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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 1989

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Titus Allooloo, Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Crow, Mr. Ernerk, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Lewis, Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell, 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 Tuesday, March 14th, 1989. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 28-89(1): Affirmative Action Policy

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, honourable Members, I am pleased to announce our government's new and comprehensive affirmative action policy. This long-awaited policy is based on extensive consultation with the affirmative action advisory committee which represents many interested parties.

The policy embodies our commitment to a public service that is representative of the population it serves. We will undertake affirmative action measures to achieve equality in employment and career development within the public service. The policy makes individuals responsible for initiating action to take advantage of opportunities, while recognizing government's responsibility to provide, promote and support barrier-free access to people who are experiencing a disadvantage.

All departments and agencies with the government, consistent with approved priorities and strategies, will plan and implement affirmative action measures. Such planning will address under-represented occupations and levels within the public service. For example, planning will address the widespread recognition that women are under-represented within the public service in management and non-traditional occupations.

The policy gives preference to indigenous aboriginal persons, women, disabled persons and indigenous non-aboriginal persons. The merit principle will normally apply between target groups. However, priority will be given to qualified indigenous aboriginal persons, and special measures may be applied to correct a disadvantage being experienced by a specific group. The government sees this policy as a model for affirmative action in the Northwest Territories. At the appropriate time today I will table the policy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. The Chair would like to recognize in the gallery at this time a former colleague, John T'Seleie. Welcome John.

---Applause

I would also like to recognize in the gallery, 14 students from the Kaw-Tay-Whee School in Dettah with their teacher Allan Brownridge. Welcome also.

---Applause

Ministers' statements. Ms Cournoyea.

Ministers' Statement 29-89(1): Support For Applications For Natural Gas Export Licences

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, today I will be tabling our government's intervention to the National Energy Board in support of applications by Esso, Shell and Gulf for export licences for their gas reserves from the Mackenzie Delta. As everyone here knows, we have undergone many changes since 1977 when Mr. Justice Tom Berger recommended a 10 year moratorium on development in the Mackenzie Valley. It is now our job to make our progress understood to those Canadians who have not had a concern for us -- for the North -- since the last talk of Delta gas 12 years ago.

The last few years have been used wisely to resolve many outstanding aboriginal issues. The Dene/Metis have reached their agreement in principle with the federal government. They have targeted 1991 for a final agreement. It is our expectation that this will be completed by the time that pipeline applications and approval are required. In the Eastern Arctic, TFN expects to have an agreement in principle in a few months time. The Inuvialuit claim has been settled. In doing so, environmental screening, review mechanisms and wildlife management authorities were established in the Mackenzie Delta and offshore. The Inuvialuit are now assured opportunities to participate in regional economic development.

When we speak of progress, Mr. Speaker, our Legislature has made considerable advances in the past few years. We have a fully elected Legislature with cabinet Members of our own choosing. Our responsibilities differ little from those of the provinces, ranging from health services to forestry management.

While much of the North has changed during the last years, we all recognize that the deep concerns about development and its impacts have remained constant. Northern residents insist upon meaningful full economic benefits from such development. They also have every right to expect maximum protection of the natural environment, our most precious resource of all. In addition, the need to ensure minimal social disruption is vital.

New Market Opportunities For Northern Gas

Mr. Speaker, we must understand that a large southern demand is essential for the development of Mackenzie Delta gas reserves. Provincial and federal governments over the last few years have deregulated the pricing of natural gas. These prices are now freely negotiated between buyers and sellers. This is helping create new market opportunities for northern gas.

Mr. Speaker, in opening up this area, Delta gas development must result in new commercial ventures that will respond to northern energy needs. Our government expects that a variety of northern purchase contracts of natural gas can and will be negotiated. It is obviously in the producer's interest to deal reasonably with the energy needs of the Mackenzie Valley and Beaufort communities, whose lands and environment will be impacted during the construction and operation of a major gas pipeline.

Over the last 10 years, Northerners have experienced all phases of industry activity from exploration to development to production. They have also felt the downturn in activity during the last few years. The Norman Wells oilfield has been developed and Interprovincial Pipelines is operating an oil pipeline from Norman Wells to Zama, Alberta. People in the Mackenzie Valley and Beaufort regions are becoming familiar with the challenges and impacts of the oil and gas programs. Mr. Speaker, we must prepare to take advantage of the opportunities associated with this major development. Although pipeline issues are not technically part of this hearing, we do

know that the granting of export licences could stimulate the sponsors' planning and preparation for pipeline applications.

The Government of the Northwest Territories will support a transportation system, including a pipeline route, that maximizes the benefits of development for its residents and minimizes the environmental disruption. Benefits will include optimizing pipeline access to territorial oil and gas reserves, resource revenues for our government, opportunities for employment, training and business development, advantages for northern energy supply and incentives for infrastructure development, such as a Mackenzie Valley highway. Providing these factors are addressed to our satisfaction, our government favours a Mackenzie Valley pipeline route.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, since the Carrothers Commission recommendations in the late 1960s Northerners have looked forward to assuming the control of northern resource management. Last September we laid the framework to guide the future transfer of oil and gas management responsibilities. The Northern Energy Accord includes the determination and administration of oil and gas resource revenues; the management of territorial benefits programs; and regulation of oil and gas exploration, development and production activities. Through their claims, aboriginal organizations have interests as important land owners, resource owners and wildlife managers. Our government is working closely with the aboriginal organizations in the development and implementation of the transfer in order to strengthen northern oil and gas perspectives and be consistent with aboriginal interests.

Mr. Speaker, it is the Northern Accord and settled aboriginal claims that will give aboriginal peoples and northern governments the opportunities and the resources to manage development to their benefit. It is the Northern Accord and settled aboriginal claims that will give the industry the stability and encouragement needed to undertake major development. In supporting the application, Mr. Speaker, we are engaging the confidence of the people of the North in their own destiny. Thank you.

---Applause

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

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Welcome To Students From Dettah School

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome a group of students from my constituency from Dettah and from Mr. Zoe's region. And if I could get a little bit more support from Mr. Zoe, I am sure we could have another school there.

---Laughter

But, nonetheless, Mr. Speaker, I think it is a privilege for me to have the students here. Dettah has been in the forefront of discussion in the past couple of weeks. The special committee on the northern economy visited and listened to a very eloquent presentation from a representative of the young people of Dettah. We opened the new school there not too long ago and what you see here is the future leadership of Dettah. At some point I expect to see some of those kids that are watching us in this House become MLAs, I expect to see some of those kids in leadership positions through government. So, Members of the Assembly, we are looking at our future here. Thank you.

---Applause

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

Member's Statement On Minister Wray's Display Of Humility

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, not to disappoint my colleague from Aivilik, I decided today to make a Member's statement. I was surprised this morning to wake up, Mr. Speaker, and hear a flash of humility from the Minister responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs...

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. LEWIS: It is very unusual for anyone to make a mistake that is 600 per cent wrong.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Three hundred per cent.

MR. LEWIS: Well, it depends on whether you want to make the mistake to the left or to the right of the problem, Mr. Speaker. Anyway, my calculation shows it is a 600 per cent mistake that was made. It is often said that if you catch a Scotsman young enough, Mr. Speaker, you can do something with him. And in this particular case I think it bodes well for the future of the Department of Economic Development that this Minister can publicly state that he has made an error of such magnitude but we will be watching him very closely from now on, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Member's Statement On Inuit Women's Association Meeting, Yellowknife

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did not realize I have such influence on Mr. Lewis. Mr. Speaker, the Inuit Women's Association is presently meeting in Yellowknife. Their plan was to hold this meeting in Rankin Inlet but due to bad weather there they have decided to hold this very important meeting in Yellowknife.

Inuit Women's Association represents all Inuit of Canada, therefore it is nationally recognized as an organization who speaks on behalf of all Inuit of Canada. They have contributed greatly, especially in the areas of day-care, child abuse, sexual offenses, spousal assault, as well as togetherness of families in a forum where women can speak out on issues of concern to all of us. I know that this government, the GNWT, has assisted this organization in any way it can and it is probably the only government in Canada which goes out of its way to assist them. I also know this organization has supported birthing at home as a right of every Inuk woman in Canada. I know this because they have come out in public and provided such support to our Inuit women.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Government of the Northwest Territories and this Assembly to provide moral support to them in their efforts during their meeting in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. I would like to wish them every success in their endeavours. Thank you.

--- Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Mr. Gargan.

Member's Statement On Seat Belt Legislation

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I rise today as part of my continuing bit to consider repealing seat belt legislation within municipalities...

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. GARGAN: According to a study done by a consumer action group in the United States some types of seat belts are causing thousands of serious injuries to motorists involved in accidents. My source is the story carried by the Edmonton Journal on the 24th of November, 1988, and the study shows that many thousands of people are dying or are being permanently crippled each

year by these seat belt designs. This study was done by the institute for injury reduction, a non-profit research and medication organization that studies injuries caused by product defects.

Mr. Speaker, according to this study the use of some seat belts causes very serious abdominal, spinal cord and head injuries. These needless injuries are caused by lap belt or so-called window shade seat belt styles. So it is clear, Mr. Speaker, that while the wearing of seat belts can prevent some types of injuries, they also cause other serious types of injuries. So I call on the government to seriously reconsider repealing the seat belt legislation within the municipalities. The people of the NWT must be free to be responsible for their personal safety. This includes being free to choose whether or not they wish to wear seat belts while travelling on different roads and in different traffic situations in the NWT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Further Return To Question O249-89(1): Government Housing For Civil Servants, Fort Simpson

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a return to oral question asked by Mr. Sibbeston, regarding staff accommodation in Fort Simpson. Until land becomes more readily available for private construction, the GNWT will be obliged to provide staff accommodation to its employees. The staff in Fort Simpson will continue to encourage employees to seek alternative accommodation in keeping with our policy for staff accommodation in level one communities.

In addition, I am reviewing the possibility of extending the reduction of housing allowance, which currently applies only to Yellowknife, to all level one communities, which include Fort Smith, Fort Simpson and Hay River. I will provide additional information later on during this session. Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O219-89(1): Boarding In Homes Not Approved By Health Inspector

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Gargan on February 24, regarding boarding home rates. The rates for private medical boarding homes are still under review. Public health and environmental health guidelines are being studied carefully and comprehensive guidelines for private medical boarding homes in the NWT will be issued by the department as soon as the assessment is complete.

At this time I can tell you that homes are inspected by the public health nurse to ensure that basic standards of comfort are available for patients. If the home has been approved, the owners will receive \$30 a day for boarding a patient. The patient can expect as a minimum, a clean home with adequate toilet facilities, his or her own bed with no more than two beds in a room and three nutritious meals in each day of boarding. If the patient considers the accommodation to be substandard in any way, he or she is encouraged to take the complaint to the department.

Mr. Speaker, we are not preventing patients from staying in unapproved homes. However, if the home is not officially approved the department is not responsible for quality of care, the number of meals served or the standard of accommodation. Anyone may request inspection of their home by the public health nurse. If for any reason approval is not given it is because the accommodation does not meet the basic standards required. We do not feel this is discriminatory but rather that we are protecting the health and welfare of the residents who must travel to seek medical care. Mr. Speaker, the standard rates are \$30 for approved and \$20 for unapproved.

Further Return To Question O251-89(1): Kitikmeot Patients Taxi Fares To Yellowknife Hospital

Mr. Speaker, I have another reply to an oral question asked by Mr. Angottitauruq on March 1, on the provision of taxi fare for Kitikmeot patients at the YK airport. Mr. Speaker, some Kitikmeot residents still appear to be having a problem with medical transportation in Yellowknife. As I indicated in my earlier response, the couple who manage the Kitikmeot Boarding Home do an excellent job of meeting planes at the airport, ferrying patients to and from the boarding home and back and forth between hospital and medical appointments.

On occasion the Kitikmeot Boarding Home may not have been informed of an arriving resident, or the resident may have come in on an earlier plane. To cover such occurrences, a direct line to the Kitikmeot Boarding Home has been installed at the airport with instructions in Inuktitut. All Kitikmeot residents staying at the boarding home should be informed of this telephone before leaving home.

The Yellowknife referral centre sends a taxi to the airport to meet residents who are not staying at the Kitikmeot Boarding Home. The referral centre is then billed by the taxi company. If at a later date the resident elects to move to a different boarding home, the Yellowknife referral centre is not responsible for transportation between the original boarding home and the elected boarding home.

Government of the Northwest Territories employees do not fall into the above categories. They are instructed to pay their own taxi fare, to ask the taxi driver for a receipt and to present the receipt to their Personnel department for reimbursement. We know that some of the older residents who do not speak English must find arriving at the airport a difficult situation. We are looking at ways to ease their arrival. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Returns to oral questions. Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O380-89(1): Hunting Rights Of Mr. Antoine

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Sibbeston on March 13, 1989, concerning an application for a general hunting licence by Jonas Antoine. My department received Mr. Antoine's application for a general hunting licence yesterday afternoon. The information on his application establishes that Mr. Antoine is indeed eligible for a general hunting licence. His application is now being processed.

Further Return To Question O157-89(1): Aboriginal Languages To Be Official

If I may, Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Ernerk on February 22, 1989, concerning implementation plan for aboriginal languages. The provision of services in the aboriginal languages is of great importance to this government. The task force on aboriginal languages presented their report in February 1986 and the government responded to their recommendations at the 1986 fall session.

The government committed itself to providing more services by amending legislation to legally guarantee certain language rights. Our present Official Languages Act already recognizes the aboriginal languages as official languages in the NWT. Their use is prescribed by regulation. It is our intent to amend the Official Languages Act to legally guarantee more fully these language rights. We hope to table these amendments in the 1989 fall session.

A great amount of work has been done and is rapidly progressing toward this target date. However, our implementation plan is not finalized as we are still gathering information on financial and logistical implications. We are in the process of discussing the implementation of services with various departments. When the final implementation plan is ready, I will provide it to the Members for their information. Qujannamiik.

