to us in their proper place. Although they were quite expensive to bring back we kept pushing for them to be returned to our community. Some of them were returned but not everything was returned. I support the motion moved by Charlie Crow and I would like to see the artifacts be returned to the NWT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kilabuk. To the motion. Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to also indicate my total support for this motion. Mr. Speaker, I have been involved in this, along with Mr. Allooloo, since

it is, in some respects, a transfer or devolution matter. Mr. Speaker, this is a priceless collection. It represents the work of many artists from Inuit communities who are now no longer alive. I think that in all fairness to Indian and Northern Affairs we should actually be grateful to them, that these priceless artifacts have been preserved, and may I say that my understanding is that most of the works in the collection were actually purchased over the years.

However, Mr. Speaker, I am extremely concerned, along with other Members of this House, that the collection is no longer wanted by the federal government, and I am very concerned that without our intervention, and our strong intervention, this collection could be dispersed to southern galleries. Southern galleries are all very eager to acquire this priceless collection. I think we should make it very clear to the federal government that repatriation of these priceless works of art is a very important issue for us. We should be open, I would think, to loaning the works of art on occasion to southern galleries. I think we should be proud to have some of the finest works of Inuit art on display at, for example, the National Gallery and other museums that would give them a chance to be seen by people from all over the world.

#### Minister's Conviction Re Dispersal

Mr. Speaker, I have discussed this matter with the federal Minister of DIAND, and I was very pleased, as Mr. Allooloo indicated, that when I discussed this with Mr. McKnight he said that he believed that northern people had a primary interest in the return of these works of art, if they were to be dispersed, and that secondly we should have, as he described it, "first call" on the collection. I think now, Mr. Speaker, since his officials are involved and since all of them may not quite share the same conviction as that of the Minister, it is very important that this House express its strong resolve on the issue of ownership or repatriation of these works of art.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased that a meeting is to take place in a very few days, which will enable northern people, and Inuit organizations, and, I might add, a representative of Nunatta Sunaqtangit Museum in Iqaluit, one of the first museums in the Eastern Arctic, to enable us to make a strong case for repatriation of this collection. Our object should be to get a federal commitment that these objects of art should be repatriated to the NWT. I would suggest, and I agree with Mr. Lewis, Mr. Speaker, that once that commitment is made by the federal government, then we can and must make plans to properly house these priceless works, firstly to a location in the Northwest Territories -- and it should be a proper facility to safeguard them -- I would suggest preferably it should be in the Eastern Arctic. Secondly, then we should be planning their repatriation to specific communities from whence they came, in community museums or community galleries. I can imagine how happy communities will be, Mr. Speaker, to receive and display works of art from loved and distinguished, and now deceased, artists from that community.

I commend Mr. Crow for his motion. I know that great efforts are being made in the community of Sanikiluaq to respect and preserve the heritage, particularly with the Tuniq project in the local school. I think it is very appropriate that Mr. Crow should be moving this motion, and I fully support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Patterson. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. Mr. Crow, as the mover of the motion, you have the opportunity to speak last and this will close debate on the motion. Mr. Crow.

MR. CROW: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not have any more comments to make regarding my motion. I think it speaks for itself. I would just like to say that I see all my colleagues support this motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Crow. Are you ready for the question?



**AN HON. MEMBER: Question.**

**Motion 24-88(2), Carried**

**MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour of the motion, please signify. Thank you. All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried unanimously.**

**---Carried**

**The House will now take a short recess.**

**---SHORT RECESS**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The House will come back to order. We are on Item 14, motions. Motion 25-88(2). Mr. Lewis.

**Motion 25-88(2): Appointment As Alternate To Standing Committees On Legislation And Finance, Carried**

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**MR. LEWIS:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move the following motion:

**WHEREAS** due to the resignation of Mr. Richard and Mr. Butters from standing committees of this House;

**AND WHEREAS** it is desirable to fill these vacancies;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that the honourable Member for Nahendeh, Mr. Sibbeston, be appointed as an alternate Member to the standing committee on legislation;

**AND FURTHER**, notwithstanding Rule 87(2), that Mr. Sibbeston be appointed as an alternate to the standing committee on finance.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Mr. Clerk, I do not recognize a quorum. Would you ring the bells?

Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes a quorum. Are you ready for the question?

**AN HON. MEMBER:** Question.

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

---Carried

**Motion 26-88(2). Mr. Pollard.**

**Motion 26-88(2): Priorities In The 1989-90 Budget**

**MR. POLLARD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Priorities in the 1989-90 budget.

**WHEREAS** there is a need to address child day-care in the Northwest Territories in a meaningful way;

**AND WHEREAS** it is obvious that the GNWT's Department of Education capital budget is not large enough to provide the required educational facilities in a timely manner;

**AND WHEREAS** the demands for decent housing in the Northwest Territories continue to outstrip the financial capabilities of the Housing Corporation to meet this need;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Deh Cho, that this Assembly recommends to the Executive Council that it consider that the priorities in the 1989-90 budget of this government be day-care services, Education capital facilities and housing capital construction;

**AND FURTHER**, that the Executive Council consider adding additional resources to these priorities, including utilization of the projected surplus, in order to address these priorities.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pollard. The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this motion, if it passes, is designed to indicate to the Executive Council priorities that this Legislature would like to place on next year's budget. Mr. Speaker, with regard to the child day-care, in Hay River, in August, I was approached by a group and asked to make sure that this government provided adequate funding to day-care in the Northwest Territories. I think it was just after that the Minister announced some \$200,000 in emergency funding, Mr. Speaker. At that time I defended this government because the people that I was talking to asked me to get five million dollars committed to that project. I defended the government and I said, "Five million dollars is not something that you can just pull out of the air. You just cannot dig it up anywhere." But after much debate with those people, Mr. Speaker, I agreed that I would wait until the government brought forward its position.

