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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1989

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Titus Allooloo, Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Crow, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Lewis, Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Morin, Mr. Nerysoo, Hon. Dennis Patterson, Hon. Red Pedersen, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Whitford, Hon. Gordon Wray, Mr. Zoe

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Red Pedersen): Orders of the day for Monday, March 6th, 1989. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Kakfwi.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 15-89(1): Relocation Of Arctic College Headquarters

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in response to a motion made by the Legislative Assembly, I have thoroughly reviewed the feasibility of relocating the Arctic College headquarters staff back to Fort Smith. The results of my review were discussed by cabinet and we have decided to support the Arctic College Board of Governors' unanimous position that the headquarters operation remain in Yellowknife.

Cabinet feels quite strongly that it must support the board's wishes, its integrity and its decision-making process. My review indicates that members of the board are concerned that their autonomy would be reduced by relocating the headquarters to Fort Smith. Board members also expressed concern that if their decision was not supported by cabinet, their ability to make future decisions and recommendations would be impaired. In effect, an erosion of board authority would reduce the Board of Governors' sense of ownership and responsibility for Arctic College.

Mr. Speaker, the headquarters staff are primarily involved in the administration, management and development of the Arctic College system on behalf of the Board of Governors. Because of this, the Board of Governors believes that easy access to the territorial government and the Department of Education on a daily basis is vital, as it is fully developing as a corporation, and that the best location for the headquarters staff, at this time, is in Yellowknife.

The Arctic College, as Members know, is a young organization that has recently experienced rapid growth. Morale is extremely high within this organization and I am proud of the progress it has made within a very short time. While my review indicates that it would be feasible to relocate the headquarters operation, doing so at a time when the Board of Governors is against such a step would jeopardize the excellent progress that is being made at this time. Mr. Speaker, the government is not prepared to do that. Thank you.

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

Ministers' Statement 16-89(1): Workshop On Income Support Services For Hunters And Trappers

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, this government is very interested in the economic future of all people in the Northwest Territories. We are especially interested in those people who are

primarily engaged in the traditional pursuits of hunting and trapping. The document, "Direction for the 1990s," clearly shows that commitment of this government to develop an income support system so that a career on the land is a viable option and not a last resort.

Last week the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee held a workshop in Yellowknife to examine various options for such a program in the Northwest Territories. The Department of Renewable Resources contributed over \$40,000 for this workshop which was co-ordinated by the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee and chaired by Joanne Barnaby of the Dene Cultural Institute and attended by representatives of the Dene Nation, the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, the Inuvialuit Game Council, the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee. The Government of the Northwest Territories was represented by officials from the Departments of Renewable Resources, Social Services, Economic Development and Tourism, Finance, and Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development. A special presentation was given by Monique Caron of the Cree hunters and trappers income security board, on the program operated in the James Bay region of Quebec. The TFN also made a presentation and suggested program options.

Mr. Speaker, the result of the workshop will be formalized in a series of recommendations on income support programs for hunters and trappers. The recommendations will no doubt be a significant contribution to this government's efforts in developing our renewable resource economy. Thank you.

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

Ministers' Statement 17-89(1): Appointment Of John H. Parker As Chairman Of The Science Institute Of The NWT

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. John H. Parker as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Science Institute of the NWT.

---Applause

He succeeds Dr. James M. Harrison, who served as chairman of the former Science Advisory Board and the Science Institute since 1982.

The Science Institute has experienced significant growth and development over the past several years, including the acquisition of the federal government's research centres in Inuvik, Igloodik and Iqaluit, as well as the establishment of the industrial research assistance program which provides technical assistance to northern businesses. Strong leadership is essential to continued success, and I am delighted that Mr. Parker has agreed to assume the chairmanship. His northern knowledge and experience are unmatched, and I am certain that they will contribute immeasurably to the work of the institute.

Under Mr. Parker's leadership, the Science Institute will continue to maintain a balanced approach to northern science and technology by serving all sectors simultaneously -- the general public, universities, business and government -- in a variety of innovative and substantive ways. Mr. Parker's insight and credibility will do much to enhance the institute's ability to respond to these diverse needs.

I also want to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to acknowledge Dr. Harrison's seven years of dedicated service to science and technology in the Northwest Territories. He oversaw the development of the Science Advisory Board into the Science Institute and will undoubtedly continue as our advocate as he attends to his other important responsibilities. For his wise counsel, loyal service and unfailing sense of humour, I sincerely thank him on behalf of this Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Minister's statements. I would like to advise the House of a communication I have received from the Commissioner's office that is addressed to the Speaker and reads: "I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories the passage of Bill 11-89(1), Loan Authorization Act, 1989-90, and Bill 12-89(1), An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act, during the fourth session of the 11th Assembly." As I said, it is signed, John H. Parker, Commissioner.

We are on Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Crow.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Accessibility By Handicapped People To Buildings

MR. CROW: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my Member's statement this afternoon will address my concern, and I hope it is shared by my honourable colleagues of this House, and especially by the Government of the Northwest Territories, and this is to do with the accessibility of all commercial and government buildings in the NWT to handicapped people and the elderly.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with you and my honourable colleagues of this Legislature an incident that happened to me last Tuesday evening as I was going to the caucus meeting from my hotel room, when I had an accident on a stairway. I fell head first from the top of the stairs right down to the bottom of the stairs; that is seven hard concrete steps, Mr. Speaker. Luckily, except for some bruises and scratches on my legs, I was not seriously hurt. The reason I fell was because there is no railing on the right side as you go down the stairs. Because there is no railing, I could not tell that another flight of stairs was in front of me.

I have been trained, as have other blind people everywhere, to always walk on the right side of hallways and stairways. Being a blind person, I am faced with different obstacles every day, but this really brought home the problem handicapped people face going in and out of public buildings. I know that this could easily have happened to a sighted elderly person and possibly cause very serious injury.

Mr. Speaker, we have to make sure that every public building in the NWT is easily accessible to physically handicapped and elderly people. It is my intention to pursue this important matter today and in the future with the Minister responsible for Safety and Public Services on behalf of all handicapped and elderly people of the NWT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement On Incident At Ruth Inch Memorial Pool

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to rise today on Members' statements regarding an incident on Saturday, which happened to my little daughter at the swimming pool. I received a few phone calls in regard to this incident and some people thought it was me, Mr. Speaker, but it was my little daughter.

Firstly, I would like to thank the pool staff that day for giving me assistance and especially the lady that was attending to the situation. With her good training and her reaction the incident did not become a tragedy. Also I would like to thank the ambulance. The little girl is doing okay, Mr. Speaker, and there is no problem with her as of today. She went to the hospital and spent the night and was released the next day.

I just wanted to make this clarification that the person involved was my daughter not myself because the news sometimes makes a reverse comment about the whole situation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Further Returns To Question O57-89(1): Hanging Ice Bison Ranch, Fort Smith; And Question O159-89(1): Reply Requested Re Hanging Ice Bison Ranch

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a return to a question asked by Mr. Morin on February 10, with regard to the Hanging Ice Bison Ranch in Fort Smith.

Economic Development and Tourism supports in principle the concept of game ranching as an economic activity appropriate to the physical and cultural conditions of the NWT. In recognition of the potential benefits of game ranching, the proposal from the Fort Smith hunters and trappers association to establish a bison ranch was subject to lengthy deliberation by the staff of Economic Development and Tourism and the Department of Renewable Resources, as well as the renewable resource management committee of the Economic Development Agreement. While the concept was treated with enthusiasm, the request for a guarantee of funds to cover operating losses in the order of \$250,000 a year for up to 10 years put into question the long-term business viability of the project.

An investment was requested from the Governments of Canada and the NWT which could amount to four million dollars over a 10 year period, including the initial capital expenditure. For this large investment, only three permanent jobs would be created. Also of concern was the lack of private capital invested by the proponent. This lack of equity and the potential for future government assistance required in the future left the government in an extremely vulnerable position. A key component of any venture, financial or otherwise, is a vested interest by the players. The principal beneficiaries, the Fort Smith hunters and trappers association, assumed no financial risk and had no capacity to absorb any cost overruns or revenue shortfalls that may occur.

While the bison ranch could be financially viable, a positive return on investment would be realized only after a long time frame, up to 10 years; and even given this time horizon, elements of high risk inherent in the proposal threatened the economic feasibility of the project.

Under the conditions of the current proposal, a guarantee to cover operating losses cannot be offered. This decision does not signal lack of confidence in the concept. The proposal by the Fort Smith HTA, and similar ideas, could be supported under other conditions, the most important being a demonstration of financial commitment by the proponent. Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O135-89(1): Health Hazard From Humidifiers

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Whitford on February 20, 1989, concerning ultrasonic humidifiers. Mr. Speaker, we have conducted some research into the possible health hazards created by the use of ultrasonic humidifiers, and there would appear to be two areas of potential health risk.

The first area of concern, which applies to all humidifiers, is the increased risk of disease and infection which results from micro-organisms being dispersed in the air. This occurs when bacteria builds up in the water reservoir, and is easily prevented by cleaning the tank daily according to the manufacturer's recommendation. There is some evidence that the high frequency sound vibrations produced in ultrasonic humidifiers may kill the bacteria and micro-organisms before they are dispersed.

The second area of concern centres on the level of dissolved minerals present in tap water, the source normally used by consumers. The total dissolved solids, TDS, present in tap water in the NWT may range from 32 to 150 parts per million. Ultrasonic humidifiers project into the air virtually all of the dissolved minerals found in the water. These impurities may include lead,

asbestos, chlorine, iron and copper. Although these substances are not necessarily toxic, they may cause acute or chronic lung conditions. Susceptibility to colds or 'flu may be increased, and sufferers from asthma, bronchitis or emphysema may note their condition worsening.

Mr. Speaker, these humidifiers are accused of producing more invisible airborne particles than cigarette smoke, wood stoves or fireplaces. This is the source of the "white dust" found where ultrasonic humidifiers are used.

Both Canada and the US are conducting research to assess the potential health risks to users of ultrasonic humidifiers. The quality of indoor air has in the past been assessed only with reference to the presence of sulphur dioxide and soot particles from coal and oil combustion. Until now it has not been considered necessary to test the air for dissolved mineral content found in tap water. The environmental health directorate, Health and Welfare Canada, in consultation with the Canadian Consumers' Association, is planning to publish information advising the public on this matter as soon as possible. Until more information is available, consumers should follow the manufacturer's recommendations regarding maintenance and operation.

In addition, the environmental health directorate recommends that, as a precaution, consumers should: use only distilled, de-ionized or demineralized water in the humidifier; place the humidifier in a central, open location -- not in a bedroom or confined space. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Allooloo.

Further Return To Question O49-89(1): Radio-Collared Polar Bears

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Pudluk on February 10, 1989, concerning polar bears with radio collars.

Radio collars have been attached to polar bears in the NWT by biologists from the Department of Renewable Resources and the Canadian Wildlife Service. Between 1978 and 1985, radio collars were put on about 25 polar bears in the Lancaster Sound and Baffin Bay area. Between 1983 and 1988, about 50 polar bears in southwestern Hudson Bay and the Beaufort Sea areas received radio collars. In 1986 and 1987, radio collars were attached to 67 polar bears in the Foxe Basin area.