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

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O384-89(1): Water And Sewer Overcharges, Inuvik

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs and it has to do with water, I believe. That seems to be the issue in Inuvik. It has to do with the whole servicing of that community and the fact that people seem to have been overcharged for some of the services there. I wonder if the Minister could tell us whether the charges that were overcharged in that community were due to computer error or to human error, or any other kind of error that he can think of today.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question O384-89(1): Water And Sewer Overcharges, Inuvik

HON. GORDON WRAY: All of the above, Mr. Speaker. What had happened was that we tried to get a handle on the economic costs for the water and sewer in Inuvik, and we were fairly well on the mark when it came to residential consumers, but in terms of the commercial consumers there were some problems when we were assembling the figures from other communities to get a level of consistency. It was simply just a mistake in the way we calculated the charges, which ended up in only the commercial customers being overcharged. It was simply a human error.

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

Supplementary To Question O384-89(1): Water And Sewer Overcharges, Inuvik

MR. LEWIS: Thank you for the opportunity to ask a supplementary to the same Minister about the way in which they go about charging these costs for the commercial part of the town of Inuvik. When you say that you examine all the other costs in the other places, are we not in fact comparing apples and oranges, because the commercial part of Inuvik is not like the other parts, so why would they be doing that anyway?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Further Return To Question O384-89(1): Water And Sewer Overcharges, Inuvik

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. There are differences, obviously, between communities. But with regard to communities like Norman Wells and Iqaluit, roughly the costs are the same and while we are not going to get identical costs, what we want to do is make sure that in communities where the costs are approximately the same, consumers are being charged approximately the same. Now there may be variations but certainly in Norman Wells, for example, or Iqaluit, there is a good indicator of what consumers are paying and what charges are being levied. So we try and use communities of similar circumstances to make sure that our figures are right. In this case, they were not.

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

Supplementary To Question O384-89(1): Water And Sewer Overcharges, Inuvik

MR. LEWIS: To the same Minister, Mr. Speaker. If the charges in Inuvik were levied on the basis of comparisons with other places, would they not have made comparisons with the commercial rates in other places so that they would have identical data to deal with, or at least data of a similar kind?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Further Return To Question O384-89(1): Water And Sewer Overcharges, Inuvik

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. We did. A part of the problem was that we took the figures of some communities' by-laws and when we actually physically or personally checked with each of the communities, we found that some of the rates stated in by-laws and some of the rates actually being charged were different. That is where the confusion came in. We were going with the official rates and when we did some checking we found that some communities were not levying the rates as stated in their own by-laws.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Lewis, final supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O384-89(1): Water And Sewer Overcharges, Inuvik

MR. LEWIS: My final supplementary to the same Minister, Mr. Speaker, is this: I believe that some adjustments have been made to the businesses in Inuvik. Now I hate to be the bad guy here, but since all these other rates were obviously wrong, they were not done in accordance with their own by-laws, are all these other communities now going to get adjustments made in the same way that you are making adjustments in Inuvik but, rather than improving the financial position of that town, depriving these other places that have made the big mistakes?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Further Return To Question O384-89(1): Water And Sewer Overcharges, Inuvik

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. No, because the difference between, for example, Inuvik and Yellowknife is that Inuvik does not own and operate its own water and sewer system. It is still a government-run system. The others are owned and operated by the towns so they have the flexibility to do that. In Inuvik what we are doing is we are negotiating with the town to turn over the water and sewer there, plus we have offered them some money to study the Inuvik system and determine what the economic costs are so they will be prepared, when they take it over, to put the proper utility charges in place.

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

Question O385-89(1): Proposed Dogrib Divisional Board

MR. ZOE: Mahsi cho, Mr. Speaker. (Translation) I would like to ask the Minister responsible for Education about the Dogrib divisional board. Will the Dogrib divisional board be in effect as of April 1, 1989? And will they resolve all the outstanding issues of that region?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I am not informed as of today where exactly the discussions are with the Dogrib communities so I would have to get back to the Member on his question. Thank you.

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

Question O386-89(1): Board Of Health In Deh Cho Area

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, a number of years ago when there were negotiations between the federal government and our government about the transfer of health to this government, I know that there were negotiations with the Dene and Metis. Part of the condition on which the Dene and Metis eventually gave support to the territorial government's taking over health in the North was that there would be opportunities for them to be involved in the management of health in the

communities. I am just wondering, when is the Minister of Health going to establish a board of health to deal with the hospitals and nursing stations in the Deh Cho area?

MR. SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyea.

Return To Question O386-89(1): Board Of Health In Deh Cho Area

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, yes, we realize that we have that particular item on our agenda and certainly we intend to begin working with the communities once again. I do not see us doing and beginning this process until probably the beginning of June or the middle of June, when people have settled down a little bit over the spring season. So it is anticipated that we will begin once again having meetings and discussions at that time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Pudluk.

Question O387-89(1): Assistance To Outpost Camps For Food

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Social Services. Are some outpost camps assisted by Social Services to buy their food? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Return To Question O387-89(1): Assistance To Outpost Camps For Food

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, to my knowledge, yes.

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

Supplementary To Question O387-89(1): Assistance To Outpost Camps For Food

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister indicate to me which areas are eligible and which areas are not eligible to receive this? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I will take that under notice. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The question is taken as notice. Mr. Lewis was next.

Question O388-89(1): Postal And Banking Services In Communities

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for Government Services. Mr. Speaker, tonight the special committee on the northern economy will be meeting in Rae-Edzo. I doubt that we will get concern about banking as we have had in several other places, but my question to the Minister is this: Since we have already made a recommendation in this House that we look at the need for financial services throughout the Territories, and since we have made a recommendation that the government look at the possibility of perhaps sometime in the future combining both postal and banking services in our communities, what progress has his department made on this recommendation?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Butters.

Return To Question O388-89(1): Postal And Banking Services In Communities

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, the progress to date exists in the form of a letter which has been sent to Canada Post indicating the interest of the Assembly, of the House and the interest of the committee in establishing some such service in the community, associated with the postal

service. We have not had a reply from Canada Post relative to some practical way in which the post office could do this, but I will follow up.

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

Question O389-89(1): Benefits From Proposed Pipeline

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Seeing as we are potentially looking at another pipeline down the Mackenzie, hopefully, I wonder what the Minister is going to do to ensure that the maximum benefits from the proposed pipeline accrue to the people and the businesses of the NWT.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question O389-89(1): Benefits From Proposed Pipeline

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in the past we have tended to react to developments on a case by case basis, which has not always worked to our advantage as a jurisdiction. Therefore, working very closely with the Energy, Mines and Resources department, it is hoped that the government will develop northern benefits legislation which will apply to all development that takes place in the North. That, I think, is what our long-term goal has to be, is to put that legislation into place. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pollard, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O389-89(1): Benefits From Proposed Pipeline

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Minister could indicate to us how long it will be before we see that legislation, Mr. Speaker? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O389-89(1): Benefits From Proposed Pipeline

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. There has been some work done on it already, mainly by the Energy, Mines and Resources people who are the lead agents in this. However, I would expect that people would see something between 12 and 18 months from now. Obviously, legislation like this is going to have to be carefully researched. Legislative authority is going to have to be researched. We are going to have to do a lot of work to make sure that it is the best legislation we can come up with. So I would say somewhere in the time frame of 12 to 18 months.

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

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

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, return to Question W21-89(1), asked by Mr. Ernerk to the Minister of Personnel on advertising for Public Service positions.

Return To Question W21-89(1): Advertising For Public Service Positions

Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell's return to Question W21-89(1), asked by Mr. Ernerk on March 10th, 1989, regarding advertising for Public Service positions.

- 1) The number of advertisements placed by the Department of Personnel in: 1987-88, July 1st, 1987, to March 31st, 1988, was 1212; 1988-89, April 1st, 1988, to January 31st, 1989, was 2051.
- 2) A list of newspapers used by the Department of Personnel over the past two years is attached.

3) The cost of advertising in: 1987-88, \$886,900, which includes ads placed on behalf of Arctic College; 1988-89, \$1,037,600, which includes ads placed on behalf of Arctic College and the regional health boards.

4) The number of advertisements translated into aboriginal languages in: 1987-88*, 181; 1988-89, 243.

5) The Government of the Northwest Territories does have a northern preference on advertising. All positions are advertised in the Northwest Territories. There are some situations, however, where ads are placed in the North and South at the same time. In order to place an advertisement in any southern newspaper it must be pre-approved by the deputy minister of Personnel.

* Inkit only commenced work for us on July 1st, 1987; therefore, the figures from April 1st, 1987, to June 30th, 1987, are not available. This work was completed by another agency, Outcrop.

Note: The information provided for the fiscal year 1988-89 only relates to April 1st, 1988, to January 31st, 1989.

It is extremely difficult to compare vacant positions to number of ads placed in newspapers. One position may be advertised in several newspapers; or several positions advertised in one ad; or a particular ad could be readvertised more than once. Therefore, a comparison between the number of vacant positions and ads placed is difficult.

The difference in fiscal year 1987-88 and 1988-89 relates to the number of months: only nine months in 1987-88 as compared to 10 months in 1988-89. Also, the health board ads are shown in the fiscal year 1988-89.

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Item 8, replies to Opening Address. Mr. Angottitauruq.

ITEM 8: REPLIES TO OPENING ADDRESS

Mr. Angottitauruq's Reply

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make my reply to the Opening Address today with concerns coming from Natilikmiot riding.

Whenever some Members stand up to make replies to the Opening Address, some colleagues wonder how long his reply is going to be. But I would like to make known a few of these concerns. Some may be not good to hear for some other Members and to the public but these are concerns. Not very many of them will be disappointing to some people but still they are concerns.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, I would like to express the overall concerns of the Natilikmiot riding which contains the communities of, for the record, Pelly Bay, Spence Bay and Gjoa Haven. I would say there are some DEWline sites. But, Mr. Speaker, these DEWline sites are very hard to communicate with because they are connected with the Canadian military and American military. But they are still voting groups in the Territories.

Airline Service

Getting down to the concerns, the first concern is the airline service which we discussed in the committee of the whole. My constituents are very disappointed in the cutbacks of the airline service. We believe, in accordance with more business developing and with the population increasing, that our only main transportation is decreasing. Because of their disappointment, I have been getting calls from the community leaders that they would support any group that applies for the routes if, with their support, these groups were able to get their licences. With their disappointment, they informed me that in a regional meeting they will discuss this issue of schedules being cut back in that region. They have stated that they are willing to support any other airlines that would want to apply for these routes. They said if we have been successful

with NWT Air by supporting their getting their licence, and First Air, if there is a way to find a way to support some other airlines if they want to get licences, they have a feeling they can do so. And they name one airline that is not an airline but a charter service which is based in Cambridge Bay, and his name is Willie Laserich and his sons that run a charter service there. If Adlair could do that, and if we have a charter service based in our region, we could possibly charter him for government services and businesses if they travel to one community and come back in a short time. Since there are only two scheduled services now, two days all through the week, they say if we charter we could do our business much better, rather than using the regular schedule due to their cutbacks. After we finish our business in one community, why wait two days for the regular scheduled airline to come? So I guess they are saying we have our own budget, and even though the airlines have their own way of making money, we also have to look out for our own budget. That is the main concern at this time, the airline service.

Whereabouts Of Applications To Economic Development

Economic Development has always been one of the other concerns in the Northwest Territories. I have heard time and time again complaints about Economic Development. It may be with the local people, it may be with the department because I hear of a number of people who say they applied through Economic Development and never got any results or replies to their concern or to their applications. As I heard in the Minister's opening remarks, the Minister of Economic Development stated that there were no applications from the Kitikmeot Region. Well, I am confused on this issue because a number of people in my region say that they went to see the economic development officer when that person gets into the community and "I fill out an application but I never had a response and where are these applications going to?" It made me wonder whether the economic development officer was just making notes to prepare that person for whether he was eligible to fill out an application or not. What is happening I do know because many of my people say they went to see the economic development officer, filled out an application, but "Where is it? There is no response, why cannot I get it?" They say they request again for the application. "Remember the last application I filled out?" then, the next time the economic development officer comes around, and they say the economic development officer usually replies, stating that it already went through. But where did it go? So these records of economic development applicants are not reaching the destination somewhere, or either I do not know what is happening. I will be going back to the communities and be digging further into this matter. But I think the government's Department of Economic Development should do the same to find out what is happening in the headquarters in Yellowknife here.

Abortion Freely Available

There is also a concern about abortion in my region. The local leaders may not be talking much about this to the public but the ordinary people that I represent are concerned. I, too, support their views on abortion. It is not only because that the abortion is so available. Well, I guess that many of these teenagers who get pregnant can have their abortion done very simply and I have heard some parents say, "I did not want my daughter to get an abortion but I could not control her. It is because she talked with the nurse and it is her will, the nurse said to me." Now the concern is with the sexually transmitted disease going around, with the AIDS going around, why make abortion so available?

There are birth controls and other things that could eliminate abortion but these young men and young people do not seem to give a damn. If they do not use them, they do not care because their girlfriend can have an abortion if they do not want a baby. Look at the older people's side. They are concerned about it. Well, I guess the new system states that a person has the right to do what they please. If they get pregnant and they do not want to keep the baby, they get an abortion. I guess what the older people are saying is if you do not want your baby, give it to your relatives, give it to your grandmother or whoever, if they are able to adopt it. The confusion is, why make abortion available when there are risks of sexually transmitted diseases going around in the whole universe.

The religious groups have been fighting abortion for a long time, but the public side seems to fail to understand. Like any other people, these people do not mind if the mother-to-be has a problem in delivering, or has a health problem when delivering. If they should get an abortion for those types of people to save a life, that is okay.

The main concern is, what about those healthy people, why are they doing it? So much for abortion and sexually transmitted diseases.

Support For Training In Midwifery

Also, in line with that, my constituents are in full support of birth delivery in the communities.

---Applause

At this time, with people who might not have a good delivery, that is still a concern. The only place they have to go is to hospital. That is okay. In my view, Mr. Speaker, birth delivery at home, I support that idea; but some of these mothers have to go out to the hospital where the good equipment is. I support the idea, Mr. Speaker, of home delivery.