We had a debate on day-care in this Legislature about the same time the government's surplus jumped from \$15 million projected to \$57 million projected. Now, there must have been some knowledge in the Executive Council at the time that the day-care issue was being discussed and the \$200,000 was being approved. There must have been some knowledge in the Executive Council that they had that much money, Mr. Speaker. But, what do they do? They bring forward \$200,000, which is one third of one per cent of the \$57 million.

Mr. Speaker, the next thing that happened is that this government -- whom I am tempted to call, the "no" government, because they are always saying, "No" because they do not have enough money -- came forward and said to Hay River, "Yes, we will build you the gymnasium. No, we will not pay the whole amount. It is going to cost you \$500,000." Yet, they are sitting with, at the same time that decision was made, with some knowledge of \$57 million sitting in surplus.

Mr. Speaker, I found out that I was not the only constituency that was being approached that way. Broughton Island had the same problem. Since I have been here, Mr. Speaker, I have talked to other MLAs whose Education capital facilities are not being addressed in a proper fashion. Mr. Speaker, it just appears that each time an MLA comes forward and says, "We really need this in my constituency because this building is deteriorating or this has happened", that the government's response is always, "Well, if we give it to you we are going to have to take away from him or her." That has happened quite a bit in the last few years, Mr. Speaker.

Housing. If there is one problem that is constantly brought forward by one or other MLA, Mr. Speaker, it is housing. There is not enough of it. The requirements are growing and growing. The standing committee on finance pointed out last year, Mr. Speaker, that this department is not going to be able to fulfil its mandate unless something is done to increase the number of housing starts in the Northwest Territories.

So, I guess what I am saying, Mr. Speaker, is that when you tie the child care issue together with the housing issue together with the Education issue, this government has had knowledge that it has some \$50 million that it could be spending on these issues but it has not done so this year. It has not made any announcements at this time, apart from \$200,000, that it is going to address these very real problems. I think that I would not be wrong if I were to suppose that the Executive has some other plans for the \$57 million, Mr. Speaker. I do not know what they are because I do not know the contents of the budget next year, but I do know that what I am talking about today, on these three issues, are very real needs today in the Northwest Territories.

Being frustrated with the system, Mr. Speaker, and after talking to some of my colleagues, I decided to bring this motion forward in order to let this government know, if the motion passes, Mr. Speaker, that this is the priority that this government should address.

### Demands Not Unreasonable

I am not trying to interfere in the government's business, although the Finance Minister would probably suppose that, but I would stress that I do not think that these demands are unreasonable. I do not think it is wrong to ask that the capital facilities Education budget be set straight and that everybody be brought up to date. Then, Mr. Speaker, if the government is willing to give us their five year capital plan we will all abide by that plan but, because projects have been advanced then deferred and then advanced again, I think it is time to play some catch-up here and spend some of this money and bring these areas up to date. So, we are talking child care, we are talking housing, we are talking Education capital facilities. I would like to think, Mr. Speaker, that my colleagues will support me in this motion. Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pollard. The seconder of the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just from past experience, with regard to gym facilities on the Hay River Reserve that, during the 10th Assembly, they had been requesting for the school and which they got, I would express my appreciation to the government. Also a primary school gym which the community will be using, too. But before that I guess what the reserve had was no recreation programs because there were no facilities there. For what little they had, there was also the difficulty of having to deal with storage of the sports equipment in the school, which is two classrooms. The other difficulty which they experienced is that a lot of times, in order for them to have any kind of recreation activities, they had to actually move school furniture to the side so that they had a small space in the middle in which they could do activities like wrestling and that type of program. So, I know what schools that do not have gym facilities are going through.

The proposed school that is going to be built in Hay River also is going to run into that problem, except this time you have 10 classes that are going to be denied any kind of gym facility or gym programs because there is not going to be any gym facility included with the school. So there is something missing; development of the human body, as far as education goes, is one aspect that is denied, so I have some concerns about that.

With regard to child care, Mr. Speaker, I support the child care program. I also understand that the \$200,000 which was announced just recently have gone to existing programs. I believe that new money is in order for a lot of the communities which have, during this fall session, expressed an interest in those areas and would like to have the assistance of the government.