Radio collars are attached to polar bears so that the Department of Renewable Resources can learn about the movement of polar bears, and if polar bears in one region are related to polar bears in other regions. The batteries in the radio collars last between one and two years. While the radio collars are working, the department requests hunters to avoid killing the bears unless human life is threatened. When a study is completed, the department informs hunters that polar bears with radio collars can now be shot.

Radio collars do not stay on polar bears forever. They usually fall off within five years. In some instances, polar bears are recaptured and the collars are taken off. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Allooloo. Returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Angottitauruq.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O313-89(1): Precautions Regarding Spread Of Rabies

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not exactly know where to direct this question but I think it is the Department of Renewable Resources. It is in regard to rabies. Since there is a rabies case reported, I want to know what the Minister's reaction is toward attending to this problem before it spreads to other communities. I know that this disease would spread

to other communities just as well as canine disease. The question is what is going to be done with this matter in the other communities, like the isolated communities?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O313-89(1): Precautions Regarding Spread Of Rabies

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last Friday, March 3rd, there were cases of rabies in Yellowknife confirmed...

AN HON. MEMBER: We noticed.

AN HON. MEMBER: Bad dogs. Bad dogs.

---Laughter

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: ...and my department reacted to the situation very rapidly. Meetings were held between a representative of health services, city by-law, RCMP and Renewable Resources. The press release was prepared and given to the media representatives and the president of the dog mushers' association was contacted and asked to spread the word to his members. The chief of the Yellowknife B Band was contacted. The members of the Yellowknife Hunters and Trappers Association were contacted by Renewable Resources and asked to pass the word about appropriate precautions and care via trappers radio network. Joint patrols with Renewable Resources and city by-law were carried out over the weekend. At that point, no foxes were sighted. We are reacting to this situation very rapidly as a department. We are encouraging all dog owners to get their dogs vaccinated. Thank you.

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

Question O314-89(1): Building Code Regarding Access To Public Buildings

MR. CROW: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Minister responsible for Safety and Public Services in reference to my Member's statement this afternoon. I would like to ask the Minister if there is legislation in place or is there a building code to address the problems that elderly people, and specifically handicapped people, face going in and out of public buildings in the NWT? Thank you.

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

Return To Question O314-89(1): Building Code Regarding Access To Public Buildings

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I want to thank the Member for notice. I know in speaking on behalf of all the MLAs we are very happy that no serious injury befell the Member because of his fall. The first thing that I did once I received word that there had been this accident, was to have my staff contact the Yellowknife Inn, and they are looking at ways to improve the situation here in the Yellowknife Inn.

As a general answer to the Member's question, in 1985 a new section was included in the National Building Code called barrier-free design. Because of that new section, every new building since 1985 must conform to standards for access for the handicapped. The fire marshal's office and my department reviews all drawings for new buildings to ensure that standards are met, as well as monitoring the actual construction.

As far as the government buildings are concerned many, many have been retrofitted for access. These are the pre-1985 buildings. Many have been retrofitted for access to the handicapped in the last three years and I think DPW is probably looking at the possibility of doing that for others. As far as private buildings that were constructed prior to 1985, right now there is no legislative requirement and it is up to the owners. The barrier-free design has been very expensive in costs

to retrofit an older building. So we have come a long way with the newer buildings but there still is a problem, Mr. Speaker, with many of the older buildings in the Territories. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. The Chair would like to recognize at this time in the gallery, Ethel Blondin, the Member of Parliament for Western Arctic. Welcome, Ms Blondin.

--Applause

Oral questions. Mr. Pollard.

Question O315-89(1): Attendance At Meeting Of Finance Ministers

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister of Finance, Mr. Speaker. I understand that there is going to be, shortly, a meeting of the provincial Finance Ministers with Mr. Wilson, the federal Finance Minister. I wonder if the Minister could inform the House if he will be attending that meeting?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O315-89(1): Attendance At Meeting Of Finance Ministers

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Yes, I will be attending the meeting. I think the Member is aware that up until now the territorial Ministers of Finance have only had a partial role at these meetings. We have been working very closely with the federal/provincial relations office and with the Department of Finance and with the Prime Minister's Office to enhance our status. At this particular meeting I will attend under the old status. I will have an opportunity to attend as an observer and I will be giving a 10 minute presentation. I have had conversations in Moncton with other Ministers of Finance. I have had a number of conversations with Mr. Wilson and I serve notice that this will be the last meeting that I will attend under this sort of arrangement. The understanding that we have from Ottawa, from the Prime Minister's Office, is that work is proceeding on enhancing our status at these meetings. So I will make a strong statement at the meeting and I look forward with some optimism to full participation at future meetings of the Ministers of Finance.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Pollard.

Supplementary To Question O315-89(1): Attendance At Meeting Of Finance Ministers

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased that the Minister of Finance is going to make a strong presentation. I am pleased that it is going to be 10 minutes in length, Mr. Speaker, and I will be even more pleased if the Minister agrees with me when I say that in the NWT, where we are trying to expand the economy, the high interest rates affect all the small business people who are indebted to the bank. It also affects people trying to buy houses, mortgages, etc. So will the Minister of Finance be telling the federal Minister of Finance, Mr. Wilson, that high interest rates are not in the interest of people of the NWT?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O315-89(1): Attendance At Meeting Of Finance Ministers

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that is my intention.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Morin.

Question O316-89(1): Feasibility Study On Move Of Arctic College

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education. Last year this Assembly passed a motion for you to undertake a feasibility study of the moving of Arctic College to Fort Smith. Today you made a Ministers' statement on the reasons why you would not. But also in that motion it was asked that you table in this House terms of reference of that study and who has done it. Will you do that?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O316-89(1): Feasibility Study On Move Of Arctic College

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Yes.

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

Question O317-89(1): Plans To Privatize "800" Telephone Service

MR. LEWIS: My question is to the Minister for Economic Development and Tourism. The special committee on the northern economy has learned that there are plans to privatize the "800" telephone service which is available for potential tourists to contact this tourism industry about potential tourist destinations in the NWT. We are told that there are intentions to privatize that. Is that true?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I will have to take that question under notice, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. That question was taken as notice. Mr. Pollard.

Question O318-89(1): Feasibility Of Relocation Of Arctic College Headquarters

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister of Education. The Minister indicated in his statement that it could be feasible to relocate the headquarters operation of Arctic College. Was that feasible in the eyes of the Board of Governors or feasible in the eyes of the Executive Council?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O318-89(1): Feasibility Of Relocation Of Arctic College Headquarters

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I made the statement on behalf of the Executive. So it is the Executive's opinion that it is feasible. If you suggest that you want to move a lot of other things out of Yellowknife, it is going to cost you money. If you disregard that major element in your proposals, everything is feasible.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Pollard.

Supplementary To Question O318-89(1): Feasibility Of Relocation Of Arctic College Headquarters

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the same Minister, supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps what I should be asking is that, is it economically feasible to move the Arctic College from Yellowknife to Fort Smith, or are we looking at astronomical costs? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O318-89(1): Feasibility Of Relocation Of Arctic College Headquarters

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, the study indicates that the initial cost will not be astronomical. You can get into a great debate about what savings you can make in the different operations that the Arctic College carries out, but the fact is that for the communities and the regions that this organization serves, it does not do any of the communities, except Fort Smith, one bit of good. It is going to be an inconvenience, it is going to mean disrupting the operations once again, largely because some people feel that we should move government positions back to Fort Smith -- in this case, the target has been Arctic College.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Further supplementary, Mr. Pollard.

Supplementary To Question O318-89(1): Feasibility Of Relocation Of Arctic College Headquarters

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister, Mr. Speaker -- obviously it is a cabinet decision. I would like to ask the Minister, how much weight was given to the Arctic College Board of Governors unanimous position? How much of an influence was that on the cabinet decision, Mr. Speaker? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O318-89(1): Feasibility Of Relocation Of Arctic College Headquarters

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, it is a hard question to answer. How heavy did it weigh on our conscience? I would say it was quite heavy. It is a rule that Members on the other side want us to follow as well, that when we appoint boards we mandate them to carry out certain responsibilities on our behalf, and that as much as possible we should follow the recommendations of the various boards that we have. In this case, the board has reviewed this decision on a couple of occasions before. In this most recent review, they have been unanimous in their decision that their interests would not be served at all by relocating the headquarters to Fort Smith at this time. That sentiment is shared by a number of other very important boards of education and regional councils throughout the NWT.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lewis was next.

Question O319-89(1): Excessive Increase In Cost Of Licence Stickers

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to Mr. Butters, former chairman of ajauqtit, but now the Minister of Government Services. What I would like to ask him is this. I understand that there has been a 100 per cent increase in the price of a little piece of plastic that you put on your licence plate for a utility trailer or a boat trailer; there is also a 25 per cent increase in the cost of that little piece of plastic that you put on your truck or car licence. My question is, is this because it costs the government so much more than the cost of inflation to produce these bits of plastic, or is to satiate Mr. Ballantyne's desire to raise more revenue?

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

---Applause

AN HON. MEMBER: Hidden taxes, hidden taxes.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I do not think either option is the practical one. I will have to come back to the Member because I do not know by my own knowledge, but I believe that the new rate structure was tabled in the House some year and a half ago. So Members were aware, I believe, in fact with the new legislation, of the increases that would probably occur as a result of the changes that the Member has alluded to. I will have to return, Mr. Speaker, with more information.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Oral questions. Mr. Whitford was next.

Question O320-89(1): Provision Of Emergency Power, Yellowknife

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for the NWT Power Corporation. Last week I brought to her attention a power outage in Yellowknife. That power outage was of considerable concern to people in Yellowknife because of their dependency on steady power. I notice that they have stand-by diesel units on Jackfish Lake. I notice also that they are running night and day. I wonder if the Minister can tell me if these units are stand-by, running all night, and if she can assure me that there is adequate backup from these units to provide emergency power to Yellowknife, in the event of a major outage from the Snare system.

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea.

Return To Question O320-89(1): Provision Of Emergency Power, Yellowknife

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the reason that the diesel motors run continuously is because the requirement, over the last number of years, for the usage of electrical power from the hydro source does not meet the needs of the people in Yellowknife. Not all the diesel generators are going, some of them are going all the time, mainly because the hydro supply is below capacity of what is required by Yellowknife; and, yes, we do have a stand-by emergency unit.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Whitford.

Supplementary To Question O320-89(1): Provision Of Emergency Power, Yellowknife

MR. WHITFORD: Madam Minister, would you be able to, not today perhaps, but in the very near future, give me a breakdown as to what the percentage is of stand-by or diesel power to that of hydro, and what capacity do the stand-by units have, to provide power to Yellowknife in the event of a major outage from the Snare system? I want to know whether you can provide half the power, or a quarter of the power, what is the case?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Whitford. That probably should more correctly be a written question, but Madam Minister, do you have any information?

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I do not have the information in my back pocket on the exact voltage that is available on different and specific periods of time, so I will provide that information.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. That was taken as notice. Mr. Pollard was next.

Question O321-89(1): Responsibility For Move Of Arctic College From Fort Smith To Yellowknife

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, a question to the Government Leader. When he was the Minister of Education, I believe he was responsible for the move of Arctic College from Fort Smith to Yellowknife. I wonder if, at this time, the Minister could cast his mind back; was there a Board of Governors at that time, and who made the decision to move from Fort Smith to Yellowknife? Was it the Arctic College Board of Governors, or was it the Minister himself; and was it a cabinet decision? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader, as the Government Leader do you have an answer, not as a former Education Minister?