Looking at the other side, I think we have to be careful. My thinking is, Mr. Speaker, instead of saying I support birth delivery at home, why can the government not start saying, "Let us teach some women or some men, or anybody who is available in the communities, and the nurses, to be midwives." I think that is the answer. The midwife is the one that is not available in the communities, and I do not think some of these native women are very hard to teach.

I believe a lot of Members here were delivered at home; I was delivered at home. In fact, I must have been lucky, Mr. Speaker. When I was delivered, I heard that I was washed in a little bread pan, the smallest kind, and it was just right for me. I was premature, but I survived. I must have been lucky.

In saying that, I think some of these elderly, even young women, even fathers were midwives automatically because they were nomads at that time. Some of them are still able to do it, but with the experts they are not able to do it. We should look into more midwives in the NWT before we talk too heavily on home birthing. Let us get some of these people in the community to learn midwifery.

Old Folks Home Needed In Constituency

An old folks home is also a concern. Whenever there is any talk about projects in the communities, the whole region wants it, and it is no secret that Pelly Bay wants an old folks home, Spence Bay wants an old folks home and Gjoa Haven wants an old folks home. Any person like myself, and like my other colleagues and the government, they recognize that all these communities cannot get old folks homes at the same time; but they are fighting for old folks homes. I know they are needed in that region. As their representative, I agree with the need in that region. I would recommend, if there should be one, it should be placed in a centre of that area. Talking about the Natilikmiot riding, the centre is Spence Bay.

Since the other two communities want one also, I ask the question and try to get communities to support the idea of getting the Housing Corporation to have row housing for the other communities, which can be used for an old folks home. Since the number of old folks fluctuate as they go by, sometimes it will not be filled to capacity, so if the Housing Corporation could build row housing which requires only maybe two bedrooms, or one bedroom for an older person, it can be used by single tenants and could be used year round, instead of an old folks home sitting there without tenants. At least one old folks home in the centre is required.

Establishing Age For Old Age Security

Mr. Speaker, with regard to the old people, old age pension applicants, we still continue to have problems with old age pensioners who apply for the old age pension. For many of these old people, their age is just a guess. I started to dig into this problem closely, and it has been a problem for a long time. I found out that there is no doubt that their ages were guessed, and the shocking thing I found out was that when a person -- this was told to me by the person -- said, "I was not born then, I am much older than that." When they did not know how old the person was, the lady was told, "I will put a calendar in front of you and you turn the pages." She was blindfolded and put at a desk. This happened not very long ago. In fact it was just about five years ago. This lady was blindfolded and from January until January, the calendar was put in front of her. "Okay, turn the pages and when you stop that is the month you were born. And now we have to have a date for your date of birth. Now just point to any figure there." And that is how this lady was given her date of birth and month of birth. I do not think that was fair enough.

They should have asked the other people. This gentlemen is almost as old as I. This lady is as old as I. That is where my age will be. Some of these people are recorded properly. The season for those people is very easy to tell. So I think the old age pension applicants could be easily straightened out. I think the government should look into it. Because when I asked a question the other day, "Is it the federal government's department?" I know it is. We do not have federal government staff in the small communities and if it has to be federal government -- if we have to contact a federal government personnel, our best guess would be to go to Ottawa and they would refer us to the GNWT. You find your date of birth and you fix it up with the NWT. So this problem goes around in circles, Mr. Speaker. I think it is about time to stop the top turning and do something about it.

Pensioners' Power Bills

Mr. Speaker, on old age again, a different subject, with power bills. I have a concern and the communities have concern about power bills. Old age pension is a small amount, particularly to our northern native people. In southern communities when you have an old age pensioner, the person is all by themselves but in the North, old age pensioners provide for their grandchildren at the high cost of living. I do not think they should be allowed to pay power bills when they are pensioners. It would make sense for them not to pay power bills. A lot of these old people, pensioners, have adopted their grandchildren. Even with the low amount of rent they are paying, their pension is too small with our high cost of living in the North. My community is completely different in price than in Yellowknife, Mr. Speaker. There is a great difference. It could even be approximately 100 per cent higher. These old age pensioners in the communities, especially the natives, actually even buy gas for their grandchildren or their son who is already depending on himself, for them to go hunting. So the old age pensioners with their love for their relatives, spend a lot of their money not only for themselves but for a lot of their relatives in the small communities.

Child Care

Child care is also a big issue. As the time changes, today both men and women have to work in the small communities. Even the potential babysitters, grandmothers or sisters and brothers that could babysit are also trying to make a living carving and other part-time jobs and things like that. Grandmothers do not mind babysitting but they also would like to be free to do some of their own things. So child care is very much active and alive and well, in being needed in the small communities. It would help everyone, even the children to prepare them to go to kindergarten. It would encourage them to be away from their parents; to prepare for a long day in the classroom in the future.

Marriage Counsellors Needed

There are also some marriage problems in the small communities and across the whole nation I guess. There were some problems with marriages that I received some calls on, and in which I

wanted to help both sides. But from the two parties that had a problem with that, I kept hearing different stories; one side blaming the other and the other side being so good, and without the proper information even when I wanted to help these people it was very difficult, not being a judge. It was very difficult for me. And the local people also had the same problem. Which of them is right? But I think if we had some marriage counsellors in these communities some of these things would not happen.

I guess what I am saying is that in the community, if some people, some relatives have some problems in marriage nobody really knows what their problem is because the lady may say something good or something bad about her husband and the same with the man. These problems are usually dealt with by Social Services without information being given out. The information not being given out is for the protection of both people. I agree with that. But when it comes to confusing information, when a man says, "I did not do that, I never did that", and the lady says, "He does this to me, that is why I left him", and the man says the same. Well, what is the problem? How can we help? Which one is telling the truth? I think that is the question. I think the communities are required to know a little bit of information why, so they will not ask, what was their problem? Was it a main problem? Was it a big problem? So it will continue on.

Housing

Housing is a concern. I know for a fact that the NWT is short of housing in the small communities, in all communities. The only available housing that we can acquire is with the NWT Housing Corporation. It makes me wonder sometimes why cannot some of these businesses in the Northwest Territories or local businesses start building some kind of apartments. It does not have to be a big highrise. Why cannot local businesses help out in housing, not just the Housing Corporation alone?

Training For Local Positions Resulting From Decentralization

We also have a concern about decentralization. Decentralization is expected to proceed, and everybody in the whole region wants more of this and wants more of that through decentralization. Some people do not support decentralization, some people do support decentralization. Talking with the local community leaders, I feel support in my region for decentralization is more than those who do not support decentralization. They support the idea of having local residents taught to take the positions through decentralization. The position that is sent over to another community from a regional office should be taken over by a local resident in the future.

Hockey Arenas And Swimming Pools

There is also talk about hockey arenas in my constituency. With regard to the progress with hockey arenas, the communities of Spence Bay and Gjoa Haven are presently quite satisfied with the outcome recorded in the government documents. Pelly Bay is requesting also to have a hockey arena. Also, swimming pools are being requested and we know for a fact that both of these facilities could not be put in the communities.

Mr. Speaker, when talking with the communities about hockey arenas and swimming pools, it seems that it would be proper that there should be a portable swimming pool of some kind in the hockey arenas during the summertime because in the long winters -- well for a start I guess, in the long winters you require a swimming pool outside the hockey arena and in the summertime you cannot use the hockey arena because there will be no freezing to keep it frozen. So not all communities would require or are thinking of having these hockey arenas as a swimming pool during the summer. It really does not make sense because you require the swimming pool all year round. To have one outside the hockey arena I guess for a start-up maybe with local material, with the support or with a little bit of help from the government, a swimming pool could be made in the small communities, if they already have a hockey arena. I think that is what they are saying.

Moving right along, Mr. Speaker, the concerns I just raised are for the Natilikmiot area overall. Now I would like to refer directly to the communities.

Concerns Of Pelly Bay

First of all Pelly Bay, being the farthest east in my constituency. They are serviced only by air. In their minds a hope for a sealift is still strong, Mr. Speaker, which they believe would make their goods cheaper. Mr. Speaker, with the subsidy from the government they are stated as being lower in price in some of their goods than Spence Bay and Gjoa Haven, but what about their heavy equipment and what about if an ordinary person would like to perhaps order a car? It would be an expense to that ordinary person. What about if a person wants to order a large boat for hunting? It would be an expense by air. I guess the local people are saying that even with the government subsidy, the ordinary people want to be more flexible to be able to order on our own through a barge.

Talking about sealift, this summer I experienced a boat trip in that community. With the high tide in the morning when we were ready to take off, it was not too bad and we have seen some of the people there that were hauling their boats by hand in the komatik because they have a poor beaching area and it is rocky and it is shallow. They pull up 18 foot aluminum Lunds with everything in sight, they put them on top of a sled and they haul them up with a three-wheeler. And they do the same sometimes when they are going out. They haul them to the sea right on the gravel, muddy beach. So a good docking facility for small boats is very much needed in that community. They are putting a lot of wear and tear on their boats and on their machines like the three-wheelers, four-wheelers and even on their sleds.

Mr. Speaker, they also have a concern in regard to their airstrip being too close to the community. They also have problems in finding good pads in the future for their housing. At the present they are concerned in Pelly Bay about their mail services and with the the cutbacks in airline schedules they will have a further concern, much more than they had over the last few months or the past year. First Air comes into their community but NWT Air is the only one that can carry mail.

Concerns Of Spence Bay

I also have some local community concerns, Mr. Speaker, from Spence Bay. The community of Spence Bay is wondering why they do not have good equipment for search and rescue, such as a good boat. If someone requires a search or rescue, this is usually done at the local level. They usually have a hard time determining who would do the search and rescue, and who has the good equipment. What if our best equipment is out of town? Search and rescue in the small and remote communities is very hard to carry out. They sometimes have problems. When they are in a hurry for search and rescue, they usually have an aerial search which usually comes in from the South. It takes a few hours, long hours sometimes, to get a search plane. They are concerned about not having a proper search and rescue boat and equipment.

They also have a concern about a hunters and trappers support program. Co-operatives should be utilized more, through Special ARDA. This concern was a question by some members; is our intersettlement trade still around, or is it a dead issue? With the mention of intersettlement trade, and the policy being in effect, why are we not getting part of that funding? Why are we not part of it? Mr. Speaker, they are also concerned that the regional health board should be more visible at the community level. With the new board being made available, at the beginning they want to see the board meet in each community, for information to the community residents, so they will understand what the regional board is all about.

Concerns Of Gjoa Haven

Going on to Gjoa Haven, Mr. Speaker, all their concerns are valuable to the community. One concern at this time is the musk-ox hunting area. We believe that only the Department of Renewable Resources can make the last decision. The community has tried, through the regional office, to get their musk-ox hunting area closer, without any results. Their main concern is that

they bypass musk-ox and they are concerned about their expenses. They are saying, "If I was able to catch the first musk-ox I see, I would have saved maybe \$200 and could use this \$200 for something else. But with the government policy, I have to spend at least \$300 to respect that policy." The community is saying, "We are the residents. When the government made their report on how much musk-ox is available, they took it on the wrong time. We, the hunters, know more, so we should be listened to." I know they respect the idea of increasing the musk-ox in other areas, but they also want to protect their own pockets.

The community of Gjoa Haven, the local co-op, is trying to start up a mall. I guess they need the government's support, through their staff, because this mall is for the whole community. If they start up this mall, they would move a step closer toward economic development. They would unite the business under one roof, which I believe in the NWT is lacking. Each individual tries to do his own business and they are not successful because of high costs of fuel, electricity and other expenses. If the local people were to look at uniting and supporting each other, their businesses would be more successful.

The community is also hoping to buy part of the fishing lodge on Back River because each year the only guides they are getting are local residents from Gjoa Haven who are fishing guides. There are usually about 11 of them. That brings an income to those people, and now the community is saying, "Why do we not own part of it in the hope that we can own it all in the future." That is a good economic development step for that community.

Mineral Find Near Gjoa Haven

Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce, before closing, that there is a local hunter in that community that found some minerals, and the federal government, and partly the territorial -- I hope I am not making any mistake in announcing this -- but this summer there was some federal staff and I believe NWT staff that went to make a report on this finding. It is a mineral finding. When they went to see this mineral find, when they come back to the communities without an official report they always state orally that there is no same kind of mineral finding in the whole NWT. I am expecting to have this report in my hand in the future to find out exactly what is available there because they claim there is everything. Gold, silver, zinc, lead, copper, garnet, many other things. They said there is nothing in the NWT that has ever been found like this and I am excited to see that report.

At this time that concludes my concerns from the Natilikmiot area, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for your time.

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

Item 9, petitions.

Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Item 11, tabling of documents. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Tabled Document 68-89(1), Policy and Directive on Affirmative Action in the Northwest Territories, in English and Inuktitut. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mahsi cho, Madam Minister. Tabling of documents. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 69-89(1), a document from the Arctic Bay Housing Association, Concerns and Recommendations on Public Housing Rent Scale Discussion Paper II. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Item 11, tabling of documents. Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 70-89(1), Interim Child Care Program, reflecting a number of motions on how day-care can be improved in the Territories.

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

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It gives me much pleasure to table Tabled Document 71-89(1), a letter to the Hon. Tom Butters dated February 22, 1989, from Nora Brown in which she talks about the old Victor Sammurtok School in Chesterfield Inlet, visiting the old school at night about 12:30 a.m. or so and requesting that in order to save the old school perhaps it should be declared an historical site. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mahsi cho, Mr. Ernerk. Tabling of documents. Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Hon. Nellie Cournoyea I would like to table Tabled Document 72-89(1), entitled Direct Evidence of the Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, representing the Government of the Northwest Territories with respect to the Applications for Gas Export Licences for Beaufort/Delta Gas Reserves, submitted by Esso, Shell and Gulf. I will have to get a clean copy for you, Mr. Speaker, because this one has some writing on it. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wray. Item 11, tabling of documents. Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 73-89(1), entitled Alternative Views on Day-Care. It expresses concerns from the public about the use of public funds for day-care purposes.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Item 11, tabling of documents. Item 12, notices of motion. Mr. Lewis, on notices of motion.

ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 15-89(1): Appointments To Standing Committee On Public Accounts

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice I shall move the following motion: Now therefore I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre, that the honourable Member for Nahendeh, Mr. Sibbeston, be appointed as a permanent Member and Mr. Gargan, the Member for Deh Cho, be appointed as an alternative Member to the standing committee on public accounts.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. That is for the motion, I mean. Item 12, notices of motion.

Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills.

Item 14, motions.

Item 15, first reading of bills. Item 16, second reading of bills. Bill 4-89(1), Labour Standards Act, with Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 16: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Second Reading of Bill 4-89(1): Labour Standards Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kivallivik, that Bill 4-89(1), An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to provide for notice or pay in place of notice on termination of employment; to require employers to give the Government

of the Northwest Territories advance notice of layoffs of 25 or more employees at one time; to allow the Minister to require employers laying off 25 or more employees to participate in facilitating the reestablishment of the employees in the workforce; to provide for the compensation or reinstatement of employees who are discharged or discriminated against for making a complaint or requesting their rights under the act; and to allow an order of the labour standards officer to be enforced by the Supreme Court.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Your motion is in order. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 4-89(1) has had second reading and is ordered into the committee of the whole.

Item 16, second reading of bills. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Consideration of the Matter of Arctic Contaminants, Bill 1-89(1), CR 1-89(1), Ministers' Statement 15-89(1), Tabled Document 58-89(1), Tabled Document 59-89(1), Bill 3-89(1) and Bill 10-89(1), with Mr. Angottitauruq in the chair.

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

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER THE MATTER OF ARCTIC CONTAMINANTS; COMMITTEE REPORT 1-89(1), REPORT OF THE REVIEW OF THE 1989-90 MAIN ESTIMATES; BILL 1-89(1), APPROPRIATION ACT, 1989-90; MINISTERS' STATEMENT 15-89(1), RELOCATION OF ARCTIC COLLEGE HEADQUARTERS; BILL 4-89(1), LABOUR STANDARDS ACT

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): The committee will now come to order. In today's consideration is the the discussion of the matter of Arctic contaminants. Is the committee ready to proceed with this matter? Is the committee prepared to go to Arctic contaminants?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

Consideration Of The Matter Of Arctic Contaminants

Motion Re Resources Required To Address Contaminants Issue, Carried

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to move the following motion: Whereas contaminants have been found that may affect the health of the residents and the environment in the Northwest Territories; and whereas this problem is of serious concern to all residents of the Northwest Territories; and whereas immediate action is required to ascertain the extent of the problem, and to undertake research to determine and monitor the level of contaminants in people, wildlife and the environment; and whereas there is a need to educate and inform people about the problem; and whereas resources received from the federal government in the recent health transfer did not provide for a contaminants unit to address this threat to health; and whereas sufficient resources to address the contaminants problem are not currently available within affected GNWT departments; now therefore, I move additional financial resources be made available by the federal government to develop the necessary programs within the Departments of Health, Renewable Resources, and Culture and Communications of the Government of the Northwest Territories to address this problem.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Just very briefly, Mr. Chairman. We have seen the terrible dangers of allowing southern people just to do research and then mess it up and then having to come up here to explain all the mistakes they have made and what they meant and so on. So the federal government should just simply give us the money and we will be accountable for how that money is spent so we can get good research done and people, in fact, will be given a better service than they currently get. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Lewis. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Clerk, we lack a quorum, please ring the bell. The Chair recognizes a quorum. As soon as the bell went on, I thought I saw little lemmings scattering all over. The motion as put forward, resources required to address contaminants issue. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Crow.

Motion To Recommend That GNWT Be Responsible For Co-ordination Of Contaminant Research Be Done In NWT, Carried

MR. CROW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to move the following motion: Whereas scientific research is currently under way to investigate the nature and extent of contamination in NWT fish and mammals; and whereas this research is being done by a variety of territorial and federal government departments, as well as university-based scientists; and whereas the problem of contamination in the Arctic food chain will require an ongoing, multidisciplinary research program, with sustained federal funding; and whereas it is essential for residents of the NWT to play an increasingly important role in resolving the problems of food chain contamination; now therefore I move, that the Legislative Assembly recommend that the Government of the Northwest Territories assume the responsibility for recommending and co-ordinating contaminant research programs in the NWT, in co-operation with the federal government and native organizations, and other relevant agencies and individuals. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Crow. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Crow.

MR. CROW: Mr. Chairman, the motion is self-explanatory and we discussed it last Friday, so I would call for question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Ernerk.

Motion To Recommend Clean-Up At Abandoned Federally Operated Sites, Carried

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to move the following motion, entitled "Federal Clean-up of Environmental Pollution that Remains at Abandoned Federally Operated Sites": Whereas many facilities constructed and/or operated by the federal Department of National Defence and other federal departments or agencies throughout the Arctic are now abandoned;

and whereas hazardous substances such as fuels and oils remain at many of these sites; and whereas substantial quantities of solid wastes, including dilapidated buildings, towers, fuel storage tanks and drums, remain at these sites; and whereas toxic substances, including PCBs, remain at some of these sites; and whereas certain of the above-mentioned materials pose a threat to the environment as well as to the health and safety of humans and wildlife; and whereas private industry must adhere to federal regulations and operating conditions that do not allow such abandonment of materials; and whereas the federal government is expected to set an example in conforming with the regulations and operating conditions that they themselves now impose on private industry; and whereas several studies regarding the abandonment of this material have been conducted by the federal government; now therefore, I move that this Legislative Assembly serve notice to the federal government that the time for action is now, that appropriate clean-up and restoration of these sites now take place to ensure that the environmental health and safety threats are no longer a concern and the aesthetic value of the country is maintained. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Chairman, I think the motion is also self-explanatory and we have discussed it at length last week; so I just call for a vote.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Whitford.

Motion To Recommend Study And Reduction Of Air-Borne And Water-Borne Contaminants In Circumpolar Regions, Carried

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I wish to move the following motion: Whereas scientific evidence has confirmed the presence of air-borne and water-borne contaminants including PCBs, DDT, chlordane, and toxaphene, in the Canadian North; and whereas the Governments of Canada and of the NWT are currently assessing the potential impact of air-borne and water-borne contaminants on the northern environment, its wildlife, marine life and residents; and whereas the origin of any of the contaminants is believed to be industrialized centres and agricultural areas of Europe, Asia and the United States; and whereas reduction of air-borne and water-borne contaminants in the Canadian North will require co-operative initiatives at the international level; and whereas there are a number of international agreements, committees and activities which the Government of Canada can use as mechanisms to deal with the long-range transport and accumulation of contaminants in the Canadian North including: a) the 1984 Canada-USSR program of scientific and technical co-operation in the Arctic and the North; b) the proposed Canada-USSR agreement on co-operation in the Arctic; c) the Canada-Denmark/Greenland Marine Environmental Co-operation Agreement, MECA; d) the Canada-Norway exchange of letters on co-operation in science and technology; e) the Canada-United States agreement on Arctic co-operation; f) the proposed international Arctic science committee; g) conferences on the Arctic environment to be held this year in Finland and Norway; h) the Inuit circumpolar conference scheduled for Sisimuit, Greenland in July; and i) the circumpolar health conference scheduled for Whitehorse, Yukon in June 1990; now therefore, I move that this Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Canada to promote a concerted national and international effort to study and reduce the amounts of air-borne and water-borne contaminants found in the Canadian North and other circumpolar regions; and further, that this Legislative Assembly recommends to the Executive Council that they pursue the involvement of the Government of the Northwest Territories in all international initiatives and activities involving contaminants in the Arctic and circumpolar regions including meetings, conferences, programs, committees and agreements; and further, that this Legislative Assembly supports the involvement of the aboriginal people of the Northwest

Territories or their representative organizations in the international initiatives and activities involving contaminants in the Arctic and circumpolar regions including all meetings, conferences, programs, committees and agreements.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Whitford, your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Just briefly. We are not alone and it is very critical that we have a concerted effort to deal with this extremely important question.

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

--- Carried

Does the committee agree that the matter of Arctic contaminants is concluded?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--- Agreed

Ministers' Statement 15-89(1), Relocatin Of Arctic College Headquarters

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Does the committee also agree that Ministers' Statement 15-89(1), Relocation of Arctic College Headquarters, is concluded?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Since you have been so good, we will take a break.

---SHORT RECESS

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): The committee will now come back to order. Mr. Government House Leader, what is your wish? Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: If we could proceed with Social Services, if the committee would agree.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): We are on Social Services. Madam Minister, do you have opening remarks?

Department Of Social Services

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to present the Department of Social Services' budget for the fiscal year 1989-90, the second budget of the 11th Assembly.

During my opening remarks, I would like to advise you on new initiatives and generally outline forced growth which is currently impacting on the department's budget. In addition, specific items under the program areas in both O and M and capital will be highlighted in the overview of this budget.

New Initiatives

First of all, Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to announce the proposed budget includes several new initiatives in the Northwest Territories. These initiatives include an interim territorial child care program, the development of a strategy for the prevention of child sexual abuse, new funding for an alcohol and drug awareness program for youth and the development of an alcohol and drug treatment/rehabilitation plan addressing program and facility requirements.

In attempting to address the need for child care spaces in the Northwest Territories, \$2.2 million is included in the 1989-90 proposed main estimates. These funds will be identified to provide for user subsidies, contribution funding for start-up and operating costs of child care centres and homes, and program support services to administer the program. In addition, two million dollars has been set aside in supplementary reserves and will be made available for cost sharing purposes once the federal Child Care Act has been passed. Preliminary discussions have taken place and formal negotiations will commence with the federal government to establish base funding and cost sharing for a continuing child care program once the federal government passes its act.

The proposed funding to prevent child sexual abuse in the Northwest Territories will be used to hire a person who will have the responsibility to provide direct assistance to community groups and Social Services staff on child sexual abuse issues. In addition, a campaign will be conducted that will focus on three specific areas: prevention and awareness, intervention and reporting, and treatment and support.

The alcohol and drug awareness program has been enhanced, although it will be targeted at youth and carried out in my capacity as the Minister of Youth. Also in the alcohol and drug area will be the development of improved treatment resource availability, which will include the development of a strategic plan for alcohol and drug treatment facilities in a territorial perspective.

Program Transfers And Enhancements

Former federal health services, which were community mental health and the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, have been transferred to the Government of the Northwest Territories in 1988-89 with associated funding of \$4.129 million, which is included in the main estimates.

Funding from the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, in conjunction with this government's alcohol and drug programs, will provide better use of funding and enable us to enhance training initiatives. Plans for 1989-90 include the development of standards and criteria for the evaluation of community alcohol projects and possible changes in the funding process to assist with some of the financial difficulties experienced by some groups. In addition, training for alcohol and drug workers will continue to be a priority.

Including positions provided in the federal transfer, the department has 10 positions available in the regions, six community mental health positions which are fully committed to community mental health programs, and our four positions which are responsible for alcohol and drugs as well as community mental health programs. Of these positions, six are presently staffed, with the remainder under active recruitment. Staff in these positions will be qualified to provide local people with the support and training necessary to develop the skills and programs to identify and address mental health problems at the community level.

The issue of suicide is a major concern to all of us. In attempting to reduce the incidence of suicide, a program and strategy will be immediately developed. This will be a top priority of the community health program.

I am pleased to advise Members of the House that the family violence prevention program, which was established in 1985, has been reaffirmed and the budget for this program is now part of the department's base funding.

The responsibility for the payment of \$834,000 associated with level II care in southern institutions was transferred from the Department of Health to Social Services during 1988-89. Also, during the review of supplementary estimates No. 2 for this fiscal year, senior citizens' supplementary benefits were increased from \$85 to \$100 for eligible recipients, and the associated funding of \$275,000 is included in the 1988-89 revised main estimates.

Community And Family Support

The department is continuing its initiatives in home support services as a result of the aged and handicapped assessment report finalized in 1987-88 by allocating an additional \$150,000 to this program. The proposed budget for social assistance includes an increase of \$1.3 million to meet the increasing demand on this particular program. A review of social assistance expenditures in 1988-89 indicates that the increased expenditures experienced in 1987-88 continue to grow regardless of initiatives such as the renewed Economic Development Agreement, the employment enhancement program, the affirmative action program, and this government's substantial capital programs for communities. Reasons for the increase which continues is the lack of a sound economic base, changes to traditional lifestyles and the high cost of living within the communities.

As the Minister of Social Services, I am very concerned about the increasing dependency on social assistance which is existing in the North. This attitude is not doing northern people any good. It is, in fact, depriving certain native people, in particular, of their fundamental traditional values such as self-reliance, endurance and ability to survive and thrive on the land that they were once proud of.

This government has recognized that social problems in northern communities cannot be addressed in isolation or in a piecemeal manner. Problems such as illiteracy, unemployment, family violence and other social issues are all related, and a comprehensive plan must be

developed that addresses the underlying causes of social problems while providing immediate support to the individuals in need.

My cabinet colleagues and I will be working collectively in an attempt to address all the initiatives related to social development issues. In regard to social assistance, one of those initiatives would be to improve the economic base in communities and assist individuals in retaining their traditional lifestyles. Any new programs would be expected to promote and support independent living and healthier lifestyles.

Corrections

In the corrections area, forced growth due to capital in the corrections program has created the requirement for 18.5 person years and approximately one million dollars in operating funds for the custody and supervision of adult and young offenders sentenced by the courts. Nine and a half person years and \$530,000 will provide for the full operation of the Iqaluit young offenders secure facility now under construction and nine person years and \$537,000 for the renovated South Mackenzie Correctional Centre.

An improved training program has also been developed in the correctional centres. A seven day training and orientation period will include search techniques, proper security procedures, role of the peace officer, as well as basic orientation to familiarize new staff with the institutional setting. This program will ensure all staff, not just security, are provided with basic skills required to perform their duties.