### Legitimate Need For Housing

With regard to housing, again this program has been sort of on a yearly basis and there is what we call a needs study done every year. These needs studies fluctuate depending on the amount of applications you get, the number of interviews you do with the people in the communities. You come up with some needs studies that are higher than others and in other years, it is just lower than others. So this year, for example, Kakisa is not getting anything for the next five years although there is a requirement for some changes in the houses that are there. I believe that those are legitimate concerns by the communities and the Members have all identified that as a concern. There is a need for them. That is not a want. There is a need for those facilities. And so for this reason I would like all the Members to support it. Mahsi cho.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. To the motion. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am really pleased to be able to support this formal motion in this House, especially with regard to the issue of day-care. During the discussions of the day-care policy for the NWT, I tried to get a message across to the Minister and the Government of the NWT that there has to be proper day-care capital planning. There has to be proper funding, appropriate funding in order to meet the needs of the people of the NWT with regard to the issue of day-care. I also indicated at that time, and I will do it again, that our day-care facility in Rankin Inlet moved five times since about 1979 or 1980. This is not acceptable

to us. What is acceptable is proper capital planning with regard to the issue of day-care so that parents who want to work, who want to be trained to do something, who want to get out there and join the working world, can have a proper place for their children. I support this motion very much in terms of day-care services in the NWT.

I also support the issue of housing capital construction because I hear loud and clear both the mover of the motion as well as the seconder of the motion, that we have to take a look at the needs program. I know that in my own region and I know in other parts of the NWT that we have a shortage of housing programs. We have to have also, proper design in order to meet the conditions of the NWT: weather, cold weather. So, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to state that I want to fully support this motion. I am wondering, now that \$8000 is going to the Keewatin Region for some other program, I am wondering if the \$57 million is now \$56.992 million. So I think in terms of that surplus as well, Mr. Speaker, the government should seriously take a look at these three items which are in the "now therefore" clause. I fully support the motion. Thank you.

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

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will speak in favour of the motion. I fully support the motion. The day-care in the NWT is very limited, to a few communities. I have spoken to a number of people who have concerns about day-care. In the smaller communities sometimes you really do not require a real fancy facility. Sometimes you require some funding for the wages of those who are willing to babysit for those who are working. To the policy, you have to have the right kind of building and all these other fancy rules that you have to follow. I would like to start seeing more money put into the day-care budget, not only this year, but in years to come.

#### Reasons Day-Care Is Important

I would like to read some statements about why day-care is very important in the NWT in all communities: employment opportunities, it increases employment opportunities; preschoolers can learn to adjust to being away from their home in preparation for kindergarten; preschoolers can prepare for their first year at school; single mothers could upgrade their education and/or training; day-care is required when both parents are working; a limited number of babysitters are available in the community.

I guess the Government of the NWT has not really felt that it was a priority because in most of the small communities people are related and they take advantage of relatives. Even those who are able to, like grandmothers and aunts, they, too, are required to make a few dollars. We see a lot of women at home trying to sew crafts to make a few dollars, and that can get taken away from them. I have heard a number of women who babysat for their children and their relatives say, "I had something else to do too, during the day, in order to prepare my children and also to try and make an income. But since these people I am babysitting for are my relatives, I cannot even ask for money from them." So I guess the major thing in the NWT that is missing in the smaller communities is a salary.

The government may not think it is needed, and their policy requires that a day-care building be built before any day-care activity is done. But I was talking to a minister and a priest one time. They said, "Our churches are empty and we need a few dollars, too. Maybe try to convince the government to use our churches for day-care." A structure is there. You do not need to build a fancy building, and people who apply should be respected that they can do a good job on day-care. In the small communities you really do not have any problem with babysitters.

Having said that, Mr. Speaker, I have no more further words to support the motion. I would like the government to seriously start putting a few dollars on the site from wherever, even if they have to negotiate with the federal government. That is where we get the money from and I hope this motion clearly shows that there is some funding required urgently from them through this government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to speak in favour of the motion. I think accumulated surpluses are things that should be accumulated for a long period of time. When government makes a commitment to spend money and surpluses accumulate, a lot of times due to bad weather or unforeseen circumstances, it is not necessarily good management. I think if a project comes under budget and you get a surplus accumulated for that reason, that is fine. Surpluses accumulated when capital projects are either cancelled or fall behind, I do not think fall in the category of something that should be kept always as a government cushion. I think we have to demonstrate to the federal government, who finances us through formula funding, that we have a lot of important capital projects to do and to accumulate a surplus shows, sometimes, that maybe we do not have that many important capital projects to pursue if we are willing to accumulate surpluses instead of committing our total capital budget each year.

#### This Year's Surplus Could Get Materials To Western Communities

I would like to suggest a way that this could be speeded up a little bit. In the West, there are roads and there are winter roads that exist here and I want to say how they can be used to accommodate the motion. I think that materials could be moved, if there is a project slated in the budget next year for one of these western communities, you can purchase the materials now out of this year's budget and you could have the materials and transportation costs out of this budget and have the materials in place in these western communities for construction during the winter. I have heard there is going to be a lapse in this year's budget. There is already a surplus coming down the road. And then, the money that you saved by putting it into this budget by not having to spend it in next year's budget, you could then advance the Eastern Arctic projects that are not currently in your plans for next year's budget. So I hope the Minister would take advantage of these suggestions to prevent a surplus this year by spending the money on materials that are planned for construction in next year's budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to tell the honourable Members that the government accepts the congratulations and accolades of the honourable Members for arriving at this position of having a surplus. We thank you for your kind comments. It was tough to get to this situation so that we can discuss it. I would like to say that most other governments in the country and the world would love to be in this situation. Most of them are paying a goodly amount of their annual budget in servicing a debt. We are in a very fortunate situation to be talking about a surplus.