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I do not believe I am required to respond to decisions made by former government in this Legislature. I would suggest that the question might properly be directed to the Minister of Education of the day. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Government Leader. You are correct. Under our Rules, no Minister is required -- it is improper to pose questions to a Minister's former portfolio. That is why I gave you the opportunity to speak, if you had anything to say as a Government Leader. Mr. Minister of Education, would you like to field the question?

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I would have to take that question as notice. Thank you.

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

Question O322-89(1): Economic Viability Of Move Of Arctic College

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. Minister, since you are responsible for economic development in the North, when this decision was made by cabinet not to move Arctic College from Yellowknife to Fort Smith, did you have any input into it, and did you look at it from an economic point of view and present your case in there on the economics of it?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question O322-89(1): Economic Viability Of Move Of Arctic College

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, and yes.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Pollard was next again.

Question O323-89(1): Policy On Decentralization

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, to the Government Leader in his present capacity, sir. I would remind the Government Leader that this is a consensus government and he should have answered the question before.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. POLLARD: But I will ask him this time, how many times do we on this side have to keep getting up and asking him what his policy is on decentralization and we keep getting these kinds of answers back? Is he eventually going to do something about decentralization of this government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Return To Question O323-89(1): Policy On Decentralization

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I have tabled in this Legislature an amended organization policy, which I think very clearly states our commitment to and our approach on decentralization. On Friday in this Legislature I cited a number of decisions taken by this government including the location of the NCPC headquarters which I believe the honourable Member had strong opinions about, which indicate that our government is prepared to take decisions which would see programs moved outside of headquarters.

I also in that answer did not mention the numerous cases of decentralization from regional headquarters including my own home community of Iqaluit, where programs and person years and resources of the GNWT were moved from the regional headquarters to the community of Pond Inlet. The same decisions were taken in moving regional headquarters programs from Rankin Inlet to Baker Lake and Eskimo Point and from Cambridge Bay to Coppermine.

Mr. Speaker, when all those decisions are added up, plus our stated commitment to scrutinize every possible opportunity for continued decentralization, I think our government has a clear record of being committed to decentralization. Over the coming years and months I am certain there will be many other instances of decisions taken in that spirit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Supplementary, Mr. Pollard.

Supplementary To Question O323-89(1): Policy On Decentralization

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, let us get right down to it. What we are talking about here is the decentralization of Yellowknife. Yellowknife's growth is unchecked, Mr. Speaker. It just keeps on going and going and going and the decentralization of the Power Corporation was from Edmonton to Hay River in the NWT. It was not from Yellowknife. So the Minister keeps citing regional decentralization. I am asking him point-blank, when is he going to start taking down this Yellowknife organization and moving that out to other communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Further Return To Question O323-89(1): Policy On Decentralization

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Well, Mr. Speaker, we will have the courage to continue to make those decisions. I recall being in this very Legislature about a year ago receiving days and days of abuse and allegations of patronage and nepotism and other unmentionable charges over our decision on the Fort Smith young offenders centre. Mr. Speaker, we had the courage to take that decision in the spirit of decentralizing from headquarters and we are not afraid to take other decisions in the future.

As I said earlier in this Legislature, Mr. Speaker, we have asked our senior managers to review all programs in all departments with a view to their potential for headquarters decentralization. We are going to do so however, examining the logic and the cost and the efficiency and the effectiveness of public service in the process. It is not going to be an ill-conceived, solely politically motivated process. It will be based on the best and most responsible use of public funds and the recognition that there are economic benefits to be derived from a carefully considered process of decentralization.

That is the course we have taken in the past and that is the course that we intend to take in the future with every decision that we make with respect to government organization, the acquisition of new responsibilities. We will look for opportunities to inhibit headquarters growth and put economic benefits outside the capital. We intend to do so and our record will bear that out, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Mr. Whitford.

Question O324-89(1): Signage Policy For Highways

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, on another topic, I think we should just leave things where they are for the time being.

---Laughter

Let us move on to more important things. It is directed to the Government Leader. Perhaps he can assist me here. Most major highways in provinces have signage along the highway telling of natural or historical features along the way, telling the traveller of these natural or historical features along the highway. NWT highways do not have such things. You can drive for miles without knowing where you are going. You know there is a destination. There is a creek or something like that but nothing that would tell you anything about it. What department would be

looking after something like that? I asked him before and he would not tell me. Mr. Government Leader, which department would be responsible for that kind of signage?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism is just itching to answer this question. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question O324-89(1): Signage Policy For Highways

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. I do not remember Mr. Whitford asking me the question before, but we do have a program, in fact I unveiled one of the new signs here in Yellowknife last summer. We are working in conjunction with the regional tourism association, with the communities, with the Department of Highways, and we are developing new signage policies for all our highways that will do exactly what Mr. Whitford is asking. Not only is it going to be directional in nature, but it is going to have high points of local history of the area, natural points. We have developed a new ceramic type sign because the damage done to our highway signs is quite phenomenal in the NWT. We have worked very carefully at developing a sign that is almost everything but shotgun proof. So these are coming along and we are doing a lot of work with communities on the signage. I believe a picture of the new type of sign was in the Yellowknifer about six or seven months ago.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Lewis.

Question O325-89(1): Response To Request From Dene Nation For Health Services Funding

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Valentine's day, the Dene Nation wrote a letter to the Minister responsible for Social Services and also to the Minister responsible for Health with a request for \$618,424 in order to set up what seemed to be its own department of health and social services. All other MLAs got a copy of that package as well. Would the Minister responsible for Social Services indicate to us today what kind of response she has made to that request?

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Return To Question O325-89(1): Response To Request From Dene Nation For Health Services Funding

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I have made no response to that request as of this date.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Pollard.

Question O326-89(1): Position Of Minister Of Finance On Decentralization

MR. POLLARD: To the Minister of Finance. Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance is an MLA representing Yellowknife North. He is also on the Executive representing all people of the NWT. I would like the Minister of Finance to state to the House his position on decentralization out of Yellowknife.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

Return To Question O326-89(1): Position Of Minister Of Finance On Decentralization

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: My position is the same as the cabinet's. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Morin.

Question O327-89(1): Position Of Minister Of Renewable Resources On Decentralization

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources. What is your position on decentralization out of Yellowknife?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O327-89(1): Position Of Minister Of Renewable Resources On Decentralization

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, my position is the same as that of the cabinet's.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard.

Question O328-89(1): Position Of Minister Of Social Services On Decentralization

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope these Ministers remember that they do not represent Yellowknife; that they are from other parts of the NWT. So to Mrs. Jeannie Marie-Jewell, the Minister responsible for Social Services, I will ask the same question.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of order. Mr. Patterson.

Point Of Order

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, since as Government Leader I am responsible for government organization and issues such as decentralization, I wonder if you, under the Rules, could direct the Members to direct their question to the appropriate Minister. Thank you.

Speaker's Ruling

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Patterson, your point is technically not a point of order. The Chair will make this comment though; that questions concerning government policy, whether related to decentralization or any other subject, should properly be addressed to the Government Leader. Questions concerning individual Minister's opinion about decentralization of the departments for which they are responsible can be directed to individual Ministers.

MR. NERYSOO: Point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo, point of order.

Speaker's Ruling Challenged

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, I have read the Rules regarding oral questions and nothing in there states that there are any restrictions with regard to whom or with regard to what we ask individual Members of the Executive Council.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Would you ask the Minister of Education about housing?

MR. NERYSOO: Yes, teachers' housing.

---Laughter

Speaker's Ruling

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo, you are quite correct in that what you brought up is not contained in our Rules concerning oral questions; the Rules of this House concerning oral questions, Rule 55(1) and 55(2). The two rules we have are only that "...questions relating to public affairs may

be put without notice" and that "An oral question shall be concisely and clearly put and shall refer only to a matter which may reasonably be assumed to be within the present knowledge of the Minister to whom it is directed." Precedent in this House though, has dictated that when a question of rules, admissibility of a question falls outside of these two general rules, we have relied upon what is commonly known as "the authorities for question period", Beauchesne's, Erskine May's, etc. -- there are a number of long-established ones. According to Beauchesne's, and I am afraid I do not have the number of the rule with me at this moment, but it does clearly state that the question should be posed to a Minister within his portfolio jurisdiction now. The rule that we will apply to this then is, as I mentioned, that questions on general government policy regarding decentralization generally, should be addressed to the Government Leader; decentralization pertaining specifically to departments can properly be posed to individual Ministers.

Back to oral questions. Point of order, Mr. Pollard.

Point Of Order

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, I think earlier the precedent was set whereby the Minister of Finance answered the question. The Government Leader did not complain and then the Minister for Renewable Resources answered the same question and there was no complaint.

Speaker's Ruling

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard, we are getting dangerously close into question period of the Chair. I felt there was an indication by the Government Leader in those other two cases to transfer the question to the Ministers responsible and that is a proper action. Oral questions. Mr. Morin.

Question O329-89(1): Position Of Department Of Economic Development On Decentralization

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Economic Development. I know Mr. Wray is always good for a good answer. What is your department's position on decentralization?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question O329-89(1): Position Of Department Of Economic Development On Decentralization

HON. GORDON WRAY: There are times when I bite and there are times when I do not bite. The Government Leader has clearly enunciated my department's position and mine on decentralization, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wray. Oral questions: Item 6, written questions.

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Gargan): Item 7, returns to written questions. Mr. Clerk.

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Return to Question W7-89(1), asked by Mr. Nerysoo to the Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, on Executive position on aboriginal self-government.

Return To Question W7-89(1): Executive Position On Aboriginal Self-Determination

Hon. Stephen Kakfwi's return to Question W7-89(1), asked by Mr. Nerysoo on February 21, 1989, regarding Executive position on aboriginal self-government. The Executive Council gives its fullest support to the aboriginal people of the Northwest Territories in their efforts to achieve

aboriginal self-determination through aboriginal self-government and the protection of an aboriginal role in public government structures.

At the national level, this government has supported the definition of aboriginal rights in the Constitution of Canada, in particular the definition of the aboriginal right to self-government. Although the constitutional requirement for First Ministers' Conferences on Aboriginal Rights has ended and there have been no meetings of the First Ministers since 1986, the Executive Council supports and has called for the resumption of the FMC process, the definition of aboriginal self-government and its enshrinement in the Constitution of Canada.

In the negotiation of land claims, the Executive Council has supported, and continues to support, guarantees of aboriginal participation in public government structures dealing with such matters as wildlife harvesting and management, and management of land and water. This represents a form of aboriginal self-determination which will receive constitutional protection once final settlements are reached and settlement legislation is enacted.

At the community level, our new Charter Communities Act responds to the desires of band councils to have aboriginal government structures made part of the local public government process. The act allows residents of a community to negotiate many of the provisions under which their community government will operate.

The resulting "custom designed" community charter may provide for a relationship between the community council and the band council or other local aboriginal organization in the community. By designing their local government to suit their desires and needs, community residents have an opportunity to exercise greater self-determination at the local level.

Also at the community level, the Executive Council supports the prime public authority concept, which will allow local governments to take over responsibility and authority for the delivery of many public programs. This represents another large step in the direction of greater self-determination for community residents.