I am happy to advise Members that the department currently has seven in-service correctional officer trainees who are participants in a six month training course. Of the trainees, one is from Cape Dorset, one from Iqaluit, two from Hay River and three from Yellowknife. Upon successful completion of the course, they will be appointed to positions in the correctional centres.

Family And Children's Services

The proposed family and children's services budget includes additional funding for family violence prevention for safe shelters, community initiatives and treatment resources. This funding will meet forced growth due to increased service demands and in response to communities for counselling services to batterers.

I mentioned earlier that the funding for the family violence program which was established in 1985 is now included in our base funding. This program, while experiencing a slow start, is now operating to its budgetary limit and the demand is still growing. Midway through 1987-88 safe shelters became operational in Rankin Inlet, Spence Bay and Hay River. These facilities entered into annual agreements effective April 1st, 1988. This fiscal year the first second-stage housing in the Northwest Territories was established in Hay River, and Cambridge Bay opened a safe shelter.

As a part of its continuing commitment to reducing the incidence of family violence, the federal government has initiated formal consultations with provincial and territorial governments, with a national forum scheduled for June, 1989. As a part of this commitment, the federal government will be working with the Territories to assist in the development of a national approach to family violence prevention. This will include a series of workshops and the opportunity to access funds for projects from the federal government.

Directorate

Planning is under way for the replacement of the existing social assistance information system, which is now 10 years old. The development of the proposed system will provide for immediate input and data base updates, case or case history inquiry from regional or headquarters terminals, and automatic cheque generation with built-in authorization capabilities. The immediate data base

updates will provide for improved access to information on the total program as well as more detailed data on individuals and programs.

The short-term plan is to implement the system in regional offices where hardware and communication facilities are in place and to expand to the communities as equipment is available and the training is complete. The cost of this system is cost shareable under the Canada Assistance Plan.

Highlights Of Requested Capital Funding

Planning of senior citizens care facilities is proposed in Hay River and Inuvik, with planned construction for personal care units in Fort Smith, Arviat and Iqaluit. Planning funds were provided in the 1988-89 main estimates for the facilities in the construction phase. The most recent information on Iqaluit indicates that the steering committee has just completed the needs assessment and is in the process of developing a proposal to address the housing needs of the elderly in that area. Since the type of facility has not yet been determined, the construction date has not yet been finalized. The proposed budgets for the facilities reflect the costs of construction in conjunction with the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, which is cost shared on a 75/25 per cent basis. Also, under family and children's services, planning is proposed for the replacement of the Northern Lights Treatment Centre in Inuvik and a multipurpose group home in the Baffin Region. Operating costs for all facilities which will be completed in 1989-90 have funds identified in the department's proposed operation and maintenance budget. Capital expenditures projected in corrections is the construction of a program building at the Yellowknife Correctional Centre. Funding is proposed under the alcohol, drug and community mental health budget for the Government of the Northwest Territories contribution for the construction of the Tuvvik Treatment Centre.

Budget Overview

The proposed 1989-90 main estimates to carry out the department's new initiatives and ongoing programs is \$77.5 million; \$72.9 million for operation and maintenance and \$4.6 million for capital. There are 430 indeterminate and 22.6 casual person years associated with this O and M funding. Revenue for the period is estimated at \$20.9 million for operation and maintenance, with the majority of this being related to the Canada Assistance Plan and young offenders cost sharing agreements with the federal government.

In closing, Mr. Chairman, I would like to indicate to the Members of this House that I look forward to hearing their remarks and suggestions to improve the role of the Department of Social Services. It is important, Mr. Chairman, that we work together to reduce the current social problems of our northern communities in order to achieve a better society for future generations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Madam Minister. Chairman of the finance committee, Mr. Pollard.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Finance

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, first of all, dealing with YCC, the committee raised concerns regarding overcrowding at the Yellowknife Correctional Centre. A number of factors, including the renovations to South Mackenzie Correctional Centre, may be affecting the number of inmates who must be held at YCC. Recommendation 22 of the standing committee on finance this year, Mr. Chairman, is that the committee recommends that the Department of Social Services carefully monitor the conditions at YCC.

With regard to young offenders, community facilities for young offenders, the department indicated that it is exploring options for allowing young offenders to remain in their home communities when in custody even when there is not a custody facility in the community. The

standing committee on finance supports this effort to maintain a young offender's contact with his family and home community.

Day-care, Mr. Chairman. The committee is pleased to see some funding for day-care in the 1989-90 budget. In fact, it is a considerable increase, Mr. Chairman. The Minister indicated that this funding was only provided as an interim measure while negotiations continue with the federal government. Recommendation 23, in this year's report, Mr. Chairman, would be that the committee recommends that no less than a level of support indicated in the budget be provided for day-care regardless of the outcome of negotiations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Pollard. Madam Minister, would you like to bring in your witnesses for the general comments?

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to bring in my deputy minister, Bernie Doyle, and the director of finance, Phyllis Sartor. Thank you.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you. Madam Minister, for the record, would you introduce your witnesses?

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, on my left I have the deputy minister, Bernie Doyle and on my right is Phyllis Sartor, director of finance and administration.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you. Now we are ready for general comments on the Department of Social Services. General comments. Mr. Arlooktoo.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: There are no hearing devices at the table.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Okay, we will wait a few seconds until you get your hearing devices there. Okay, it appears we are all geared up now, so Mr. Arlooktoo.

Concerns Of Social Services Office, Cape Dorset

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is in regard to Cape Dorset. I will make some comments. Social Services in Cape Dorset have problems in regard to motor vehicles. They do not even have three-wheeled Hondas in Cape Dorset. They were saying they were having problems with this and they wanted me to bring this to your attention. If you could help them out with regard to motor vehicles in the future, they would appreciate it. Also in the Social Services office they have said that they need more assistance, such as a local person in Cape Dorset who will take over some administrative services. Those were the things that they required. I know that this is not in the planning process of Social Services but can you consider this in the future in regard to Cape Dorset social services? And also the office in Cape Dorset is not in the centre of the community. They are having problems with the location of the office in Cape Dorset. Also they have been bringing up the subject of a day-care centre and they need assistance to get a centre in Cape Dorset. They have mentioned this more than once already so they have really requested to get a day-care centre. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will take the concerns under advisement in regard to the vehicles for Cape Dorset. As we all are aware on our child care program we are certainly going to try to address the concerns in the small communities in regard to child care. We hope that the interim program as I had indicated to Members, will be a first step toward trying to address such a major issue in the North. I would like to advise the Member that I will take his comments under consideration and certainly attempt to try to deal with them. Thank you.

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

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you for your response. I have also mentioned about this before in regard to Baffin Correctional Centre. They have VHF radios in the BCC. Some of the people have those VHF radios in some areas and I often have had problems talking to a certain individual in the BCC in regard to the CB radios. I am not in favour of having the inmates using the VHF radio because when I was using the CB radio there was interference from the correctional centre. It is not the staff -- I do not mind the staff using the VHF -- but when the inmates use these radios, when they interfere, I do not really like this. I would like to see some steps taken on this. Thank you.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my knowledge, the radios that are used at BCC are on the same frequency that Mr. Arlooktoo is expressing concern on. They are to be used for safety reasons because BCC does have a land program that they deliver out of the institution. For the purposes of safety when the program is in effect, they utilize the radios on the same frequency. However, if there appears to be interruptions other than for the purposes of safety, we certainly can look into the matter and try to address the issue that he has raised. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): General comments. Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you. If you could take some steps. I am talking about the inmates using the radios for having conversations, and they are not disciplined on this, which I am not too happy about. Ever since the Baffin Correctional Centre opened, these radios have been utilized. I have noticed the problem arising from the inmates using the radios.

Office Hours Of Social Workers In Communities

Also, with respect to the social workers in the communities, I have a concern, especially in Lake Harbour. I know the staff quite well. The social workers staff, I am uncertain who their immediate supervisors are, especially if they are not in the office when they are supposed to be. It may be just in my community, but I think this has to be looked into -- the working habits of social workers in the communities. Are they well informed on the rules and the policies that the department has? They may be, but if they have never been given any policies of the department, I think they should be provided with these.

One time I tried calling to the Social Services office for half a day and there was nobody there, in one of the communities. I will not state the community involved. Nobody was there for all of the half day, and I would like to see some policies given to these staff people by your department. I know that the community social workers are taken care of by the regional office in Iqaluit, but they should get further instructions from headquarters. Thank you.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, with regard to the concerns expressed on the radios utilized at BCC we will give assurance to the Member that that issue will be looked at. We will certainly try to resolve the problems. It is our understanding that the radios are to be used

for safety reasons only for the on-the-land program, and if they are used for other things then that certainly will be rectified.

With regard to concerns on social workers, I am certainly willing to look into that matter in the event that we can get details on it. However, it is sometimes difficult for social workers to basically be office-bound because of the different demands they are required to fulfil. It could possibly be that on that particular day, maybe the worker was unavailable for other reasons that the community may have required. However, if the Member feels that it has to be looked into further, I am certainly willing to take it under advisement and review it. Thank you.

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

Office Accommodation For counselling Service, Cape Dorset

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you. In Cape Dorset the people who work at the Aulatsivik look after these people who have committed crimes. They have helped a great deal and ever since this was established there are some improvements among the teenagers. I would like to mention that in Cape Dorset they do not have an adequate building. They are renting an old building, and the space is not adequate. I would suggest that for the counselling service they provide in Cape Dorset they be given a better building to work in. I would like your department to give some consideration to this so that they have better office space to work in. They are of great help to the teenagers especially. Thank you.

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, if I could just ask for clarification of the Member. Is that the counselling provided by the alcohol and drug program in Cape Dorset?

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

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Yes, the alcohol and drug committee, Joanasi Salomonie is the counsellor. People who work, with the social assistance if a person makes more than \$400 in one month then they cannot receive any assistance. If this is so, for those people who have to be medicated, this is not adequate, especially for the family. If a person was able to work and then due to an illness could not, then that \$400 would not be adequate for that family to receive. My question is if they make \$400 or more, is it true that they cannot receive any social assistance?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, it is a difficult question to answer unless you know the circumstances surrounding the issue. It depends on whether or not it is a single person or whether or not it is a family or what their rent scale is and what their expenses are. Social assistance as I indicated is for people that are in need of the basics to be able to survive. I cannot really explain the answer or be able to say yes or no to Mr. Arlooktoo unless it can be determined, in the case that he is discussing, whether it is a single person or a family person and if it is a family person, how many dependants that he may have. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): General comments. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Policy On Social Assistance Inconsistent

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you. I am talking about this person who has over 10 children who has just returned from the South. The social workers say he is not eligible to receive social assistance because he made \$400, even though he had many children. I do not want to mention names. I do have the name but I am not allowed to mention any names. I am just advising you that even though a person is working, they should be given social assistance.

Sometimes it is uncertain. The policy of Social Services in Lake Harbour differ from Iqaluit and differs in Pangnirtung and it also differs in Cape Dorset. In some communities they can be provided some assistance. Their policies should be more consistent. It will be more advantageous to the community, because they do hear from other communities. I have heard that the social assistance is too readily available but this is not the case in my community of Lake Harbour when social assistance is not available to someone who is capable of working. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is difficult to determine cases, whether they are eligible for social assistance or not. However, I certainly am aware that our department has social appeal committees in many of the communities across the Territories. In the event that individuals feel they are not given adequate assistance or are improperly treated, they have the right to appeal through the committee in the community. The committee is to look at both determination of denying of assistance, if this is the appeal request or to determine whether or not he was properly treated, when the person goes to see the worker.

I would recommend that this system be used. However, in the event that the department still does not appear to be providing the proper service that they are able to do in the program of delivering social assistance to families in need, then I certainly can assure the Member that if it is brought to my attention I would request the department to review by the Member's concerns. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have not had a chance to talk with the people. I have dealt with this quite a few times before and you give me the answer that I have heard before. I have been on the appeal committee myself and I have had a chance to do some appeals. I told those people the same thing, to go to the appeal committee. Perhaps some of the committees do not like to deal with this kind of situation. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Any comments, Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: No.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Member for Aivilik.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to begin my remarks this way, Mr. Chairman. To some extent I was very pleased about the Minister's statement some days ago now with regard to child care services in the NWT. But that did not go far enough. Right at this moment that issue is first and foremost in my mind so I will make some remarks first and then ask the Minister some questions a little bit later on.

Comments On Interim Child Care Program

I talk very much about supporting women in the NWT especially in the area of pursuing political and business opportunities but at the same time I have seen that without the proper development of child care programs there is no such thing as equal opportunity for women. I guess this is where we should all take a look at it. I say that when we are talking about employment opportunities and training opportunities, today's parents especially young parents must have access to training programs and employment opportunities. I would like to say that our children today deserve the very best of care and I guess from that point of view, in order to provide more child care services and if we do have more child care spaces and services, capital programs and funding programs, women in particular will be given the opportunity to do those kinds of things especially in the workforce and training area. With that in mind, Mr. Chairman, I would like to read this letter for the record which I got from Rankin Inlet, Kataujaq Society and it comes from Debbie Manson.

"Dear Peter, With regard to the child care in the NWT interim program which was recently introduced by the GNWT, we have the following comments. The user subsidy program does not really change the chance most families already have to receive a subsidy through Social Services. It is very unlikely that a family, especially one residing in the Keewatin, would have the monthly after-tax incomes which are presented in the interim program. We feel it should be a decision made on a community basis where some incomes are quite a bit higher and the cost of living is definitely higher than, say Yellowknife.

"Operating assistance. While this is definitely a step in the right direction it is not a large enough step. When you look at the day-cares operating in the Keewatin, the qualifying daily rate would definitely be \$9.50 a day. However, this is still not enough to meet the cost of operating a day-care in this region. Also the day-cares in this region are usually run without the expense of utilities and rent and still require a large amount of assistance which would not be met with the current rates.