#### Change In Emphasis Of Assembly

I would like to say to the Members that there has been an interesting, perhaps subtle but interesting, change in emphasis of this Assembly and of the chairman of the standing committee on finance in seven months. The buzz words, as I recall, in the last budget session were "restraint", "balanced budget", "accountability", and "economic development". In fact, we set up a committee which is going all around the Territories to make recommendations to us of how we can stimulate the economy, then transportation. Yesterday it was arenas and community halls. Today it is child care, housing and education. I guess my point is, we are not really talking about priorities; it is the fact that Members are worried about every facet of life in the NWT.

The government is putting together this year's budget and is trying to find a balanced approach toward dealing with the problems in all three of these areas because we obviously share Members' concerns in these and other areas. We need a sound fiscal approach to ensure that we have some margin for the future. We are looking at child care. I would concede to Mr. Pollard that we have known that this surplus has been developing over the last six months but we felt it would be very irresponsible to suddenly earmark large sums of money on projected figures without a proper planning process. We are obviously very aware that at the end of the year we will have a surplus and we hope to develop an integrated approach so that our existing system

does not become unbalanced because we have suddenly and without the proper rationale thrown a lot of money in one area or another.

We are not going to rush into it. I think as a government we would rather do it properly than just respond on an ad hoc basis to individual Members' legitimate concerns for their constituents. As Members are aware, this government deals with major problems. Fifty-seven million dollars may seem like a lot, but we have hundreds of millions of dollars in infrastructure deficiencies in the NWT, hundreds of millions of dollars. We have the fastest growing population in Canada. There is a tremendous potential for future demands on our resources as a government. If you look in the social areas, Members here quite legitimately are concerned about alcohol and drug problems and other social problems -- suicides, people on welfare. Those demands are not decreasing and \$57 million, I want to tell Members, is not enough to deal with all the problems that we have facing us as a government.

I think our government shares your concerns about day-care, and the Minister responsible for day-care has said that we intend to make a response during the budget session on the issue of day-care. I hope that the Members and the public will find our response adequate. We definitely share your concerns. Of course it is a priority of this government.

In the area of education facilities, I would like to remind Members of this House that it is one area where I think this Legislative Assembly has been very generous over the years. We have had probably the biggest part of our budget spent on building schools in every community in the NWT. I think it is something we can all be very proud of. I think we have done a very good job in building schools in communities right across the North.

#### Other Areas Have Slightly Higher Priorities

So I think that although there are needs, there might be other areas that are perhaps a slightly higher priority than education facilities. In the area of housing, Members will recall only three years ago when the special committee on housing made recommendations. This government and this Assembly added massive new resources, trying to deal with the housing problems. I would like to remind Members that right now per capita, we are by far the most generous government in this country when dealing with housing. You can combine the Government of the NWT share and the CMHC share, we are probably spending \$120 million a year in housing. We are the first to admit that it does not solve all the problems. There are only so many dollars to go around. When you look at the tremendous needs just in housing, \$57 million is not going to go very far. I think as a government we are responsibly trying to look at it. And we do welcome your motion because it gives us a better idea of what you feel the priorities of this Assembly are and we certainly will take it into consideration as we finalize this budget.

Mr. Pollard says the budget has been finalized and the \$57 million has been earmarked. No, that is not the case. We have not made our final decision on what to do, if anything, with that \$57 million. It will not be until a bit later on that those figures are a little firmer. I think we have a lot of planning and discussions before we get to the point when we decide if we are going to spend all or part of that \$57 million and what we are going to spend it on. But I want to emphasize to Members that in an uncertain economy in this country, and in the world, we have to have some hedge against future recession. We cannot spend it all. I think Members will agree with that.

I think Members will also agree that the areas we do spend it on should be well thought out, should be well defined and the spending approach should be integrated into our other capital spending policies and our existing policies. I guess the thing that concerns me the most is that we will embark on a frenzied political shopping spree. I do not think that is what the Members want or intend. We as a government could not entertain that sort of approach. What I can say to the Members, though, is that the government thanks you for outlining to us what you consider to be priorities and to the best of our ability, keeping in mind the fact that anything we do has to be well planned and keeping in mind that we have to keep some flexibility and some hedge

against the future, we will definitely try to accommodate some of the legitimate requests of this Assembly. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. Question is being called. Are you ready for the question? Mr. Pollard, as the mover of the motion you have the opportunity for the last word and this will close the debate on the motion. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not going to fight with the Minister of Finance on this, but I would like to point out that he said we cannot spend it all. Well, the Executive spent it all in the election year the last time around. I do not see the difference. He has also said that there might be higher priorities than education. There are not many, Mr. Speaker, higher priorities than education. The Minister also made mention of the fact that the buzz word was "economic development", seven months ago. It is still economic development, Mr. Speaker, but you are not going to get people to work in an expanded economy if they do not have an education, if they do not have somewhere to go home at night and have a decent place to raise a family. You are not going to get those people into the economy who are at home struggling to look after children, if you do not have day-care. So all of these things in this motion, Mr. Speaker, are components of expanding our economy.