At the regional level, the Regional and Tribal Councils Act provides for communities to establish regional or tribal councils as forums for discussion of regional problems and the expression of regional concerns. Besides providing valuable guidance to the territorial government, some councils have taken on responsibilities in areas such as health and education.

At the territorial level, the Executive Council supports the Constitutional Alliance and its work to develop the future shape of public government in the Northwest Territories. To date, aboriginal self-determination has figured prominently in the work of the alliance. As an example, the Iqaluit agreement of January, 1987, set out principles for constitution-building, which included principles of aboriginal self-government within a public government serving all residents. Aboriginal self-determination is sure to continue to be a central issue in the constitutional development of the Northwest Territories and will continue to have the support of the Executive Council.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Item 8, replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, petitions.

Item 10, reports of standing and special committees.

Item 11, tabling of documents. Item 12, notices of motion. Mr. Zoe.

ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 12-89(1): Session Sitting Hours

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on March 8th, I will move the following motion: I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that the Speaker be

authorized to set such sitting hours as necessary to assist with the conclusion of certain items of business before the House. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Item 12, notices of motion. Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I have a number of notices of motion. Perhaps I could give them all.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 7-89(1): Petroleum Products Tax Act

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, March 8, 1989, I shall move that Bill 7-89(1), An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Act, be read for the first time.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 3-89(1): Income Tax Act

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, March 8, 1989, I shall move that Bill 3-89(1), An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, be read for the first time.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 11-89(1): Loan Authorization Act, 1989-90

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, March 8, 1989, I shall move that Bill 11-89(1), Loan Authorization Act, 1989-90, be read for the first time.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 10-89(1): Tobacco Tax Act

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, March 8, 1989, I shall move that Bill 10-89(1), An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act, be read for the first time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 12-89(1): Student Financial Assistance Act

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on March 8, 1989, I shall move that Bill 12-89(1), An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act, be read for the first time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 14, motions.

ITEM 14: MOTIONS

Motion 10-89(1), Tabled Documents 58-89(1) and 59-89(1) to Committee of the Whole. Mr. Zoe. This motion will stay in the orders for tomorrow. Motion 11-89(1), Recess of Fourth Session. Mr. Lewis. Okay, we will move this motion over to tomorrow. Item 14, motions. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Can I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion that I gave notice today? Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Zoe is requesting unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Zoe.

Motion 12-89(1): Session Sitting Hours, Carried

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that the Speaker be authorized to set such sitting hours as necessary to assist with the conclusion of certain items of business before the House.

Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Zoe, your motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed? Abstentions? This motion is carried.

---Carried

Motions. Mr. Pollard.

Motion 13-89(1): Ministers' Statement 15-89(1) To Committee Of The Whole, Carried

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In accordance with Rule 21(5):

I MOVE, seconded by Mr. Morin, that Ministers' Statement 15-89(1), given by the Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Relocation of Arctic College Headquarters, be moved into committee of the whole.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed? Abstentions? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Item 15, first reading of bills. Item 16, second reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 16: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Second Reading Of Bill 9-89(1): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1988-89

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 9-89(1), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1988-89, be read for the second time.

The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to make supplementary appropriations for the Government of the Northwest Territories for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1989.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: To the principle of the bill. Are you ready for the question? All those in favour? Opposed? Abstentions? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 9-89(1) has had second reading. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bill 1-89(1), CR 1-89(1) and Bill 9-89(1), with Mr. Zoe in the chair.

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

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER COMMITTEE REPORT 1-89(1), REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE 1989-90 MAIN ESTIMATES; BILL 1-89(1), APPROPRIATION ACT, 1989-90; BILL 9-89(1), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT, NO. 3, 1988-89

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): The committee will come to order. The committee is dealing with Bill 1-89(1). Last Thursday we were still on the Department of Education. Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, in consultation with the chairmen of the standing committee on finance and of the ordinary Members' committee, we agree that it is the wish of the committee to go ahead with Bill 9-89(1), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1988-89.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Does the committee agree that the budget is deferred so that we can deal with Bill 9-89(1), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1988-89. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Ballantyne.

Bill 9-89(1): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1988-89

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, supplementary appropriation No. 3 for 1988-89 contains appropriation authority requests totalling \$9,352,650 for operations and maintenance requirements, and a reduction of appropriation authority in the amount of \$5,787,500 for capital.

For operations and maintenance, the \$13.8 million of appropriation authority requested is offset by a \$4.5 million authority reduction, for a net request of \$9.3 million. Of this net amount of \$9.3 million, \$5.2 million will be recovered from revenue offsets and cost sharing. For capital, the \$1.3 million of appropriation authority being requested is offset by a \$7.1 million appropriation authority reduction due to capital carry-overs to 1989-90.

Mr. Chairman, for your committee, some of the major items included in this supplementary appropriation request are, first of all, a \$4.5 million increase to the O and M budget of the Department of Finance for the payment of interest due on notes issued for the purchase of the Northern Canada Power Commission. This amount is fully recoverable from the Power Corporation. Secondly, a \$1.2 million increase in the Department of Justice O and M budget relative to the police services agreement: the pay and benefit increases for the RCMP and maintenance costs for the Great Slave Lake communication system. There is a \$3.1 million increase to the Department of Social Services O and M budget for increasing social assistance costs due to a number of factors, some of which include increased case loads, increased number of people eligible for assistance and cost increases in fully subsidized parts of the assistance program.

There is a \$4.5 million reduction in the Department of Economic Development and Tourism budget relative to the EDA agreement. Use of the EDA program is less than anticipated, due to a low volume of applications and restrictive criteria in the various subagreements which limit client eligibility. There is a \$7.1 million reduction to the capital budget of the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs relating to capital projects that were scheduled for completion in 1988-89, but which for a variety of reasons have had their completion dates delayed to 1989-90.

Funding For Proposed Expenditures

The financing for these proposed expenditure items will come from two major areas; the first one is the standard supplementary appropriation reserve for unforeseen expenditures, and the second area is the inflation reserve which was established to fund those inflationary increases which were not included in the 1988-89 main estimates. I would like to emphasize, Mr. Chairman, that this was a new approach. Prior to this year, departments received automatic inflationary increases across the board. The Financial Management Board felt that this was not an efficient way of carrying on government business and what we suggested instead was to set up a supp reserve and have each department justify any inflationary increases that they absorbed during the year. We found this to have been a useful management tool and we are carrying it on in the next fiscal year.

The net reduction in the two established reserves as a result of requests and supplementary appropriation is \$10.225 million. Of this amount, \$1.5 million will come from the supplementary appropriation reserve and \$8.725 million from the inflation reserve. With the approval of these requests, there will be a remaining balance of \$11.1 million in supplementary reserves, which has been held for such contingencies as the adjustment to the liability for the accumulated employee leave and termination benefits. The net result, Mr. Chairman, after all the transactions of the year, is that we are still left with a net plus on the positive side in our supp reserves of \$1.1 million. We have stayed well within the bottom line that was established by this Assembly in last year's budget discussions.

Mr. Chairman, the first page in the supplementary appropriation document contains a summary of current projections for revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1989. This summary reflects the same projected results for 1988-89 as identified in my Budget Address, which continues to be our best estimate at the time. If Members have any questions on the summary, I will be pleased to answer them, or any other questions on the supplementary appropriation request.

Mr. Chairman, at a time convenient to you and to the committee, I would ask to have staff join me in the House. I will try to answer most of the questions because it is my bill, and if there are more detailed questions the Members have to appropriate Ministers, they will be available to respond to those questions. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Does the committee agree that the Minister bring in his witness at this time? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Pollard, do you have any comments from your standing committee on finance with regard to supp No. 3?

Comments From The Standing Committee On Finance

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee on finance has reviewed, with the Minister of Finance, supp No. 3, Mr. Chairman, and there will be a number of questions coming from committee Members to individual Ministers. I would point out, though, that the Minister mentioned his supp reserves and the allowances for inflationary increases. Something does not seem to be quite right because only the Department of Renewable Resources came forward for those inflationary increases, which indicates either weak budgeting with Renewable Resources, or they were being honest and came forward for their inflationary increase. Or on the other hand, one may interpret that the other departments were fat going in, Mr. Chairman, and did not have any need to come back for inflationary increases. I think it is something that Members of the committee of the whole should watch as they go through the supp. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. General comments on supp No. 3. Are there any general comments? If there are no general comments, does the committee agree we get into details of Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 1988-89. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Legislative Assembly, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Page two, Supplementary Appropriation, No. 3. Legislative Assembly, O and M, special warrant, \$215,000. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. These are, generally, the same comments I made to the Minister when he appeared. I am concerned about the budgeting process we are using in the Assembly. It seems that despite the fact that we do not always have knowledge of how much work or what extra expenditures standing or special committees will incur, I think that our own experience should tell us that these special committees require a bit more money. It always seems, when we ask for these kinds of expenditures and have expended the moneys, that as Members of this Assembly, we are padding our own budgets. I would have rather seen us in a situation where we had the money and possibly return money, rather than expend the money the way we are doing it now. So I wanted to make you aware of that.

This same situation has not only arisen at this particular time. It arose at the time the special committee on housing was set out and the same thing with the special committee on education. We do not seem to have any idea of what it is we want to accomplish or how much it is going to cost us. So just as a matter of caution and concern, I make that comment.

Legislative Assembly, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Legislative Assembly, special warrant, \$215,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, \$215,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Legislative Assembly, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page two, Legislative Assembly, capital, special warrant, \$17,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Executive

Ministers' Offices, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Executive, O and M, Ministers' Offices, special warrant, \$20,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Science Institute Of The NWT, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Science Institute of the NWT, special warrant, \$355,250. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Maybe the Minister of Finance could indicate this item and other items throughout this supp that are going to be refundable from the federal government and then we can dispense of them as we go.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Certainly. This item will be fully offset by resources transferred from the federal government.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Special warrant, \$355,250. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was going to ask if the Minister could indicate now or in future, how much money was transferred from the Indian Affairs side of the program that had originally been identified for research that could be conducted for or on behalf of aboriginal people?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: The dollar figures that you see in this supp are the only dollar figures transferred. There was no specific money beyond that transferred for research.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: In that particular case then I do have concern, because our own experience on transfers previously was that once Indian Affairs relieves themselves of a responsibility, that they do not identify money that was originally budgeted for aboriginal people and therefore do not want to assume future responsibility. So I am concerned and maybe the Minister could look into the matter and find out whether or not there was any moneys at all associated with Indian Affairs. Not necessarily the northern program, but Indian Affairs itself.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: There was no money from Indian Affairs in this transfer. I will certainly look into the matter and make sure that the Member's concern is being addressed.

Science Institute Of The NWT, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Science Institute of the NWT, special warrant, \$355,250. Not previously authorized, \$45,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Executive, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, special warrants, \$375,250. Not previously authorized, \$45,500. Agreed.

Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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NWT Housing Corporation, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page four, NWT Housing Corporation, capital, special warrant, \$750,000. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: I think the Minister should explain this one to the House. The explanation he made to the standing committee on finance dealt with the fall capital budget, etc.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. Concern has been expressed by Members of this House and by standing committee on finance committees over the years specifically with the Housing Corporation. The Housing Corporation, because of winter road requirements, actually expended money before that money was authorized in a budget. That has been the case for a number of years and it has given successive Ministers a fair amount of worry. We in this House have talked about the possibility of a fall budget. The problem with a fall budget is that even if there is approval in principle given, the fact is you still cannot expend the money until April 1st.