"Start-up assistance program. To start up a day-care in the Keewatin, a large amount of money is needed. The initial amounts needed are quite a lot higher than, say Yellowknife, as freight plays a big factor in getting the required equipment and materials. There simply is not enough money allotted to this category.

"With regard to child care training, we would assume there is no money available for this category as it will be conducted by the departmental staff. This would be fine as long as there is a commitment to come more than once a year.

"Overall, this interim program falls far short of the required funding necessary to implement a satisfactory day-care system in the North. Also we would question the government's reasons in letting the additional two million dollars just remain dormant until the federal government introduces their new child care program. We feel it is necessary for the government to allocate this two million dollars to the existing programs which have been mentioned in your child care interim program." Mr. Chairman, I am wondering if I could get some reaction from the Minister first.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister.

Current Difficulties Addressed By Interim Program

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, first of all the child care program would look at funding for training to allow parents access to training programs and employment opportunities. To the many comments that the Member has made I recognize the funding for our child care is an attempt to address the pressing issue in the North of child care. As I had indicated in the House when I presented my statement it is an interim program trying to address the many different areas; it is an initial step. We do have a long way to go. However, we certainly recognize that to establish a quality child care system is going to take some time in the future. We have to ensure that whatever child care system we put into place is affordable and that it is also accessible, to allow parents to have a choice of the type of program that they want their children to use.

I know that the cost of operating and providing services is high in comparison to the southern standards, recognizing that the high percentage of our population in the North is under the 19 year age limit and recognizing that our birth rate is two times the national average. We certainly recognize that it is not going to happen in the near future but I am sure with the initial step that we are taking, we hope to address at least the current difficulties.

In regard to the funding lying dormant on reserve or the supplementary funding. I certainly am reluctant to consider utilizing this funding until we get our program in place and review the need for additional funding. It was the federal government that announced the child care program back in December 1987 and I certainly think they should be able to take some responsibility to be able

to deliver the program that they initially intended to. They still do not have their Child Care Act passed which is very annoying not only for this jurisdiction but for many other jurisdictions. I certainly hope once they pass their act that our funding in conjunction with their funding will certainly be able to develop a good program. I recognize this program is not going to meet the needs of the many different demands that are coming in from across the Territories but I certainly hope it will attempt to address some of them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I have no other comments.

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

MR. LEWIS: I do not know what the procedure is to do this, Mr. Chairman, so maybe you could help me. This evening around about 5:00 p.m. the special committee on the northern economy is supposed to go to Rae-Edzo to have a meeting in your constituency and we need a quorum of five people so I would like call a short recess so that SCONE can meet and discuss this problem of not having a quorum for this evening.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Does the committee agree that the committee recess for five or 10 minutes. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. The committee will recess for 15 minutes.

---SHORT RECESS

The committee will come to order. Mr. Ernerk.

---Laughter

MR. ERNERK: Why me all the time? What is it you wish me to do?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Ernerk, I have you on the list next, unless you want to pass it to Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis, I have your name next on the list. General comments. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I understand that the special committee on the northern economy is going to be travelling to Fort Rae and they require some time. If they do so, as agreed, then we will not have a quorum if they leave. That being the situation, I would like at this time to report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. I have a motion on the floor to report progress. It is not debatable. All those in favour? Opposed?

The motion is defeated.

---Defeated

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We are still on general comments for the Department of Social Services. Mr. Whitford.

Minister Of Social Services To Be Commended

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My comments will be brief, but as I understand it, SCONE is going to Rae, and I will be going along, but I did not want to leave without expressing my best wishes to the department. I think the Minister of Social Services is to be commended on the general and overall delivery of social programs and associated programs under her ministry. The people that are involved with the delivery of social services in the Northwest

Territories have a tremendous job to do. They have a lot of difficulties to overcome in order to deliver a service to such a diverse group of people across such a vast territory.

It is difficult, I would imagine, for any Minister and any program to try to intervene in social issues, social problems and social programs. It must be like a wheel; you do not really know where to start because one thing directly affects another thing. The task certainly is not made any easier by the state of the economy that we are in -- and that is something we are going to be dealing with as well -- but that is another department. That directly affects, of course, the delivery of service that the Minister is responsible for.

I want to applaud her for her concerns with the increase in social assistance across the Territories -- the budget for that has increased substantially -- and her concern that people are becoming increasingly dependent on social services as a means of livelihood. I realize that the economy is not in a very good condition generally, and people do tend to turn to the government when their back is against the wall. I, too, at some point in time, having been a social worker for a little while in my life, saw that happening. There are people that do, maybe all too easily, turn to social services for assistance, not realizing, of course, that they are giving up a tremendous amount to get such a little. They give up independence; they give up a lot of self-esteem. That contributes then to social programs and that begins that wheel that I was speaking of. We have to intervene somewhere along the way to get people to become more self-reliant, to depend less on government for their livelihood, and maybe get them to express a little bit more initiative and come up with imaginative ways of earning an income. It is not an easy position for social workers to be in, I am sure.

That aside, I just want to rush quickly over some of the areas that I wanted to speak on. Corrections is one that always comes to mind. The jails are full. It seems that it is a program that will never go away. There was a bit of a problem but I think there have been some steps taken to rectify it. One of the things I thought was not quite up to par, perhaps, was the number of staff that are there. Maybe we do need more people and that will lessen the tensions that are there. I see from the Minister's opening remarks that there is going to be more on-the-job training for corrections officers. This may go a ways to alleviate some of that pressure, at least in this corrections institute, the one in Yellowknife. South of the lake it seems a little bit more stable for some reason or other. That is just the impression that I get, being an outsider on it.

I think that I get adequately trained staff, if you have enough people then you are able to rotate them and give them the training that they need and the assurance that they are doing a good job. They are not always having to be there because there are not enough people and the pressure is on. It adds to the tension in the place.

Suggestions To Relieve Inmates' Boredom

The other comment that I have is that I see a considerable amount of boredom by the inmates. There do not appear to be too many programs for them, other than to play basketball and to do things internally. I see them shovelling a track outside so that they can get some exercise. But at the risk of sounding very, what would the word be here, but very hard on those that are less fortunate, incarcerated, freedoms denied, locked up in cells, sitting around as my friend across says, watching television all day -- maybe we need to take some initiatives there. Maybe we need to look at not so much what the Charter of Rights and Freedoms says, that everybody should not be forced to do what they do not want to do, but look at finding work for the inmates. The South Mackenzie Correctional Centre in Hay River has this wood program and although it does receive some criticism for perhaps taking a few bucks away from the private entrepreneur, I do not see wood cutting as a great money making project for business people.

It is not really that much of a problem if the inmates were to increase their involvement here in Yellowknife. I do not know whether it will work but let us give it a try. Maybe if we had them out working and producing a bit in an area that would not get a lot of flack from the business community, that they are not taking away employment that other people can be doing, it may solve some of this boredom that they have and the discontent that will result from it.

There is another thing I mentioned while I was talking to the forestry people yesterday, that in the area of forest management there is no reason why, and I have seen it occur other places that there can be some -- these tasks are very menial. They are going around with a stick, digging a hole and sticking a little tree in it. That is pretty boring stuff for the average individual but I am sure that if it was something for them to do they would take to that. As well, it gets them outdoors. It is something that will contribute to the economy, not immediately but down the road a bit. I know of a couple of places --and this is one area that would never interfere with the local economy because there is no one doing it -- in the area of reforestation and the area of forest husbandry, if you want to put it that way. There are areas around here that are overgrown with natural growth. They need people to go in there and cut every fourth tree out of the way so that these trees can grow. There is an area that people can take pride in, seeing these things occur, and yet it will accomplish some of your objectives of keeping people out of society for a while, while they serve their time, but not take away their self esteem or take away their pride. At least they are contributing something.

This is just one small area. There are probably more that we can look at but in the meantime I just wanted to offer that suggestion for that area. The other one, while I was there last year, there was a problem of the ventilation system in their carving room. I know a lot of them take a lot of pride in doing work with small tools, making carvings and stuff, that earns them some income. That was supposed to have been repaired. There was some problem with the blowers or the proper filtration system. I hope that has been looked at and if it is not, it should be. That might go a little ways.

Child Care

Just briefly on child care. The Minister has probably heard almost every side of the story. We have had strong recommendations for more government involvement. Put more money into the programs and start up new facilities in the smaller communities. We have heard about privatization. We have heard that it is a viable business for people to get into with the proper regulations that will prevent any kind of mishap in the future for the children that are there. Avoid getting people into it that should not be in the business. Have a certain standard for a building, and things. So we have heard that already and I am sure that the Minister has also heard from people speaking about the alternatives.

I have raised the issue myself a couple of times about job sharing. This is where the government getting involved rather than directly contributing dollars but indirectly with the changing of certain policies or certain regulations or requirements for people to work eight hours a day at fixed times between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Job sharing and flexible time should be explored as an alternate to child care, also work site child care situations in areas where we can. In some of the municipalities and communities there are areas that -- in government anyway -- that child care can be supplied within the work area, where a parent can look after their own children after school, say, and avoid costly installations that would do the same purpose.

The other side, of course, we have heard just today, the flip side of it, is to leave government out of child care and put it back into the responsibility of the parents. It is not a program that I support personally. I think the government does have a place in it. Again, I applaud the Minister's progress that she is making in it. It is a difficult area to please everybody but I certainly hope that very soon the long-awaited regulations governing that will be put forward so the people that do depend on child care programs can have some relief. Other than that I do not have anything else to say in general comments, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Madam Minister, would you like to respond?

Concern For Steadily Increasing Population In Correctional Centres

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just very briefly, first of all I would like to thank the Member for his kind words toward the department. It is much appreciated by our

staff and by myself. Mr. Chairman, in regard to some of the comments that I picked up from the Member, particularly as to community corrections and the correctional centre, we did recognize that there were some problems with the correctional centre. We hope that once renovations are completed in the South Mackenzie Correctional Centre, this certainly will help to bring down the inmate count. However, it has been noted that the population keeps steadily increasing in the correctional centres and it certainly causes concern to the department.

We may have to, in the future, look at either another facility or even possibly consider a more institutionalized facility. It sometimes causes difficulties in the department to deliver many different programs because of the different types of inmates that they house. More programs are being looked at to implement within the centre and it is certainly a concern for me to know that a lot of inmates are allowed to watch TV the majority of the time. I certainly do not think it is doing any good, both for the inmates and the staff, so we are trying to look at implementing a number of new programs to be delivered in the centre.

With regard to the ventilation problem that was happening, which prevented inmates from using the carving room, this certainly will be going out to tender early in the fiscal year. This will enable YCC to renovate and address that particular problem, and the carving room will certainly be well ventilated so they can deliver their carving program.

With regard to the comments on child care, and the purpose of the interim program, I had indicated that until the federal government passes its act, it is difficult to be able to deliver a program that is going to address the needs of everyone. Within our program, we do have a user subsidy to the parent, which will allow the parent some degree of parental choice for child care. The purpose of this choice is to take into consideration parents that are possibly single parents or parents that work shift work, that just do not have the availability of a child care centre after the normal working hours. It is going to be a difficult program to try to address everyone's needs in the immediate future. However, I am certainly thinking positively that in the future we can attempt to address the initial concerns that have been brought forward on child care. Other than that, Mr. Chairman, I have no comments. I would like to thank the Member once again for his words of praise for the department's efforts in delivering our programs.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Madam Minister. General comments. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, during the Minister's opening remarks, she indicated that social assistance is on the rise. Last year the short-term job incentive program was dropped, and it is back in this year. That would probably help the income earners to earn some money. I also appreciate that the Minister did make distinctions between people that are self-reliant and like to do things on their own, but because there is a lack of employment, they have to rely on social assistance.

Child Care Moneys For Aboriginal Groups

To go a bit further on that, with regard to child care, people do have different versions of what child care is all about. Even in this area, too, if a federal program is established, it will identify certain moneys for aboriginal organizations or groups, or a reserve type of a program. The GNWT interim child care program, when we look at the territorial perspective, does this reflect at all the intention of the federal government's program, if it is supported by Parliament, with regard to identifying certain programs specifically geared toward aboriginal people and programs that are specifically geared toward institutions for child care?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Madam Minister.

Attitude That Social Assistance Is A Right

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, on the comments of the Member, we are concerned about the increase of social assistance throughout the Territories. I recognize and realize that there is starting to develop a mentality in the North, and an attitude

in the North, that social assistance is something that is not only readily available, but is a "right". I sometimes have a hard time grappling with that. As I had indicated, because of our government being able to realize and recognize it, we can start to take steps to try to take people out of that type of attitude. I am concerned and, as I indicated in my remarks I do not think it is doing people in the North any good by allowing them to continue maintaining that attitude. I look at the future generations of the Territories and it is not nice to think that if a lot of them are allowed to keep depending on social assistance, we could have a vast increase in this. I feel that it is time that we take steps to try to address this problem. However, it is going to take a lot of work, collectively, but I will try to deal with this.

With regard to the comments on the child care program that the Member made, the program that is being delivered is an interim program. It does not basically reflect the program that is oriented toward native people that the federal government is passing. In fact, the program that the federal government is passing is only looking at native people on reserves. I have had discussions with the previous Minister in trying to access some of the funding, and the previous Minister refused access by the territorial government to some of the funding because we only have the one reserve up in the Territories.

Initially it was indicated to us that that funding could be utilized by the NWT. The interim program we are presenting is taking into consideration viewpoints from the perspective of native people, and it is trying to look at allowing parental choice, which is everyone's choice in the Territories. With that, I would like to indicate to the Member that our program is not a program that has been developed in conjunction with the particular federal program for native people. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, on Monday, I will be attending a conference in Vancouver with regard to the national inquiry into First Nations child care. I would like to thank the Minister for her assistance in helping me enter that conference. I will bring that whole issue up with regard to the reserve and why we cannot tap into the same dollars that the other native people enjoy down south.

New Rental System

I would also like to thank the Minister because under the new territorial rent scale, people living on social assistance, I understand, will not be given the amounts that are designated as social assistance and then having your rent deducted from that assistance. But rather, the person will be entitled to whatever assistance is required and over and above that the department would pay for whatever the rent is.