#### Assembly Has Not Changed Priorities

I think that when the Minister says that we on this side and down in that corner, Mr. Speaker, have changed our priorities, we have not. We are still expecting the government to place economic development very high on the priority list. We are just saying that these things are integral to having a good economy.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, I am not going to belabour the point. All we are doing, if this motion passes, Mr. Speaker, is saying to the government, "Please consider putting additional resources in these areas, and if you have to use the surplus, do that as well." Mr. Speaker, if the motion passes, and the government does not do this, then I am going to be embarrassed to go back to my constituency and tell the people down there they are still going to have to pay \$500,000 for a gymnasium while our government sits with \$50 million in the bank. I am still going to be embarrassed in front of those people who are asking me for housing and for child care services when I say, "The government said no, and yet they are sitting with \$50 million in the bank." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### Motion 26-88(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Debate on this motion is now closed. All those in favour of the motion? Mr. Clerk, a recorded vote has been requested. All those in favour, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Crow, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Zoe, Mr. Morin, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Ernerk, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Gargan.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. All those opposed to the motion, please stand. All those abstaining from the motion, please stand.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Order. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The motion is carried, 12 Members for, five abstentions, no one against. Item 14, motions. Mr. Nerysoo.

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**MR. NERYSOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to ask for unanimous consent to proceed with a motion that I gave notice of earlier today.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Agreed.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Unanimous consent is being sought to proceed with the motion regarding participation in negotiations on the northern energy accord. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Nerysoo, you have unanimous consent.

**Motion 29-88(2): Ongoing Participation In Negotiations On The Northern Energy Accord**

**MR. NERYSOO:** Thank you, Members of the Assembly, for giving me unanimous consent. Mr. Speaker:

**WHEREAS** the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada have signed an enabling agreement to commence negotiations leading to a Northern Accord on oil and gas resource management and revenues;

**AND WHEREAS** this Legislative Assembly wishes to ensure that the special interests and constitutional rights of the aboriginal peoples are protected in such negotiations;

**AND WHEREAS** the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Executive Council have extended an invitation to aboriginal organizations to be part of the negotiations team;

**AND WHEREAS** this Legislative Assembly wishes to endorse this invitation and support the participation of the aboriginal organizations on the negotiations team;

**NOW THEREFORE,** I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Aivilik, that this House endorses the invitation of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and supports the participation of representatives of Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, Dene Nation, Metis Association and the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation on the Northern Accord negotiations team;

**AND FURTHER,** that the negotiations team, upon direction of the appropriate Minister, seek consensus on the process for participation and input in developing the NWT negotiation position;

**AND FURTHER,** that the Executive Council through the appropriate Minister, report progress on this matter during the next sitting of this House or at any appropriate time such request is made by the Legislative Assembly.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Nerysoo.

**MR. NERYSOO:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not intend to speak very long, except that I believe that the discussion that we have had with regard to the Northern Accord negotiations has been extremely informative. It has been helpful to this Assembly to develop a position and to recognize the importance that these negotiations have with regard to the future of the NWT. I also have to say to Members of the Executive Council, I believe that despite the fact that there may have been somewhat of a difference of opinion over the past few weeks, I have to indicate that, in both instances, from the Executive Council and from the native organizations, there has been much more understanding created as a result of the discussions we have had in this Assembly. I believe that the government is prepared to recognize the direction that has been given, and also we are prepared to recognize the responsibility they have for carrying out direction on behalf of Members of this Assembly. I want to also indicate, Mr. Speaker, that I have had discussions with all native organizations, with the exception of Tungavik Federation, and all individuals have indicated their satisfaction with the motion that is being introduced at this particular time. I still want to say that I have to speak to Tungavik, but I hope that, with the consent of Members here, they will be happy with the suggestions that are being made by this particular motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Secunder of the motion, Mr. Ernerk.

Organizations Asked For Support For Request

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. During the debate on this issue yesterday and the day before, I think I tried to indicate to the House that when Members of native organizations, aboriginal organizations, came to me to ask me to support their wish that they would like to work on this northern energy accord, regarding oil and gas management, with the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Legislative Assembly, I said I had no problem in supporting such a move. As I also tried to indicate to the House, I believe that this is a positive move toward establishing a closer working relationship with both the Government of the Northwest Territories and aboriginal organizations.

I agreed to second this motion because the agreement that was signed between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories is an important agreement. It touches upon all people of the Northwest Territories and I can say at this point in time, Mr. Speaker, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, that organizations such as Tungavik Federation of Nunavut and the others that appeared before us, have a lot of interest in protecting and speaking and being involved with regard to the management of oil and gas development in the Eastern Arctic as well as in the Northwest Territories. So, I support this motion fully, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. To the motion. Ms Cournoyca.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give an appreciation to the mover of the motion and the seunder of the motion. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that before Donat Milortok left, we did have a meeting and we discussed how the process will go, and that he committed that he would like to be part of the team or assign someone to represent the interest of the Inuit.

Mr. Speaker, I guess one of the things that I would like to comment on is how native organizations are treated. I believe that the native organizations are legitimate bodies which should be given dignity and respect. When they raise their voices and concerns I do not believe that we should automatically categorize them as people who are fighting. They have a right to their opinion. They spend a lot of time with the very difficult issue of aboriginal rights settlements. It is a very difficult role to play, it takes a lot of energy, and it takes a lot of teaching in the communities to have that understanding. I feel that over the years the only concern that I have had is that it always appears to me that when an aboriginal organization has something that appears to be an issue, it is always looked at and addressed as something that is negative. I do not take the concerns and issues that are raised by aboriginal organizations as less than anyone else because they happen to be, perhaps, the wrong colour.