One of the alternatives that is being discussed in lieu of a fall budget or along with the fall budget is that in a given budget year, the Legislative Assembly would vote a large supplementary capital fund. During a fall session that could be disclosed in some manner to the Assembly. There could be discussion about it. There would be prior appropriation authority given.

In this particular case we have really started the process. What we would have done in previous years is that we would have waited until April 1st. We would have got authority by April 1st but in fact these expenditures would have been made two or three months previously. So in this particular case we got a special warrant, we got the authorization to expend the money so that we have legal authorization to expend the money and we can do the work we have to do using winter roads.

I think Mr. Pollard brought up the point that in that case there should be a corresponding decrease in the next year, which is true if it were a one year scenario. But because of the fact that it is ongoing, we have to make it, in the first year, such that every year there will be \$750,000, or a certain amount, every year if we continue with this. There will not necessarily be a decrease next year. There would be at some point if we stopped it. This is just giving us the legal authority to make expenditures before year end for next year's program.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: I just seek assurance from the Minister that this amount of \$750,000 next year will be identified in the budget as a separate item pertaining to, theoretically, the next fiscal year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: That is correct. We will disclose the requirement for next year in the budget.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Housing Corporation. Mr. Pudluk.

Winter Road To Deliver Building Materials

MR. PUDLUK: In the standing committee on finance I asked a question on this and I thought now would be the appropriate time to ask the Minister of Finance a question, but he is not here right

now, about delivering the building materials. Are they going to build a new winter road for the delivery?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: We are talking about existing winter roads to service Fort Franklin, Fort Norman, Jean Marie River, Lac la Martre, Rae Lakes, Nahanni Butte and Norman Wells. That is what we have done historically. Other communities are serviced by barge or by highway. But for these specific ones, there is no way to get into them unless we use the winter road. We are talking about just those communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Housing Corporation, special warrant, \$750,000. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: I am speaking as an ordinary MLA this time, Mr. Chairman. How much did we spend this year? Theoretically we spent it last fall, I realize that, but was it less than \$750,000, more than \$750,000? Which communities did we service last year?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: This \$750,000 is for next year's budget. So this time next year we will have another figure for the year after.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Pollard.

Housing Project Moneys Spent In Previous Fiscal Year

MR. POLLARD: Perhaps I did not make myself clear enough and I apologize for that. I was asking for last year and in fact it is this fiscal year I am talking about but presumably we spent the money in the previous fiscal year. So the question would be: How much was it? Was it more than \$750,000? Less than \$750,000? And the Minister already mentioned what this \$750,000 will be spent for and he mentioned communities. Will those communities be added to or detracted from? Is there a bigger program or a small program?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: At this point we do not know. We are assuming it is about the same order of magnitude. I should probably clarify what I was saying. When we made the decision to go this way, and I think I might have misled the Member, it was too late to build it into the budget, into the supp reserve. We hope to do that.

When I was talking about next year I meant not the one we are dealing with but next year's budget. So we hope to be able to build in up front. But for the budget year 1989-90, we will have to do the same thing and come forward with a special warrant probably at the same time next year. We expect it to be of the same magnitude.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: I do not know. I think I am asking the wrong question. Perhaps I am asking the wrong Minister, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the Minister of Finance could make the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation available to us. I am afraid to ask for the previous Minister because the Government Leader might say he does not have to answer the question any more.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Presently the Minister responsible for Housing is meeting with the Minister responsible for CMHC to deal with a number of problems for housing. That is the reason he is not here. So if you would like to try your question again, I will try my answer again.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: I am sorry if I am delaying the House, Mr. Chairman, but I am trying to establish how much we spent on this particular item, the \$750,000, to date this year, in this fiscal year. I realize that this \$750,000 is for the next fiscal year, but I want to know previously how much we have spent and what did we spend it on? Which communities? Was it for roads, or what was it for?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Again I guess I can have the Minister of Housing get you a more detailed response to it because I do not think I have all the answers. I do not know specifically what everything was spent on this year. I do not have that level of detail. The difference is, and there was some problem in the past, is that in past years, even though we ordered the material, on a lot of occasions we did not actually pay for it until April 1st. But the whole area was a grey area. This one, we wanted to ensure that we had the consent before we made any expenditures. But as far as the breakdown on what we spent the \$750,000 on, I do not have it with me. You will have to get that from the Minister and I could have him make that available.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I have the same concern as the Member for Hay River. I wonder if we could defer this page until we get the information.

NWT Housing Corporation, Capital, Deferred

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Does committee agree that the Housing Corporation, capital, be deferred?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Finance, Debt Financing, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Department of Finance, O and M, debt financing, special warrant, \$4,522,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, \$4,522,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Culture And Communications, Language Bureau, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Culture and Communications, O and M, language bureau, special warrant, \$78,000. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think one of the Members of our committee had asked how often meetings are held. I do not think the Minister of Finance was able to answer that. So perhaps the Minister of Education could.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister, do you want to defer to the Minister of Education? Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: The divisional board meetings apparently are held at least three times a year, the same as the Arctic College board.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Three times a year.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: They are required to meet three times a year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): They are required to meet three times a year according to the Minister. Any further questions on language bureau?

Special warrant, \$78,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, \$78,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Personnel

Staff Relations, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Department of Personnel. Operations and maintenance, staff relations. Special warrant, \$198,000 and not previously authorized, \$20,000, surplus. Agreed? Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: I think that Members of the committee were interested in who these people were, not by name, Mr. Chairman, but their positions etc. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: I think I was referring to a question asked by Mr. Lewis and it was concerning the \$20,000 that I think you mentioned, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Transfer of funding to the Department of Education for contributions to the Keewatin/Kitikmeot Divisional Boards of Education for the cost of the WCB premiums. So for their employees now, that \$20,000 would cover the cost of the increase to the WCB premiums for the staff that has been transferred from the Department of Education to the board.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Staff relations. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: I think that what the question was, is, which positions are being transferred? Which ones does the \$20,000 cover? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Well, if we are talking about the \$20,000, maybe the Minister of Education can say exactly what is the breakdown of staff in the new boards. I do not have that here for the Member. Perhaps he could give it to you. The first \$198,000 is right across government as a whole. So it is whatever employees work for the new board. This is the increase to their WCB premiums.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Kakfwi, do you have anything to add? Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Well, the committee would like to know which positions the \$20,000 is going to cover. The Minister is indicating that there is a number that have been transferred and he has asked the Minister of Education if he has anything to add and the Minister replied in the negative. I would like to know which positions were being transferred and is that all the amount that is being transferred, the \$20,000? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister, do you want to try again?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: It is all the employees for these boards. We will provide a paper to the Members.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Pollard, do you want to rephrase your question so that the Minister may try to answer your question again?

MR. POLLARD: Well, I was thinking about asking Mr. Wray because he seems to know more than the other Ministers about this, Mr. Chairman. Oh, now Ms Cournoyea is indicating that Mr. Wray is wrong. I will ask the Government Leader then if he knows, Mr. Chairman, the positions that are being transferred; the names of the positions. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister of Finance, would you like to take a crack at it?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Yes, I think I said we will make available to the committee the list of those positions, no problem.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Is Mr. Ballantyne's answer satisfactory, Mr. Pollard?

MR. POLLARD: I would suggest that perhaps until we get the list, then, Mr. Chairman, that we defer that item. Thank you.

Staff Relations, Total O And M, Deferred

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Does the committee agree that staff relations section is deferred?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Regional operations, special warrant, \$20,200; not previously authorized, \$48,000, surplus. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, I just want to make a general comment on this supp and that is, the agreement between the Minister of Finance and the standing committee on finance that this supp would come into the House and that questions that had been asked to him that he had deferred in that meeting would be able to be answered by Ministers in attendance and that is why Mr. Pudluk and myself are suggesting deferral, Mr. Chairman, because that was the arrangement, that the Ministers would be available to us. I would expect that our questions would be answered today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Minister of Finance, do you have any comments?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: All the questions of the committee were passed on to the departments. This particular question was not. This is the first we have heard that you want the positions of all those staff. We do not have a record of that one. It should be a fairly straightforward one to get. But we will give it to you today before we finish. It is not a problem.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Order. Order! Regional operations, special warrant, \$20,200; not previously authorized, \$48,000, surplus. Agreed? Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, the answer to Mr. Pollard's earlier inquiry is that it is on behalf of all the staff that are employees of the divisional boards. It is everybody, in the Keewatin and Kitikmeot Regions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. I do not believe that is what Mr. Pollard asked; he asked for numbers and the positions, which positions does this money reflect. That was the question that was asked by Mr. Pollard, and it has been deferred.

Regional Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

Regional operations, special warrant, \$20,200; not previously authorized, \$48,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Justice

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Since staff relations was deferred, we will continue on to page eight, Justice, operations and maintenance, directorate, not previously authorized, \$155,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Police Services Agreement, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Police services agreement, special warrant, \$1,199,000. Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Minister, how much of this money was spent on maintenance of the Great Slave Lake communications system, and can you explain that system to me?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, \$100,000 of this was for that particular system.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: The second part of the question, explain the system.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Basically, as Members will recall, a couple of years ago there was a rather controversial decision to -- because of the fact that the police services agreement does not cover the costs of guards or matrons if there are no prisoners in the cells. We had no option because it was not in the contract. They introduced the system whereby if somebody has a problem, there is a repeater system. It comes to Yellowknife and back. It also hooks up to their cruisers on the Mackenzie highway. That is basically what the system is. There are some problems with the system, and this was to iron out some of the bugs in the system.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know people from my constituency do not like this system. They did not like phoning the RCMP and calls being answered in Yellowknife. I have brought this up before. The system has been in place for two years. The Minister did state in the House that he was going to reevaluate how that system worked, and whether people were happy with that system because we are here to serve, and the police are here to serve. The people should have some say in whether or not they agree with that system and if they want it to continue. I do not see anything where the Minister has reevaluated it, or brought anything to this House on whether people liked it or not. Do you have that information?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister. I believe Mr. Morin is asking for additional information regarding the Great Slave Lake communications system.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: There are two parts to be answered. The first and most obvious part is that there is a cost component. The RCMP are in the process of evaluating the system and I expect to get some results of that evaluation from them. Because of the problems we had, it has only been quite recently that the system has been working reasonably properly. If the Member still has concerns I definitely will bring back the results of that evaluation and we can have a discussion here and look at some other options and look at the cost implications of those options. I am quite open to Members' suggestions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Police services agreement. Mr. Morin.

Motion To Delete \$100,000 From Police Services Agreement

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to make a motion to delete the \$100,000 from this; that is, not put money into this system until the reevaluation of that system is done by his department. Can I do that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): You are making a formal motion at this time, Mr. Morin? If you are, I would like to get a copy of the motion.

MR. MORIN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): The committee will recess for coffee.