I would also like to ask the Minister whether -- it used to be the department's responsibility -- if the department is responsible for wilderness type programs. This is something Providence went into last year. Is this program still in effect and how long do we anticipate to have that? Also with regard to the interim child care program, you do not have the policy in place. How soon can we anticipate a policy being in place to administer that \$2.2 million that is supposed to be in effect in April?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: In regard to the Member's comments on the wilderness camps, that is a program that is within our budget. It is a program that has been in place for a couple of years, I believe, and it is continued in our budget. The funding is basically oriented to young offenders in open custody. However I did ask the department to consider looking at funding for child welfare to be able to get access to this type of wilderness camps, because I think they are very good for the youth during the summer. It gives them some alternatives to keep themselves occupied and learn different traditional values in the wilderness.

Interim Program With Guidelines

In regard to the child care policy. As I indicated when I delivered our interim program, we currently have our guidelines on the child care interim program. The policy will be completely developed once the federal government passes its act. That is basically what is holding us back in being able to develop a full-fledged policy. However I certainly feel that the interim program guidelines, which include a government position on child care, basically covers the concerns in the interim, for our child care policy.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: With regard to working with the Yukon on a child care strategy. They have child care policy principles in place right now. Right now you do have \$2.2 million going toward interim child care, and as far as the targets go, a lot of that money would go toward existing programs and there are really no moneys for any major renovations or even capital costs under this program. Also the assistance is limited to full-time. The facility would be open six hours a day, 20 days out of a month and there is nothing in there for weekends or evening jobs. Is that pretty well the limit to the amount of time that the facility could be utilized?

Also for the amount of money and space that is required, we fall quite a bit short of what is actually required. If the government does not come up with a program on child care this year, does that mean we keep the two million dollars on hold until the federal government comes up with their own child care program?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: The child care interim program is basically allotting funding for training, research development and user subsidies, and also to contribute funding to operate day-care centres that are currently in existence. There is a child care initiative fund delivered by Ottawa for areas that do want to start up new day-care centres. We currently do not have any capital funds identified in our child care program to allow building of new centres, etc., and these types of things are going to be looked at.

In regard to the subsidies for parents. When the parents work on weekends or evenings or whatever, the subsidies would be allowed for parents who work in excess of 30 hours a week. For work opportunities, if I recall correctly, for allowing parents to take training opportunities in excess -- I cannot recall right offhand if it is 20 or 30 hours a week. However we currently are concerned and we know there is going to be a demand for starting up new child care centres. We do have funding in our program that will allow a subsidy of \$1200 per space for every space created by day-care centres or home care centres. This subsidy is the initial start of trying to subsidize the creation of new spaces.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): The Chair would like to recognize in the gallery the Members Michael Angottitauruq, Peter Ernerk, Joe Arlooktoo.

---Laughter

---Applause

Thank you. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I understand the Minister to say that parents who are working around 30 hours a week would be able to get into a child care program. But I am not aware of employment which requires 30 hours a week. Most people work 40 hours a week so if that is the criterion it means then that people that are working the regular 40 hours a week, would not be eligible for the program. Is that what I am hearing? Can the Minister change the hours so that at least it is 48 hours or 40 hours or whatever it is? That change also should reflect in the program itself because assistance right now is limited to six hours a day for child care workers.

So perhaps the Minister might want to see what could be done so that the intention of child care programs is to assist a young mother or working parents who would like to work but cannot afford babysitters. I guess what I am saying, Mr. Chairman, is the intent of a child care program has got to reflect the situation of the working people out there too. Forty hours a week, seven days a week, type of a program. Is there any intention to work in that kind of a direction?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, the reason for the hourly rate being at the minimum of 30 hours a week is basically to give the incentive to parents who do want to take training or who may want to consider part-time employment. However it is allowed for parents that do work 40 hours a week. I think it is just that the time frame is a minimum amount of time looking at 30 hours a week. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Why is it?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I guess basically it is to ensure that the program is going to be used by the parents and by the communities that we are looking at a minimum of 30 hours a week. It is to ensure that the people who want to get access into the program are going to make use of that type of program.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Gargan.

Subsidies Under Interim Child Care Program

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, under this program then a parent or a single mother that is working 30 hours a week would probably be going under a training program which would give them a training allowance. Under this new regime of the interim child care program, how much is a parent expected to pay for the care of his child? Is it based on a percentage of his salary or the amount of space that is there? What is the criteria that is going to be used for the admittance of a child into a child care program? What is it? We have a parent that is going to be working 30 hours a week, it is possible he is going to be getting the minimum salary of \$5.50 an hour. Is it feasible for him to even consider putting his child, whatever, whether it is two or three children or one child, into such a program? Is it worth his time and effort to do that?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, the contribution that is given on a per space basis basically indicating how many spaces a parent needs is based on an approved scale which is reflective of the varying costs of delivering child care in the communities. The daily average on a per space basis is anywhere from five dollars to \$9.50 per day subsidy by the government to the parent. So it is difficult to assess whether it will be worth working or not. We certainly hope it would give the incentive for parents that do want to work and lessen the burden of the child care expenses that they currently absorb.

However, at the same time the scale is going to be reflecting, is going to be taking into account, some different elements like the take-home pay that the parents make and their other expenses that they may be required to pay. So each case is certainly going to be looked at and it is going to be probably fairly difficult in some ways to ensure that it is administered and delivered. But I guess I can basically indicate to the Member that the contribution is based on the scales that they use in the department. The contribution will be paid, as we had indicated, to either the day-care centre or the parent. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I do have the subsidy scale here that the Minister is referring to. This scale will reflect eligibility. For example, myself, I am in Fort Providence so am probably going to have to pay for the whole shot as far as child care subsidy goes. Gjoa Haven and Pelly Bay and Spence Bay are number 10, which means that they are probably going to get the \$9.50 child care per day. But this does not apply as far as the start-up grants for the programs. In other words, whether we start a program in Fort Providence or else in Gjoa Haven, the department gives the same amount of dollars to start up those programs regardless of location. I think that if you are going to be using the subsidy scale the same thing should apply to start-up grants. For instance people in the High Arctic would probably need twice as much as they would to start up in Fort Providence.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Madam Minister, any comment?

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I recognize the concerns that the Member has expressed and I certainly have a tendency to agree with him. However, we did look at a flat rate for start-up fundings per child care space, mainly trying to distribute an equitable system. However, we do recognize that in the smaller and more remote communities the cost would be a lot higher to initiate child care spaces. However, as I had indicated, I think until we start determining how many spaces are required in certain communities and trying to access it, we are going to have to review it. It will certainly have to be continually reviewed and possibly changed. But it is really an issue that is hard to determine -- how to address the different remote communities in trying to reflect exactly how much each community should get on a start-up funding. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is one area that I think is unfair. We do have fuel subsidies, power subsidies, which reflect a scale similar to the subsidy scale that the government is referring to. The same thing also applies to utilities like water. So I would ask if the Minister might reconsider the whole thing on start-up grants; either make it fair or else do not. We could have a program that is accessible to all regions. It is easy, with a large amount of constituents, to start up something like this but I am sure it is going to be difficult for the communities in the high Eastern Arctic. They are going to find it difficult to get something like that going.

Another thing is that if the federal government does have a federal Child Care Act, I would like to ask the Minister whether or not there is any intention of this government to legislate something like this up here too.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, on the initial comment that the Member made that is probably the exact reason for having an interim program, because we certainly will be looking at it and reflecting the concerns as we go along in delivering the program.

With regard to the comment on looking at an act; first I want to ensure that we have a policy developed, once the act of the federal government is passed. We do have certain standards for day-care centres and home care to adhere to in delivering child care, but an act is certainly not something that we are looking at right now, and it probably will not be something that we will be looking at in the immediate future. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Madam Minister. General comments. Mr. Gargan.

Status Of Federal Child Care Act And Reserve Fund

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Minister, what is the status on the federal Child Care Act. Is it going ahead, will it be coming into effect fairly soon? You did put on hold the extra two million dollar reserve, but what if there is no program this fiscal year

with regard to the federal Child Care Act. If that is the case, what are you going to do with that two million dollars that you have reserved?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I have no idea when the federal government is going to pass their act. It was initially going through the Senate. However, the election was called. It has to go through the process again. I am aware that the Ministers will be attempting to meet with Mr. Beatty in the future to discuss this issue. I discussed the issue when I was in Toronto last month with the Hon. Barbara McDougall. She also indicated she had no idea when the act would be passed. However, there is a strong advocacy group that has concerns on the act. I cannot indicate to the Member when the federal government will pass its act.

With regard to additional requirements for funding, all I can indicate to the Member is an assurance that I will be reviewing it and determining whether or not we would be considering access to those funds, in the event that the act is not in place. I am very reluctant to consider it, mainly because of the fact that we do have an interim program and I sincerely feel that it would weaken our position in negotiating with the federal government in trying to access some of their funding, and also taking into consideration what concerns we are going to have with this interim program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I think I could go until Friday without getting a mental disorder -- but I would like to ask the Minister with regard to community mental health services. There is \$52,000 that is going to be designated for mental health programs at the community level. Is that for one program? That \$52,000 does not go very far; that is \$1000 per community then. I think there are 52 communities in the NWT. That is hardly enough to cover any kind of program.

I would like to ask the Minister what direction she is going to be taking with regard to the whole issue of mental health. It is an issue that was addressed in this House, and I believe that we should address it. But you cannot do very much with \$52,000 to address it. I would like to ask the Minister if there are further programs for that, or is that a combination of the native alcohol and drug program, the alcohol and drug program and the mental health program as a combined program, rather than being specific on the \$52,000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Madam Minister.

Federal Transfer Of Positions And Moneys

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That \$52,000 is allotted, or considered to be allocated to the NWT Mental Health Association here in Yellowknife. In regard to community mental health, I would like to indicate to the Member that when the federal transfer took place the community mental health program was transferred to the Department of Social Services and the funding which we received at that time were five positions along with \$300,000 that was transferred from the federal government.

The funding received formed the basis for the creation of two additional positions which were both amalgamated into the alcohol and drug community mental health division. Since that time the department has placed regional community mental health specialists in Iqaluit, Baker Lake, Coppermine and Inuvik. In conjunction there were mental health workers located in Iqaluit and Inuvik, along with positions for community mental health, alcohol and drug specialist positions that were located in Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Rae-Edzo and Yellowknife. These positions were shared responsibilities with community mental health and alcohol and drug programs.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you, Madam Minister. I was wondering about the Ministers passing around the food to each other. General comments. Mr. Crow.

Proper Interpretation Needed On Social Assistance Day

MR. CROW: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will make my comments brief. I do not think there is too much problem with people in my community regarding Social Services because I have not received any reports from the people complaining about the Social Services programs. We have had a Kabloona social worker for about four years now and the only problem we have is that there are not enough interpreters available when it is social assistance day. There has to be a proper interpreter and this has been raised a number of times.

For the past four years we have had a Kabloona social worker because there were a lot of turnovers within four years. We have had three social workers but right now our social worker -- maybe they have got a new one now because I have not been home for a long time. Our social worker is doing a good job. But in Sanikiluaq the social services program -- the children get family allowance from Ottawa. Last year there were five young mothers who, I think, did not know how to apply for family allowance from Ottawa. I had to tell the social worker to get family allowance for these people. I do not know if it is in his job description to do that. He is a social worker and he should be able to help with these kinds of issues. The family allowance comes from either Ottawa or Edmonton. I think there is going to be a bit of a problem with this because there are a lot of young people getting children. One woman has a child two years old and she is still not getting any family allowance for that child. This is what I heard from her grandmother. I am wondering how this can be fixed. When I talked to the social worker he indicated to me that he is willing to help in any way. But there are people who do not know how to apply. I wonder why the social workers do not go on the local station and indicate to the people about what the social workers are supposed to do in their job. They should inform the people so the Inuit will know what benefits they can get. This is the one concern that has been raised.

Young People Do Not Report Total Income

There have also been some concerns that the young people should be getting help from Social Services. This has been brought up by the older people. Our elders never had any benefits like this. I know the government is trying to help and we never have enough employment opportunities and the cost of living is quite high. The problems that they have been expressing are regarding social assistance. They get assistance once a month and there are people that do not have enough money for necessities. A woman lost her husband and she was about 55 years old. I think Social Services has a policy that all the money she made -- they have to report the money they receive, even if they win a bingo. They have to tell all this information to Social Services. The older people never want to tell lies, because we have been told right from the beginning never to tell a lie. This woman reports all this income and then her assistance is quite low. For instance when somebody wins a jackpot they get smaller assistance and some of the younger people do not report these things because they do not really care if they tell a lie. This woman's husband has been dead for a while and she has children and she is complaining about reporting any other funds she received. She does not want to lie to Social Services. Young people do not report their bingo winnings.

I am wondering if the day-care centre issue will eventually get into Sanikiluaq. I have known that they lack babysitters in the community, especially men when their spouses have to go away from the community to be hospitalized. They often have difficulties in obtaining a babysitter when they want to go hunting or back to their job. We are a small community and we would like to request a building, even an old building, to make into a day-care centre. I am wondering if there would be any funding for this in the future. The women in Sanikiluaq have an old building which they received from the government but it has not been utilized as yet. They were given the building last year but they have decided not to use the building for day-care. They are having a lot of problems in regard to day-care centres, especially for those people who want to get jobs. The only way you can go about your duties is if you have a decent babysitter or decent day-care centre. I wonder if there will be day-care centres in each community in the NWT in the coming years. That is all I have to say.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Madam Minister.

Departmental Assistance In Filling Out Forms

HON. JEANNE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In regard to Mr. Crow's concern on family allowance. He did not know whether it was the social worker's responsibility to fill out these forms or assist the families. We certainly have made it practice for the department to allow the workers to assist in whatever way they can by filling out such forms for family allowance or senior citizens pensions. It is not specifically identified in his job description, but it certainly is something that they try to assist with.