TFN Apprehensive

I have worked in organizations for many years of my life and one of the things that I can respect with the Tungavik Federation is that they are at the stage of their settlement, prior to an agreement in principle, and that does make them apprehensive about being involved with another process or having another process that might interfere with the progress that they are making on behalf of their people. I understand that and I respect that. I treat those issues with the proper respect and I think that others should do that, particularly when reporting on what native organizations say. It should not be relegated to a level that is treated without dignity.

The initial concern, in particular TFN, was not that they did not know that we are moving forward, but it was the time limit that we had in trying to address the consultation and I understood that. However, from that point on when we decided to put that aside, the real issues came out in terms of Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait, and the real issue of the value of what we will end up receiving in a settlement on the oil and gas accord with the federal government.

Those issues and those points are, as far as I am concerned, well taken and I appreciate the effort and time that these individuals took to come here and I believe the reason they came here is because of the anxiety that they would not be heard and would not be reported in a way that would take the full context of what they had to say. I know that they are all busy people and they did take the time and I think in detail the debate and the issues that were brought forth will be dealt with, as far as I am concerned, with dignity. Thank you.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The government feels the debate and the questions posed in the last two days to be very useful. I think we resolved some issues and I think we identified others. I think we now can move together on the very, very difficult task of negotiating a final accord. I think we are quite happy with the results of the last two or three days' deliberations.

#### Recognition Of Members' Role

I do not want to speak very much about this. I think everything has been said but I would like to give some special recognition to Mr. Nerysoo and Mr. Ernerk on the very, very constructive role that they played in resolving some of the conflicts of the last two or three days. Without their hard work and without their reasonable approach I do not think we would have achieved a reasonable solution to our problem. So, I think that they deserve some thanks from the Members on the role that they played in the deliberations. Thank you.

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

#### Government Welcomes The Motion

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to echo the sentiments of all my colleagues in this Legislature and to state that indeed we welcomed the interest and concern of the aboriginal organizations to participate in these very important and historic negotiations about our future. We will need their participation and support in order to succeed with the great challenges ahead.

Mr. Speaker, while there have been some disagreements and misunderstandings, some of them quite serious, in recent months on how we will work together, I agree with Ms Cournoyea that there has been a basic will to work things out for our common good. There has been basic mutual respect and I too agree that it is not correct to characterize these sometimes difficult discussions as having been undertaken in a spirit of confrontation. I think that we worked hard to work things out for our common good and we succeeded and I would like to say that the direction provided in this motion is welcomed by our government and we will certainly endeavour to carry it out to the best of our ability. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very briefly, I would like to give my comment. I just received a call from my community a few minutes ago. They were asking me where I stand in this situation. I told them that I am supporting the aboriginal organizations and their conditions. I have had in my mind to support them all along and it is going to be obvious that we in the government and the aboriginal people of the Northwest Territories are going to be working closely together from now on. I am happy to see the motion being formed and we do not know how long we are going to continue to work on that but it is obvious that in the future the aboriginal organizations and the Legislative Assembly will be closer than before. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Angottitauruq.

**MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the motion. (Translation ends)

I would simply like to say a few words in support of the motion. I guess the way this motion came into the House is because there were some problems toward the agreement in principle. I guess the native groups, when reading the document, did not really understand it. Sometimes it takes some explanation orally to understand some documents. So, I guess if the native groups were to participate with the negotiators and hear all the negotiations fully -- at present I guess what they are saying is, "Give us an informer who is present there." I think that is a good idea. They will not be left out in the dark and then they would not have to go to the public with the misunderstanding of information that could destroy both sides, themselves and the government.

So, I think the motion clearly shows that the native groups want to work closely with all governments and not be an outsider on one side. Having said those few words, I fully support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Angottitauruq. To the motion. Mr. Allooloo.

**HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO:** (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the motion also, concerning the aboriginal organizations to be included in the negotiations in the Northwest Territories. I think that native organizations should be involved as we negotiate. Once an agreement is made and a final agreement is signed I think they have to be involved in order that their agreement has some power. It would be best for the NWT government. (Translation ends)

I think it could be a historic agreement, if their negotiations are successful in reaching the final agreement. I believe that with the importance of the negotiations that will be occurring in the future, we cannot exclude native organizations participation in this Northern Accord. I also believe that it was never the intention of the territorial government to exclude native organizations in their pursuit to reach a Northern Accord.

#### Some Financial Independence To Be Gained

It has to be recognized by all of the Northwest Territories people that for the first time we have a chance here to gain some financial independence from the federal government, through a Northern Accord. I would urge that our government and the native organizations work together to reach a Northern Accord that will be beneficial, not only to the native organizations but to all of the people in the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

**MR. GARGAN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to also speak in favour of the motion. I was quite concerned before this draft compromise of the motion was introduced, primarily because I thought for a while that the Government Leader was going to resign. That was quite a concern to me. Also, that there is a direction given to this government which they should consider. Naturally, we would like to see what the outcome of those negotiations or the process would be. I also did indicate before that I would not, at any time, support the outcome of the Northern Accord unless it is endorsed by the aboriginal organizations. This is still my position and I hope that they do work with the government, that it does not come down to that. So, I am in favour of the motion. Thank you.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Zoe.