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Police Services Agreement, Total O And M, Deferred

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): I call the committee back to order. The Chair is having a difficult time to rule on Mr. Morin's motion and the Chair is going to defer the ruling to a later date. We are having some technical problems in procedures and the legal aspects of the two. So the Chair will not be able to rule on your motion at this time. The Chair will defer police services agreement and will continue. Does the committee agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Legal Aid, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Legal aid. Department of Justice, operation and maintenance, legal aid, special warrant, \$480,000; not previously authorized, \$35,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Court Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Court services, special warrants, \$350,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Mining Inspection Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mining inspection services, special warrant, \$120,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Government Services

Telecommunications, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Department of Government Services. Operations and maintenance, telecommunications, not previously authorized, \$3000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Freight, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Freight, not previously authorized, \$6000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Government Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, not previously authorized, \$9000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Public Works And Highways

Accommodation Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Public Works and Highways. Operation and maintenance, accommodation services, not previously authorized, \$60,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Buildings and works, special warrants, \$36,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Utilities, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Utilities, special warrant, \$51,800; not previously authorized, \$1,253,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department. Special warrants, \$87,800; not previously authorized, \$1,313,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Renewable Resources

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Renewable Resources. Operation and maintenance, directorate, special warrants, \$24,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Wildlife Management, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Wildlife management, special warrant, \$56,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Conservation Education/Resource Development, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Conservation education/resource development, special warrant, \$392,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Policy And Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Policy and planning, special warrant, \$63,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Pollution Control, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Pollution control, special warrant, \$8000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Land Use Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Land use planning, special warrant, \$7000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Forest Management, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Forest management, special warrant, \$3000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, special warrants, \$553,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Municipal And Community Affairs

Municipal Affairs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Municipal and Community Affairs, operations and maintenance, municipal affairs, special warrant, \$326,900. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, \$326,900. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Community Works And Capital Planning, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Municipal and Community Affairs, capital, community works and capital planning, special warrant, \$580,000, and not previously authorized, \$2,264,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Sport And Recreation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Sport and recreation, not previously authorized, \$4,871,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, special warrants, \$580,000, and not previously authorized, \$7,135,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Social Services, Community And Family Support Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Social Services, operations and maintenance, community and family support services, special warrant, \$3,100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, \$3,100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Economic Development And Tourism, Economic Development Agreement, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Economic Development and Tourism, operations and maintenance, Economic Development Agreement, not previously authorized, \$4,500,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, \$4,500,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Education

Advanced Education, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Department of Education, operations and maintenance, advanced education, special warrant, \$964,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Schools, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Schools, special warrant, \$2,418,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, \$3,382,000, special warrants. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. That concludes supp No. 3 until the items that are deferred are dealt with, so I assume we will be moving to Bill 1-89(1), Appropriation Act, 1989-90. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: That is correct, Mr. Chairman. I have the item from Personnel here, an actual breakdown of all the positions on those two boards, so if I could table that maybe we could proceed with that particular item. I think that was the only holdup on that item.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you, Mr. Minister. You are providing information for the committee. This will be distributed. That still concludes supp No. 3 for the time being until the other three items that were deferred are dealt with. The committee will now deal with Bill 1-89(1). I would like to thank the Minister and Mr. Voytilla for appearing before our committee.

Bill 1-89(1): Appropriation Act, 1989-90

Department Of Education

We are dealing with the Department of Education. Mr. Minister, are you prepared to bring in your witness at this time?

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Yes. Mr. Chairman, I have the same witnesses as all the other days I have been appearing before you. The deputy minister, Joe Handley and the director of finance and administration, Paul Devitt.

Motion To Recommend That Control Of Cultural Inclusion Programs Be Transferred To Band Or Municipal Councils, Withdrawn

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. We concluded with the Department of Education on Thursday. We had a motion on the floor that I will read for the committee's benefit. It is moved by Mr. Gargan. "I move that this committee recommend to the Minister of Education and the Executive Council that they consider, where a request is received and supported by the community, and where it is appropriate, that they transfer control of cultural inclusion programs to band or municipal councils from the local education authority." To the motion. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, when we discussed this motion the last time there were some other Members that did have some difficulty with it so I would like to withdraw that motion and present another one, please.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Gargan withdrew the motion on the floor. Mr. Gargan.

Motion To Recommend Transfer Of Cultural Inclusion Programs To Appropriate Community Authority After Consultation With Local LEAs

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the motion reads, I move that the committee recommend that the Minister of Education consider transferring cultural inclusion programs to an appropriate community council or cultural board authority, where a request has been made and supported by the community, after consultation and involvement of the local education authority.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Gargan, your motion is in order. To the motion. For the committee's benefit it is being circulated. Mr. Gargan, to the motion.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess now the revised version of this motion is that this would not happen unless they have consultation and involvement with the local education authority or body. So that is the difference, Mr. Chairman. The motion speaks for itself.

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

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will be able to support the motion now after it has been revised because I can agree with the wording. The communities involved in education are mentioned now, and I will be able to support it because of that. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Recommend Transfer Of Cultural Inclusion Programs To Appropriate Community Authority After Consultation With Local LEAs, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

General comments on the Department of Education. Is the committee ready to go into the details of the department. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Directorate And Administration, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Department of Education, 1989-90 main estimates, on page 19.10. Directorate and administration, total O and M, \$5,078,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Advanced Education, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Advanced education, total O and M, \$18,420,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Schools, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Schools, total O and M, \$90,433,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Arctic College, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Arctic College, total O and M, \$21,965,000. Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Minister, on this item, do you have the information available for the statement you made in the House today on relocation of Arctic College headquarters; do you have the terms of reference of the feasibility study, the people who did the study, and the study itself, available?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, I had agreed today to table the results of the study, and that will be done through the normal process of filing it with the Clerk and making sure it is translated. With respect to the terms of reference, I think I indicated about two weeks ago that I was going to consider this. I did not think just the terms of reference alone should be released. If I was going to do it I was going to do everything in one package.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Morin.

Motion To Defer Arctic College Estimates

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am glad to hear the Minister say he was willing to do that and with that, I would like to defer this until we have that information available to the Members. I will make a motion on that. I move that we defer this Arctic College item until the information on the feasibility study, the terms of reference and who did it, is made available to this committee.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. I have a motion on the floor. The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Kakfwi, did you wish to speak to the motion?

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, the mover is proposing a motion which is going to hold up the entire budget of the Department of Education. As a Minister, I am unclear as to why he would want to hold up the entire budget. If anything, I would be interested to hear what type of thinking the Member has put into proposing this motion, as to what purpose it would serve in the public interest and what it would do. What purpose would it serve to defer this motion, to defer the passage of this budget?

Mover Should Have Reasons For Motion

There are no comments being made by the Member. I think if he is going to be serious and at least appear responsible for a motion, I would expect that he would attempt to substantiate the reasons for the motion. The people that he would convince to support his motion have not got one reason stated so far as to why he is even suggesting this motion at this time. There is just a motion being proposed. There is no explanation given as to where it is coming from and why the motion is being made. So I would be interested to hear the mover give some reasons.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): To the motion. Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I am interested in finding out and seeing the documents that the Minister says he is going to make available to the Assembly. He talks of making the documents available in the normal course of filing and making available documents but really the Minister, if he wishes, can make the document available right now. It is not unusual to have documents made available to committee Members during the committee meetings such as now. I am supportive of the deferment in the interest of receiving more information as to the study that was done by the Minister and his officials or department.

I am a bit concerned, I guess, about the statement the Minister has given today and the reasons given for his decision. He says that he has examined the matter thoroughly and the primary reason that he seems to be giving for being against moving the headquarters to Fort Smith is that the college board of directors themselves have unanimously supported against that idea of moving the headquarters function to Fort Smith. It just seems a bit odd to me that the Minister would place so much emphasis on the board of directors. It just seems to me that the matter of moving headquarters is one that should be up to the Assembly and the government and should not be left to the board of directors because it is a big matter that does not just concern educational matters. It concerns jobs and it concerns decentralization, spreading government throughout the North rather than just always centering here in Yellowknife. It involves those questions, and for the Minister to say now that the board of directors thinks this way -- and I think in this case I am going to agree with them -- to me is not sufficient grounds and not a good enough reason for me to accept his decision. I am curious to see the results of his study and find out more about it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. To the motion. Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason I am moving this motion is basically so that I can have that information in front of me on the feasibility study, as well as who conducted the feasibility study, and the terms of reference. I need that information in order for me to pass this portion of this budget.

I am left in the dark because all I do have is the Ministers' statement on the move of Arctic College to Fort Smith saying, no he would not do it because the board said he should not do it. That is his argument. I do not know if it is feasible economically or whether it is going to enhance the outlook of Arctic College. I know one thing, that we as Members of the Legislative Assembly have to have the information in front of us in order for us to make that decision. I do not feel comfortable travelling to Yellowknife to partake in this Assembly if what we say does not matter. If it is all left up to a board, that is fine; let us know that and then we will stay home. That is how I feel.

Members Should Have Information In Front Of Them

In order for Members to look at it from all points of view, you have to have that feasibility study to look at. What I am doing with this motion is trying to defer Arctic College to give the Minister time to bring to this committee of the whole the information we are asking for. Then we will debate the issue from that point on. We, as Members, put motions on the floor and we are quite serious with them. Maybe the Minister does not think we are serious, and I do not know what we have to do around here in order for them to understand that we are serious. We would like to take a close look at it and then if this Assembly decides that Arctic College is not going to be moved to Fort Smith, then so be it; no problem. I agree with that, but I do not agree with passing this portion of the budget without all the information available.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Kakfwi. To the motion.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, the Members here should be aware as well that other councils and boards in the NWT have taken positions on this motion. If they do not find the Arctic College Board of Governors' position to be sufficient reason to take a supportive position, then I should advise them as well that the Kitikmeot Regional Council has also taken a position in support of the board of governors; the Keewatin Divisional Board has taken a position in support of the board of governors; the interim Sahtu divisional board has taken a position in support; the Town of Inuvik, the Chamber of Commerce there, the Inuvik native band have taken a position in support of the board of governors' position. As well, the Baffin Regional Council has taken a position in support of the board of governors' decision. The Baffin Divisional Board of Education has also taken a position in support of it.

I think it is important to recognize that from the outlying communities, especially the more remote communities, there is not one community or organization interested in seeing this Arctic College operation relocated at this time. Maybe Fort Simpson does, or Nahanni Butte; maybe Trout Lake does, I do not know; maybe Fort Resolution does. We have not heard from them. Just to let you know that the board of governors have done a lot of work in this decision. As I said, they have done it twice before. They have looked at this particular suggestion. Just to clarify it a little more, that there is a lot more to it than just the suggestion. It may be different if they had suggested relocating to Fort Resolution or to Fort Simpson, but the motion says clearly and specifically whether we should move it to Fort Smith or not, and that is the way it stacks up right now.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): To the motion. Mr. Zoe. The previous chairman did not leave me a batting order, so I have Mr. Zoe.

MR. SIBBESTON: The line of questioning and I kind of want to finish it, if possible.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): That is fine, Mr. Sibbeston. Proceed.

Yellowknife Is More Central And Can Better Serve Other Parts Of North

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate what the Minister says. I am more persuaded about what he just said than the fancy statement that was prepared and that he gave today. If it is the case that other parts of the North say that Yellowknife is more central and they can be better served, then I am persuaded by that, rather than the Minister simply saying, "The board of governors voted unanimously to have the headquarters here; we are in agreement." That does not hold much water with me because it just seems to me that the Minister is saying, "In this case, we are going to defer to the board of governors, who have decided to keep the headquarters here." To me, that is not appropriate, as it were, for the government or the Minister to think, because the matter of placement of headquarters for Arctic College is bigger than the Arctic College board's feelings on it.

It is a much bigger subject; one of devolution, one of spreading government throughout the North, and those are the reasons that I think should be most relevant in that question. It is not an issue with my communities. The Minister mentioned some of the communities in my area. It is not so much that they are concerned as to where it is located. It is more one in terms of the big government picture; the government being concerned to make sure that things that are autonomous, things that can be devolved to other communities in the North, can be. To me that is the question when we are talking about this.

Government here in Yellowknife is so huge, and it just grows. It is like a rolling ball that just gathers as it rolls along. It seems to me the government should be very sensitive, and that every opportunity that they could, where there are entities, bodies, that can be moved out to other communities in this part of the North and in others, they should. So it just seems a logical thing to me that a board of directors of Arctic College is a body that could be moved to a place like Fort Smith.

I think government is engaged in devolving and decentralizing out of Fort Smith and I was concerned, too, that Fort Smith is not emasculated and cleaned up, that if there is, in the normal course, a logical process of administering government, it means that there may be other things that could be moved out of Smith in terms of normal government operations. But because it is the start of the Arctic College it seems to me that its headquarters function could stay and remain in Fort Smith. That was my thinking. That is the basis on which I am supporting the idea of the headquarters of the college being in Fort Smith.

Mr. Chairman, what I am mainly concerned about is that this is the type of information that to me should be most relevant. If it is a fact that other parts of the North do feel more comfortable and feel that Yellowknife would be a much better place, well, then that should be the primary reason that the Minister gives for his decision. But it just seems a little bit too much like the Minister is leaning on or relying on the board of governors.

So the question arises, who is really running the college with respect to the big matters? I can see the college board of directors running things and having the most say with respect to policy and day-to-day operation but on a matter such as headquarters location, it seems to me that is the decision of the Minister, the cabinet and the Assembly, in consultation with the Assembly.

I was just a bit concerned that the Minister gave the impression that he was passing the buck, as it were saying, "well, the board of directors decided this so we are going to go with them." That just was not sufficient for me. I can be persuaded by the argument that other parts of the North feel more comfortable with its being in Yellowknife but that should be the primary reason.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): To the motion, Mr. Zoe. Motion to defer until the information is received.

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I understand the motion correctly, the mover of this motion is indicating that before we proceed with dealing with the Arctic College portion of the budget, we will defer that section until he receives or the committee receives all the study that was

undertaken by the Minister, and so forth. I, too, would be interested in getting that information but I am also going to make the suggestion that -- well, maybe I will make an amendment to the motion, Mr. Chairman. The amendment will be that I move that...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): We do not have a copy of the motion yet.

MR. ZOE: Maybe I will wait until I get a copy. My amendment is basically going to be that we defer the Arctic College portion of the budget, with the information requested by the Member, plus that we deal with the Ministers' statement entitled, "Relocation of Arctic College Headquarters", after the discussion is concluded. Then we will go back to the main estimates dealing with Arctic College. That will be my amendment. Can I get a copy of the motion?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Okay, we will take a recess then until we can get a copy of the original motion.

---SHORT RECESS

Committee come to order, please. Mr. Morin, could you just confirm for the record, and read your committee motion into the record? Just to confirm you agree with it, that it is the proper wording.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The wording is correct. I move that this committee defer consideration of the Arctic College estimates until the Minister of Education supplies the committee with the feasibility study, terms of reference and names of individuals who carried out the study. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): To the motion. Mr. Zoe.

Amendment Motion To Defer Arctic College Estimates, Carried

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, I want to amend Mr. Morin's motion. I move that the motion be amended by adding, "and further, that Ministers' Statement 15-89(1), Relocation of Arctic College Headquarters, be considered in conjunction with the above documents".

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): The amendment is in order. To the amendment.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed? Motion passes, three to one.

---Carried

Motion To Defer Arctic College Estimates, Carried As Amended

To the motion as amended.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed? Motion passes as amended.

---Carried

Arctic College, Total O And M, Deferred

Page 19.13, Arctic College, that page is being deferred.

Grants And Contributions

Total Grants, Agreed

We are now on page 19.14, detail of grants and contributions. Detail of grants and contributions. Total grants, \$2,479,000. Agreed? Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, on the detail of contributions, is Arctic College part of the detail there? I understand that you called for the total grants and contributions, and if I am correct, Arctic College forms part of that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Zoe, it is not under this section that I just called. Under grants. What is there is advanced education and schools. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Contributions, Deferred

Under contributions, total contributions, \$80,112,000. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, that \$80,112,000, part of it belongs to Arctic College, \$21,965,000, so I do not think that portion is appropriate to be agreed to at this time because Arctic College has been deferred.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): The motion has asked us to defer Arctic College estimates and since this is part of the estimates then Mr. Zoe is correct. We should defer this.

Page 19.17, student loan revolving fund. It is an information item. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Are there any questions on page 19.17, student loan revolving fund? Next page 19.18 is Arctic College. We will defer that in conjunction with the motion. Page 19.20 is divisional boards of education. Information item. Are there any questions on this? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Page 19.21, Arctic College again. I believe we would have to defer that even though there is not any actual votes moneywise on it. We will defer that one. This will conclude the operations and maintenance part of the education budget so all the pages that were relevant to Arctic College have been deferred. Do Members agree that we should carry on to capital for Education? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Schools

Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Members, page 19.09 of your capital estimates book under the Department of Education. Page 19.09, schools, buildings and works, total headquarters, \$750,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Buildings And Works, Fort Smith, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Total, Fort Smith, \$3,395,000. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Just for clarification, I would like the Minister to comment on part of the Fort Smith amount, on the Rae primary school. I notice that there is \$225,000 in this year's estimates, but what I am curious about are the future years anticipated for \$3,710,000? Could I ask the Minister what year is this money scheduled for? I believe it is basically for the construction phase of the school, but could the Minister indicate to me what year that is planned for?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, normally, what I understand, is if you commit for design and test sites in one year, it is anticipated that the construction follows the next year.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, the Minister anticipates that it is going to be in the following year. My question was, that \$3,710,000, is that for the year 1990-91 for the construction phase of this primary school?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, it is my intention to propose that to the cabinet, if nothing unusual happens in the course of this Legislature or in the course of the year that would require capital money to go somewhere else, or if there is a sudden decrease in capital moneys available. The construction moneys will be allocated to the year following this for the primary school in Rae to be built.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Zoe.

Response Of Department To SCOF Recommendations

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thought the department was addressing in this budget and in future budgets the recommendation of the standing committee on finance, and also the motion that was passed in the House with regard to the three priorities for this government -- housing, education facilities -- and I thought the department was responding in that light, in support of those two motions that were passed. The Minister is not saying that now. He is basically saying that some concerns are being addressed now, but for the future years we do not know. What I am asking the Minister is, in light of the two motions that were passed, is he going to see that these projects are carried through; the whole two or three phases of the ones that are in this particular budget? That is what I am asking the Minister.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Mr. Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, I understand the Member differently. What he wants is an ironclad guarantee from one Minister to commit the entire government to a capital expenditure in a following budget. I cannot do that. What I am saying is, when you commit money to do design and test sites one year, it would be expected that the project would be constructed the following year. It would be unusual, to say the least, if we spent money doing this, only to delay construction for two years without substantiation. I do not know what else I can say to that. I do not feel comfortable making that sort of a guaranteed commitment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Minister indicated earlier that the recommendations of the standing committee on finance are being addressed in this budget. The recommendation I am referring to states that the finance committee recommended the following changes to the proposed Education capital plan: "Advance actual construction of the Rae primary school to 1990-91." On the one hand the government adopted this recommendation from the standing committee on finance, and now the Minister is saying, "We said yes to this motion but on the other hand we are not committed." There were three specific items that the standing committee recommended in terms of the Education capital plan. I assumed, once the government adopted the recommendation, that they are already committed to carrying straight through the whole process of providing these facilities.

The Minister is not saying that at this time. They are either going to do it, follow straight through, or they are not. What I wanted to get was, as he indicated, a commitment that they are going to proceed in the year 1990-91, if we do not run into any problems.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Minister, do you have any comments?

No Guarantee Can Be Given

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: I have already made the comments. I can tell the Member that if the schools burn down in Lac la Martre and Rae Lakes during this school year and there is a limit on capital funds for the following year, I am not going to build a school in Rae and leave Lac la Martre and Rae Lakes high and dry if their schools burn down. That is the kind of flexibility you want to have especially if the amount of capital money that is available is limited. I am trying to leave some flexibility for the other Executive Members and myself.

We have worked as an Executive to accept most of the recommendations from the standing committee. I do not know why he is insisting on a guarantee. I cannot personally guarantee it. It is an Executive decision. It is a Legislative Assembly decision. It is part of the budget planning process. After this budget is passed, if it ever does, if I ever get out of here, I would expect to start working on next year's budget. You can expect that the commitment is there to follow through on the recommendations. But if he wants 100 per cent guarantee I am telling him I cannot give it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, I understand and realize that the Minister cannot give me 100 per cent guarantee that the construction of this primary school is going to happen in 1991 but could not the Minister assure the House that they will try everything in their power to ensure that the construction of this particular school does occur in 1990 and 1991? We already have two motions that were passed in this House. One is the main motion passed suggesting that education facilities were a priority. Secondly, the recommendation of the standing committee on finance recommending that they advance the actual construction of the Rae primary school to 1990-91. Could I get that assurance from the Minister?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): It looks like we are playing seesaw around here. Mr. Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, I do not know what else could be said. In a public meeting in Fort Rae last fall the community requested that the project be moved up one year. They were told that we could not do it. There was not enough money. In the event that an unexpected surplus or additional money became available we would be able to move on it. As you know, there was some surplus money this year and so we moved up the capital money for Fort Rae to start site preparation and design this year. But that is for Fort Rae. We also did the same for Hay River, moving capital money to enhance the commitments that were already made.

I understand what the Member wants. I know what he is getting at. It is a big commitment and I do not know what else I could say to alleviate his worst fears because I do not know if I would be able to survive a change in what I expect would happen over the course of the year. Again, the whole budget for next year is not put together yet. We should worry about trying to get this budget approved here. We are at an impasse. Maybe he wants to consider delaying approving this capital project as well.

I guess you have to trust the Executive to make the best decisions in the public interest on behalf of yourself as a government. As a Minister I am committed to doing those things that the majority of the MLAs want. At the same time because I am only one of the eight I have to respect the other overall responsibilities that I have. I request that the Member just respect that and hope that we can both end up happy with the outcome of this year's work.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: I appreciate the Minister's comments but he did not really answer my question, Mr. Chairman. I will ask him again; my question was, could he assure me and the House, in the normal capital process I guess, that he will try or the department will try to put every effort into having the primary school constructed in 1990-91? Can I get that assurance that they will try? I realize if any school in Rae-Lac la Martre burns down that we will probably have to build a school there and defer this particular project but if it does not happen and if there is enough money in capital, can I get that type of assurance? I realize what the Minister is saying, that he cannot give a 100 per cent guarantee but can he assure me that he will try everything in his power to place it in 1990-91?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: That is the kind of answer I like. Short and precise. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could I maybe ask the Minister if he could provide the criteria that are being used to construct student hostels. Such things as needs assessment, that sort of thing. It does not necessarily have to be provided right now but maybe during the session at some time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Yes, we can do that.