**MR. ZOE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I too would like to echo all the comments that were made from this side of the House and from that corner. I will be in support of this particular motion. I think that it is going to benefit not only the native organizations, but all northern people. Having groups of this sort would enable us to cover all areas and with that in mind and with all the discussions that we have had over the last couple of days in regard to this Northern Accord, this House basically agrees that we should follow the process that was outlined. We are doing

that today, by putting it in a formal motion giving direction to the government that they should follow what has been said in this House over the last couple of days. With that, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. Are you ready for the question? Mr. Nerysoo, as the mover of the motion, you have the last word and this will close debate on the motion. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I am going to request the House to give me some danger pay. Mr. Speaker, firstly I appreciate the small accolades by Mr. Ballantyne, but let me say, through you, Mr. Speaker, to Mr. Ballantyne, my personal appreciation for the work he did with the Executive Council on this particular item as well. It is my belief that through his consultations and discussions with the Government Leader, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and his cabinet colleagues, we were able to come to a situation where we are all satisfied with the final results.

#### Motion Sets Good Example

Let me also say, Mr. Speaker, that my belief is that, as I indicated yesterday, we can set an example that is historical, not only in the NWT, but generally historical in terms of what has occurred throughout the country. That begins with us involving the aboriginal people in the process of developing the political and constitutional responsibilities we have attained in the NWT. The motion, while it does not say everything that everybody wanted, does lay out the process and recognizes that the aboriginal people are now part of the team. They will determine the process and the input they will have in the process. I think that that is important, because I do not want to determine what they should do or what they should not do. They should do that through working out in the negotiating process what it is they intend to do. I think that is important. So, Mr. Speaker, I thank the Members here for getting up and rising to support the motion. I think what we have done, as I indicated, is set a fairly good example that many, many others should follow. Thank you very much.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Do I hear a request for a recorded vote?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

#### Motion 29-88(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Clerk, a recorded vote has been called for. All those in favour, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Crow, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Nerysoo, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Zoe, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Ernerk, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Gargan.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. All those opposed to the motion, please stand. All those abstaining from the motion, please stand.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Ms Cournoyea, Mr. Allooloo, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Butters, Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you.

---Applause

The motion is carried with 11 votes for, no votes against and six abstentions.

---Carried

Item 14, motions. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, thank you. I wonder if I could ask unanimous consent to do my motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being sought to deal with Motion 30-88(2), Negotiations to Include Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait Regions. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Ernerk, proceed.

Motion 30-88(2): Negotiations To Include Hudson Bay And Hudson Strait Regions

MR. ERNERK: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Negotiations to include Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait regions:

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories wishes to protect the rights of Inuit residents in the Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait regions and to enhance the interests and jurisdictions of the Government of the Northwest Territories in the lands and waters of Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Hudson Bay, that the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories recommend to the Executive Council that the Government of the Northwest Territories northern energy accord negotiating team pursue and protect the rights of Inuit residents in the Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait regions and enhance the interest and jurisdiction of the Government of the Northwest Territories in the lands and waters of Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait during the course of northern energy accord negotiations with the federal government.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, briefly, again the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut came to us and asked us to include Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait as part of the negotiation for northern energy accord. The fact is that Inuit of that region, particularly the Inuit of Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait and Baffin Island, have always been subsistence hunters and always will be. We have managed that part of the water for thousands of years, and no doubt we will continue to do so for many thousands of years. In this northern energy accord, Tungavik Federation of Nunavut came to us again to indicate to us that Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait should be part of the negotiation -- I am lost for words, Mr. Speaker -- part of the package with regard to this northern energy accord. I indicated to them, when I was talking to them privately and publicly, that I would support such a move in this House with regard to the inclusion of these waters. So, in this modern age, Mr. Speaker, Inuit of that region, Inuit of the East, want to be part of the management team with regard to these waters. Mr. Speaker, I would ask that this motion be supported. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Crow, as the seconder.

MR. CROW: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the seconder of the motion, I fully support the thrust of the motion, because Hudson Bay is in my riding; even the name of my riding is Hudson Bay. This has been a major concern to people of Hudson Bay/Hudson Strait. The two areas have to be included because we want to be a part of the NWT forever, even though we hear a lot about provinces and the fact that they want to negotiate offshore regions and to manage the inland waters in their provinces but they have always been refused. They have no rights to our area but those of us who are aboriginal people are already occupying that area even before the white man came to Canada. So I think we have to recognize aboriginal rights and their wishes when they are negotiating the Northern Accord and when they are negotiating offshore areas that we are referring to.