Buildings And Works, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Total Fort Smith, \$3,395,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Inuvik, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you. Inuvik, total Inuvik, \$4,945,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Buildings And Works, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you. Baffin, total Baffin, \$7,598,000. Agreed? Do I hear agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Buildings And Works, Keewatin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Keewatin, total Keewatin, \$980,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Buildings And Works, Kitikmeot, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Kitikmeot, total Kitikmeot, \$20,000?

---Laughter

I am sorry, I am chairing the meeting. I have no comments at this time. Do you agree on total Kitikmeot, \$20,000? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Total buildings and works, \$17,688,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Equipment acquisition, headquarters, \$300,000. Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Minister, playground equipment, various. Where is it going?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, I understand it is all going to Cape Dorset.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Equipment acquisition, headquarters, \$300,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Total equipment acquisition, \$300,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Contributions, Headquarter, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Contributions, headquarters, total headquarters, \$600,000. Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to ask a question here concerning the headquarters, school addition, five classrooms, N.J. Macpherson. To the Minister. The parents advisory board has requested additional classrooms for N.J. Macpherson for this coming year because they foresee quite a large influx of students in that area. I understand that the district has asked for less than that. Will N.J. Macpherson Elementary School see any portables there this year?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, I understand in one of the latest meetings that the department has had with the board of Education District No. 1, that what they have agreed is we are going to provide them with two temporary classrooms for the coming year. They have decided to spend some of their own money to provide an additional classroom themselves, and we will come up with money to design an addition to N.J. Macpherson school in the future years.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Total headquarters. Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: So I am to understand then there will be two classrooms provided by the Department of Education and there will be an additional classroom provided by the school district? In fact there will be three portable classrooms for N.J. Macpherson by fall.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Yes, that is what I understand as well.

Contributions, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you. Total headquarters, \$600,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Contributions, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Total contributions, \$600,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Schools, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Total schools, \$18,588,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you. The next pages are Arctic College. Does the committee agree that these pages be deferred? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Does the committee agree that the Department of Education is deferred?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Minister and your witnesses. Mr. Ballantyne, what department is next?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Ms Cournoyea is ready to deal with the Public Utilities Board.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Okay, Public Utilities Board. Executive. Minister's opening remarks. Madam Minister.

Executive

Public Utilities Board

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With regard to the opening statement on the Public Utilities Board, the Public Utilities Board is a regulatory agency authorized under the Public Utilities Act and is responsible for the regulation of electrical and gas utilities in the Northwest Territories. The board is currently composed of five members and has a support staff of four public servants, split equally with the Highway Transport Board. Board members are appointed by Ministerial authority.

The 1989-90 budget figures illustrate a total budget for both the Public Utilities Board and the Highway Transport Board of \$555,000. The 1989-90 budget increase of \$140,000 includes: a salary increase for a dedicated position to the Public Utilities Board; increased operations and maintenance for hearing and legal costs; increased costs under the new act for an expanded board of five members -- at this time including John Hill, chairman; Beulah Phillpot, vice-chairman; Ray Mercer, member, and Miles Patterson, also a member -- and a temporary advisory board of six members. Under the new act, the additional funding may be offset by a provision authorizing the recovery of board costs from regulated utilities during the fiscal period.

Both the Public Utilities Board and the Highway Transport Board are full regulatory boards authorized and mandated under law. My colleague, the Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell, has responsibility for the Highway Transport Board portion of the total budget, so I will only be reviewing that part of the budget dealing with the Public Utilities Board.

In past years, the Public Utilities Board has been faced with unacknowledged operation and maintenance costs related to its ongoing operation. These costs are now reflected in the 1989-90 budget and cover such areas as: hearing costs; expenses and training of counsel assigned to the board; court costs as assigned by the Supreme Court on appeal; travel costs and expenses of regional members; and adequate funding to recognize an ongoing training program for the board members and staff.

Mr. Chairman, my remarks are brief. This concludes my remarks, and with your permission there will be an appropriate time for you to have an opportunity to question the executive director, Mr. Dale Thomson, who is available for any specific questions on the operations of the board. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if we could ask the Minister responsible for the Highway Transport Board to make her opening remarks since the staff member who is going to appear is responsible for both areas and could answer questions dealing with both items.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): What is the committee's wish? Does the committee agree? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Madam Minister, would you like to make your opening remarks?

Highway Transport Board

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My opening remarks would to some degree echo those of my colleague responsible for the Public Utilities Board, the Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, who has reviewed her responsibility area with you. I will attempt to clarify my portion of responsibility of the budget, that being the operations of the Highway Transport Board.

The 1989-90 budget figures illustrate a total budget for both the Public Utilities Board and the Highway Transport Board of \$555,000 offset by estimated incoming Highway Transport Board revenue of \$90,000. The proposed estimates reflect a "no increase" budget for the Highway Transport Board.

The Highway Transport Board is a full regulatory board authorized and mandated under law. The Highway Transport Board functions as a full administrative tribunal adjudicating applications for new trucking authorities, amendments, sales and transfers, renewals and disciplinary actions, to a conclusion.

With the implementation of the Motor Vehicle Transport Act of Canada which came into effect January 1, 1988, major revisions to the Public Service Vehicles Act are under way and will continue to be funded from within the existing budget. This revision is in conjunction to this government's agreement to the memorandum of understanding on trucking deregulation in Canada signed in 1985 and now taking effect.

Public forums to review the present act were held up and down the Mackenzie Valley during December, 1988. Once the general public, industry and enforcement agents have been consulted on the draft act, and pending amendments to the federal act, the Public Service Vehicles Act will be presented to the Assembly at the fall session.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my remarks and if there are specific questions on the operations of the board, the same executive director as for the PUB, Mr. Dale Thomson, will be available.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Lewis, the deputy chairman of the finance committee.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Finance

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee on finance examined, first of all, the Public Utilities Board and does not have too much to say about it except that the highlight for 1989 was the introduction of the Public Utilities Act. The only issue or concern was that this Public Utilities Act is still under consideration by the Legislative Assembly. Major changes to the PUB are expected as a result of the new act. Nothing very inspiring to say, Mr. Chairman, about the PUB.

The Highway Transport Board is even less, Mr. Chairman. The 1988-89 highlights, major revisions to the Public Service Vehicles Act are under way. That is all we had to say.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Mr. Nerysoo.

Motion To Extend Sitting Hours, Carried

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, could I move that we extend the sitting hours to conclude these two items of the Assembly?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Motion is in order. All those in favour? Opposed? Motion is carried.

--Carried

General comments. Madam Ministers, would you like to bring in your witnesses to discuss the Highway Transport Board and the Public Utilities Board?

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I do not know how many questions there are, but I believe I will be prepared to sit here and Mrs. Marie-Jewell in her chair. If Dale Thomson, who is the executive director, can be escorted to the witness table, we can deal with it from there.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Does the committee agree? Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, no, I was just going to comment that I would feel more comfortable if the Ministers responsible for the departments were to be at the witness table.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): For the record, Madam Minister, would you like to introduce your witness before the general comments?

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Dale Thomson, executive director of the Public Utilities Board and the Highway Transport Board.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Madam Minister. General comments. Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Just a brief note on the membership of the PUB and HTB. It occurs to me that Mr. John Hill is on both and I have tremendous respect for Mr. Hill. However, when I see the same people involved on so many boards I really wonder; are there not other people in the North, or are we not imaginative and outward looking to find people other than the same people all the time? We often tire out these people, over-burden them, and eventually maybe they will not last. When I see a person on too many committees I begin to wonder and ask, surely there are enough people in the North that could be involved and why are the same old persons, or same good people, always asked? Could the Ministers not think of other people besides John Hill?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I believe when the name John Hill was brought forward to caucus and to this Legislative Assembly for approval, the thought was at the beginning that we have one executive director serving two boards, and an executive director serving two Ministers. I brought forward Mr. Hill's name after looking at a number of names; and not to take any respect away from other people who might serve on the board, but it was really one of economy of scale and organization. If at some point in time we want to change that, I would think that is possible; but at the beginning with a Public Utilities Act coming into play and the fact that we had only one executive director, just for utilization of time and reporting, we felt there was an economy of scale in utilizing a relationship and communication between the boards.

On the Public Utilities Board there is still a position that we have not filled and at the beginning we felt that one chairman serving the two boards would just make the communications much simpler; not because there are not other people out there.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Sibbeston.

Effects Of Deregulation Of Trucking Industry

MR. SIBBESTON: With respect to the Highway Transport Board, I am aware that generally in Canada there has been a deregulating process of the trucking industry. Has this meant less red tape and has the deregulation resulted in a freer flow of traffic in and out of the North? And as such does the Highway Transport Board play such a significant role as it has in the past? If the answer is that it has a less regulatory role, will the government eventually either decrease the size of the board or eventually even consider phasing the board out? Has the Minister thought of that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, the deregulation in the Territories basically allows now for the onus to be placed on the carrier to prove that the deregulation does have some effect on him to be able to transport in and out of the Territories, or to transport within the Territories. As for the board playing a lesser role on highway transportation regulatory responsibility, I do not believe it will.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you. Maybe if I could pursue the two items that Mr. Sibbeston mentioned, are the Ministers going to consider a review of the chairmanship of both boards in light of two issues: one, the new role of the PUB and secondly, I believe since deregulation has occurred

there is an additional work load that the HTB has assumed in terms of approvals of licences and permits and that sort of thing. So are the Ministers going to consider maybe reviewing that situation and consider two chairpersons as opposed to just one?

The other point is, could maybe the Minister of the HTB indicate whether or not there has been an increase? From the information that I have, there has been additional work that the HTB has assumed so maybe if she could clarify those two issues for me, or both Ministers can clarify one, and the Minister of the HTB can clarify the latter.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you. In regard to the chairman, the chairman has been appointed for a three year term in 1987 and his term is to expire as of August 19, 1990. In regard to the question asking about additional workload on the board, I do not believe there has been an increase of additional requirements on the board. Mainly because now that the fact is that the onus is on the transport carrier to prove that deregulation is going to have some effect on them, it causes fewer companies to object to a permit when it is required.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe if I can get this clarification then. Have there been more decisions made by the HTB in relation to maybe two or three years ago, prior to deregulation, in terms of permit issuance and licences?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, no, there have not been.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: So there is no increase in running rights and licences that have been issued to other trucking companies.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: No, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could I maybe then have the secretary provide an update of the amount, the numbers of permits that have been issued since 1986 in comparison to this year? From 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, how many approvals were given? How many were applied for and how many were issued?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Yes.

Highway Transport Board/Public Utilities Board, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Madam Minister. Total O and M, \$555,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): That concludes the Public Utilities Board and the Highway Transport Board. I thank the Madam Ministers and the witness. I rise 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 COMMITTEE REPORT 1-89(1), REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE 1989-90 MAIN ESTIMATES; BILL 1-89(1), APPROPRIATION ACT, 1989-90; BILL 9-89(1), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT, NO. 3, 1988-89

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 1-89(1), Bill 9-89(1) and CR 1-89(1), and wishes to report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Angottitauruq. The House has heard the report of the chairman of committee of the whole. Are you agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Item 19, third reading of bills. Item 20, Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a meeting of the standing committee on finance after adjournment today; a meeting of ajauqtit at 9:00 a.m. and a meeting of caucus at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Tuesday, March 7th.

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18. Report of Committee of the Whole

19. Third Reading of Bills

20. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 7th, at 1:00 p.m.

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