Oil And Gas In Area Not The Only Attraction For Northerners

The land and the waters of that area are owned by the people who have resided there for a long time because they were already living there even before southern Canada was ever known. They have used and hunted the resources of that area and I also know that many people have died trying to survive by hunting in the waters of Hudson Bay. So for that reason, when governments are going to negotiate, we have to make sure that aboriginal people are included in such a process. Not only just this one but others, because they were the first people. In terms of monetary gains, we do not know how much we are going to get out of this, but if there is oil and gas found I think that is the only attraction for people from southern Canada. That is not the case for us, those of us who live in that area, and for the territorial government. I think that if there is going to be any activity in that area, we have to be the authority. So I fully support the motion that is on the floor. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Crow. To the motion. Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the motion, I would like to make some comments. I will be supporting the motion. I was supporting the two other motions earlier but in the Hudson Strait we hunt and I really believe in the motion that is on the floor. The aboriginal people should be included in the negotiations with offshore oil and gas drilling in the Hudson Bay. When there are negotiations going on, we would like for the leaders of the communities or TFN in particular, to be included in the negotiations. I wanted to comment because the communities say they support fully these comments because we have been living there for hundreds of years and I think the Northern Quebec people will be also hunting around those areas of water. In the Hudson Strait area, there is some wildlife in the waters and I completely support the motion when they talk about aboriginal people being included in the negotiations. That is why I support the motion on the floor. Thank you.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The government welcomes this motion and I can assure Members that this government will work with TFN and with the residents of Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait and also Mr. Crow's Sanikiluaq to ensure that the rights of the people of Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait are protected and enhanced. I can assure Members that we will work closely with TFN. We will do everything we can do within the accord negotiations or outside the accord negotiations to protect and enhance those rights. So we are very pleased to welcome this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I spoke at length on this subject during the debates yesterday and I think we have had very useful discussions on the important issue of Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait. I, too, have a constituency which borders on Hudson Strait. Therefore I am particularly interested in it. I should not say it borders on Hudson Strait, it includes Hudson Strait. In fact, completely across Hudson Strait to the very tip of Ungava is part of my constituency. Mr. Speaker, I indicated yesterday that I would certainly support the enhancement and pursuit and protection of the rights of Inuit residents and the interests and jurisdiction of the Government of the NWT in these lands and waters. The issue should certainly be vigorously pursued. It is not going to be easy. I am very pleased that we were able to negotiate a clause in the enabling agreement on the northern energy accord which acknowledges for the first time on the part of the federal government, our government's interests in these lands and waters. We should definitely now take that as far as we can. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I myself will be fully supporting this motion. We know right off that the present government would like to include Hudson Bay and Hudson

Strait. It is already written down in the Northern Accord. This motion is trying to support you so that you will have more power. Also we know it is going to be hard work in trying to reach an agreement with the federal government; it will be hard work. I think that we are going to have to negotiate with the federal government and not just wait and see what the federal government will tell us to do. We cannot just have them telling us what to do.

Hudson Bay And Hudson Strait Utilized Fully By Aboriginal People

Let us not just try but really go for being included in the negotiations because Hudson Bay/Hudson Strait is being utilized fully by the aboriginal people and it is the livelihood of the aboriginals. For example, if we do not fight for Hudson Bay, it is going to be taken by the Quebec government. Also the Hudson Strait area. I think that the federal government would like to keep the Hudson Strait area because there are a lot of resources available. Looking at the interest of the aboriginal people, it is the route of the wildlife in the ocean and it is really protected by the aboriginals. For these reasons I am supporting the motion fully. Thank you.

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

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We know that we are expressing similar concerns and also I would like to make a comment. We know for a fact that the Northern Accord that was signed by the federal government and the Government Leader of the territorial government will have a big impact in the NWT. We know that in the future with the aboriginal people and our leaders there will definitely be negotiations going on and I am very happy to see it happen. We are supporting and we are in harmony, in agreement. To the best of our ability we will be working along with the aboriginal leaders and the Government Leader. We hear our people saying to us that we should support the negotiations and I will be supporting fully the motion so that we can go forward and not lose our heritage. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. Are you ready for the question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion 30-88(2), Carried

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

---Carried

Item 14, motions.

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: CR 1-88(2); Tabled Documents 15-88(2), 21-88(2), 16-88(2), 10-88(2), 11-88(2) and 28-88(2); Bill 26-88(2) and Bill 1-88(2), with Mr. Angottitauruq in the chair.

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

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER TABLED DOCUMENT 10-88(2), PUBLIC HOUSING RENT SCALE DISCUSSION PAPER II; TABLED DOCUMENT 11-88(2), NWT HOUSING CORPORATION RENT SCALE

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): The committee will now come to order. We are dealing with Tabled Documents 10-88(2) and 11-88(2). Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that we report progress.



**CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq):** The motion is not debatable. A motion to report progress. All those in favour? The motion is carried.

---Carried

I rise now to report progress.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The House will come back to order. Mr. Angottitauruq.

**ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF TABLED DOCUMENT 10-88(2), PUBLIC HOUSING RENT SCALE DISCUSSION PAPER II; TABLED DOCUMENT 11-88(2), NWT HOUSING CORPORATION RENT SCALE**

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**MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ:** Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Tabled Documents 10-88(2) and 11-88(2) and wishes to report progress.

**Motion To Accept Report Of Committee Of The Whole, Carried**

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

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Angottitauruq. Is there a seconder? Mr. Crow, thank you. All those in favour of the motion? Thank you. Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Item 19, third reading of bills.

Item 20, assent to bills. Item 21, orders of the day. Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton):** Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a meeting of standing committee chairmen immediately after adjournment today; tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m., a meeting of the ordinary Members; at 10:00 a.m., a meeting of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions.

**ITEM 21: ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Orders of the day for Thursday, November 3, at 1:00 p.m.

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5. Oral Questions
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7. Returns to Written Questions
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18. Report of Committee of the Whole
19. Third Reading of Bills
20. Assent to Bills
21. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The House stands adjourned until Thursday, November 3, at 1:00 p.m.

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