In regard to the concern on social assistance, on assisting younger people and the reporting of incomes, such as bingo income. I have recently reviewed the draft social assistance regulations and was somewhat concerned and expressed the concern to my department. I think with the department considering bingo as an income, in a certain way we encourage social assistance recipients to say that it is okay to play bingo. I feel that if people on assistance are in need of basic necessities, it still sometimes makes me wonder how they can find money to play bingo. I am going to be looking at this issue and try to address it in the near future.

On the issue of the day-care centre, I can give assurance to Mr. Crow for Sanikiluaq, in the event that they do a submission or if they require assistance to be able to deliver a day-care program, I will request department officials to work with the community in trying to address the issue of day-care for his community.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): General comments, Department of Social Services. Mr. Pudluk.

Some Communities Given Preference For Social Assistance

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Your department is doing very well and I am very happy about the work you have been doing. There is a lack of communication between smaller communities and your department. Mr. Arlooktoo was talking about the fact that some departments tend to defer some communities. For instance, perhaps I will comment on the question I raised earlier today. Some smaller communities get assistance for food, even with the income that they get from renewable resources. Sometimes some people just cannot get assistance in communities, even though they have gone through their income from renewable resources, and yet others can.

Another thing I will use as an example. In some communities some people who get social assistance have very good things like boats and skidoos and stuff like that. Then some people who get assistance are totally poor, and must depend on the assistance that they get, so they cannot afford to buy skidoos and boats. I remember that the Minister of Education indicated that he does not want to be held responsible for traditional lifestyles because he thought that he would be robbing the parents of the responsibility of teaching their younger children. I want to say that there are some people who just cannot afford anything and there are a lot of them out there. The only thing we have to turn to is the Department of Education so that they can be educated and helped. It is very difficult for some individuals in communities to get assistance.

I wanted to bring up this question. Do they have a policy in place to have preference for a certain community and yet defer other communities? Your department and you are here in Yellowknife, so know you will not believe what I am saying, but I have seen it as a fact, so that is what I am telling you now.

Community Counselling By Elders

Another thing. The Department of Social Services should look more closely and work more closely with the smaller communities in regard to social problems because the problems seem to be getting bigger and bigger to date. I know that your department is not the only department that has to work more closely with the communities but sometimes in smaller communities they often have social problems. There are some battered women who have gone into sheltered

homes and they have often had to be transferred to another community. I believe in this for that, but if they do not have a big problem, if they can be dealt with within their own community, I think we have to look at that first of all. If there is a big problem in relationships or there have been battered wives or spouses it would be all right to ship them out, but we have elders in our communities who can give counselling to married couples. I have seen this a couple of times; two people being sent out of their home community and the husbands have had to pay their trip back home out of their own pockets. When they came back, they were dealt with by the elders in the community and their problems were resolved, and they went back together as man and wife. If there is a case like that, perhaps even the family around them can help them, and I think there would be fewer problems in the family after that.

When the husbands find out that their wives have been shipped out of the community without them knowing, I think they get very hurt and get very discouraged. Even though he tends to abuse the wife again, I think perhaps it would be better if you let the spouse know about shipping the person out.

On another item, with regard to your officials, your staff, I think that before the day is over -- they quit before quitting time. I know they take off a little bit early. Since our lifestyles are so different, especially in the bigger cities, when they get into a smaller community it is a cultural shock and it becomes a problem. Some people just come up to the communities to rip off some people and to create problems. Three years ago in Resolute Bay, it seemed as if that person just came to the community to teach the social problem side of life. The department advertises these positions and it seems like it is their own employees that they prefer. I realize that this is not an easy task but I think we will have to be a little more careful in the future. In the past year, we have had a new social worker. Without letting anybody know, that person just left. Her belongings will be shipped sometime soon.

Start-Up Funding For Day-Care Insufficient

On day-care, I will try and make it brief. The letters that were received from Iqaluit on February 23, 1989, I support them for requesting this funding. Once they start up day-care, the funding seems to be inadequate. For example, if the private individual was to apply for day-care, the funding is just enough for one child. I think we will have to look into this and I would like to commend the Minister for having acted on this day-care initiative. We are going to have to utilize the two million dollars because there are many communities. The start-up funding for day-care I think is insufficient. That will be all for now, Mr. Chairman, thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Madam Minister.

Inequities Between Communities A Concern

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the Member for his remarks. They are appreciated. I must indicate to the Member that when I first took on the responsibility of Social Services I quickly recognized some inequities in the system or in the department. I have certainly been stressing to the department to try to ensure that they treat all communities fairly in the Territories and particularly the small communities, because they generally do not have the resources that the larger communities have to be able to get access to government.

I have certainly stressed that with my department officials to quite a degree. I have taken my department officials to communities that they have never been to, very, very small communities, to make them try to understand and recognize some of the problems that people are encountering in the small communities. So I can certainly appreciate what the Member is saying. However, I do believe that it is starting to be recognized in the department and the department officials are certainly trying to deal with that.

In regard to the department, on the issue of social assistance for some communities in outpost camps, as I had indicated this afternoon I certainly was under the impression that funding is given to outpost camps and I have asked the department to develop a reply to the concern that the

Member has expressed. In regard to individuals getting social assistance, I recognize that some people who do get social assistance are in full need of it. I recognize that there are some people that just basically do not have any job opportunities and are very limited and basically have no income and the need is there.

Abuse Of System Frustrating

However, it is irritating to go into communities where you see people that you know are on complete social assistance and they have all the luxuries parked outside their doorstep. It is frustrating to see how some people abuse the system. I have certainly asked the department to look at that. I think it is very unfair and I certainly hope we can work out that balance. I know in my community you can see some people driving around with fairly nice vehicles and they are continually on social assistance. I think that is unfair and is abuse of Social Services funding. I wonder where they get their money to make their vehicle payments or pay for gas if they are in need of food and clothing. However, these things are going to take some time to address and I can assure you that when we review our social assistance regulations, some of these things we are going to have to make tough decisions on and I am certainly willing, as a Minister, to do just that.

We do not have a policy in place and there never has been a policy in place for preference for certain communities and defer others. I have stressed equal treatment to all communities in the Territories to my department. I get very frustrated sometimes when the larger communities are getting access to more programs and other communities are not given the same opportunity, mainly because in larger communities people are more aggressive and basically know how to utilize the government system and know how to take advantage of the process and the system. Other communities are not as fortunate, and I have been stressing to my department, if they do not give the opportunity, these problems are still going to be there and all that is going to happen is that they are going to compound.

Battered Women And Spousal Assault

On the issue of battered women and spousal assault, as I indicated in my opening address, I am certainly pleased that this funding is now in our base for the department. However, it is still a problem in the North and we have a long way to go in trying to address this problem. I do not know exactly what each area or home or transition house is like in regard to their confidentiality in keeping people in battered homes. I know some have very strict regulations; they do not give out any type of information and they do not indicate where they have shipped battered people to. I think for the protection of the individual there is certainly the need for some type of confidentiality when dealing with people that have been through a violent time.

In regard to the concern about officials and staff leaving early, it is difficult to indicate if they continually leave early or if they are taking time in lieu, or what. However, this issue has been addressed and I have noticed in some communities social workers are not as conscientious about the time that is required of them. However, there are many that are very dedicated. I know my headquarters staff is very dedicated and put in long hours. Sometimes too long, and I get annoyed with them.

In regard to some social workers going into communities and individuals that have cultural shocks or problems in the community, sometimes it is difficult to avoid. On recruiting social workers we have indicated to them the type of environment that they will be going into. This is a problem, and I think it is a problem in many departments in the government, when we bring people in from the South. However, to get qualified people, sometimes it is an area that cannot be avoided.

Day-Care Issue

The issue on day-care. It is an interim program. I hope we can attempt to address some of the issues that Mr. Pudluk has indicated. We certainly will give assistance where it is required, whether it be to try to address or implement a day-care system in that particular community. The

day-care program is going to take quite some time to feel fully comfortable with. It is the first step and the first of many steps to be able to deliver a quality day-care program. I thank the Member for his comments of appreciation toward the department. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: The Minister indicated that recently there was the provision of a number of workers in the communities -- I know Fort Simpson got an alcohol and drug worker, and I think that was the case with a couple of other communities. I think that is good.

In Fort Simpson we have had 10 deaths since October and six of them related to alcohol. Five people died from fires. It was indicated recently that there is a need for workshops, a need for specialists to come to the communities to deal with grieving. People die and there is no kind of a community way of dealing with it. The Minister talked about being fair to communities, and smaller communities being at a disadvantage with respect to specialists and special programs. In the event that a community like Fort Simpson wishes to get help with alcohol and requires specialists to come in and hold workshops and such to deal with, in their case, grieving, would the department be of assistance to help people in a small community like Fort Simpson?

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

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, with respect to the alcohol and drug program, the delivery of the contribution funding is managed and recommendations are made to me by the board of management for alcohol and drug services. However, I have taken into consideration other requests from other communities that relate to trying to address some of the problems on alcohol and drugs, whether it was delivering workshops, or having communities have different types of courses, training programs, and so on. We certainly will try to accommodate Fort Simpson if they submit a proposal to the department on trying to deliver workshops to address areas related as a result of alcohol and drug abuse. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Thank you, Madam Minister. Social Services. General comments. Maybe we can go into the blue main estimates book, page 16.10, directorate. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Directorate, total O and M, \$8,916,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Are there any agrees on the left?

AN HON. MEMBER: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): No, I mean on the left of the House, Mr. Butters. It is the government there, right? Ordinary Members agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Family And Children's Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Thank you, Mr. Crow. Page 16.11, family and children's services, total O and M, \$11,858,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Corrections Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Page 16.12, corrections services, total O and M, \$16,400,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Alcohol, Drugs And Community Mental Health Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Page 16.13, alcohol, drugs and community mental health services, total O and M, \$7,747,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Community and family support services, total O and M, \$28,005,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Grants And Contributions

Grants, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Detail of grants and contributions, total grants, \$90,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Contributions, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Contributions. Are there any questions on contributions? Page 16.15 to 16.17. Total contributions, \$10,680,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Grants And Contributions, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total grants and contributions, \$10,770,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Page 16.09. Total O and M, \$72,926,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Directorate, Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Capital book. Page 16.08. Directorate, equipment acquisition, headquarters, \$34,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total equipment acquisition, \$34,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total Directorate, \$34,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Family And Children's Services

Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Family and children's services, page 16.10. Details of capital, page 16.11. Family and children's services, buildings and works, headquarters, total headquarters, \$100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Fort Smith, total Fort Smith, \$78,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Inuvik, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Inuvik, total Inuvik, \$100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Baffin, total Baffin, \$100,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, just with regard to that multipurpose group home. I just wanted to find out what that is.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, that will be used for child welfare. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: What else? It says multipurpose.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, it was initially going to be used for open custody young offenders and child welfare and that is why they initially called it multipurpose but there was the concern of amalgamating the two programs and I certainly had a concern with the principle of it so therefore we tried to deal with it by utilizing it only for child welfare people. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: So there are going to be two separate buildings that are going to be designated for the Baffin area then? One for child welfare and the other for the open custody?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Thank you, Mr. Gargan. Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, there will not be two separate buildings. We only have the planning for one building, an eight bed group home to be used only for child welfare residents. The other area requiring the need for open custody will be addressed in the future. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Thank you, Madam Minister. Baffin, total Baffin, \$100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total buildings and works, \$378,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Equipment acquisition, headquarters, total headquarters, \$20,000. Agreed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total equipment acquisition, \$20,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Family And Children's Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total family and children's services, \$398,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed

---Agreed

Corrections Services

Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Corrections services. Page 16.13, details on 16.14. Corrections services, buildings and works, headquarters, total headquarters, \$687,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Buildings And Works, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Fort Smith, total Fort Smith, \$422,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Buildings And Works, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Baffin. Total Baffin, \$428,000. Agreed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total buildings and works, \$1,537,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Equipment acquisition, headquarters, page 16.15, total headquarters, \$107,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equipment Acquisition, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Fort Smith. Total Fort Smith, \$118,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equipment Acquisition, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Baffin. Total Baffin, \$39,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equipment Acquisition, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total equipment acquisition, \$264,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Contributions, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Contributions, headquarters, total headquarters, \$71,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: With regard to wilderness camps. What is this YOA?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Madam Minister.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: It means Young Offenders Act. The wilderness camps are for children that have gone through the courts and are considered open custody.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total headquarters, \$71,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total contributions, \$71,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Corrections Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total corrections services on page 16.16, \$1,872,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Alcohol, Drugs And Community Mental Health Services

Contributions, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Alcohol, drugs and community mental health services, details on page 16.18, contributions, headquarters, total headquarters, \$150,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Contributions, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Baffin. Total Baffin, \$300,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Contributions, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total contributions, \$450,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Alcohol, Drugs And Community Mental Health Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total alcohol, drugs and community mental health services, \$450,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Community And Family Support Services

Buildings And Works, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Community and family support services, details on page 16.20. Buildings and works, headquarters, total headquarters, \$30,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard); Total buildings and works, \$30,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equipment Acquisition, Headquarters, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Equipment acquisition, headquarters, total headquarters, \$15,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total equipment acquisition, \$15,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Contributions, Fort Smith, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Contributions, Fort Smith, total Fort Smith, \$500,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Contributions, Inuvik, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Inuvik, total Inuvik, \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Contributions, Baffin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Baffin, total Baffin, \$675,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Contributions, Keewatin, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Keewatin, total Keewatin, \$550,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Contributions, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total contributions, \$1,775,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Community And Family Support Services. Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total community and family support services, \$1,820,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Information item on page 16.22, and pages 16.23, 16.24.

Total Capital, Agreed

Page 16.07, total capital expenditures, \$4,574,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Total Department, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Total expenditures on page 16.09 of the O and M book. Total expenditures for this department, \$77,500,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Would the committee agree that this department is concluded?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pollard): Madam Minister, I would like to thank you for your patience and your answers, and your staff as well. What is committee's wish? Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: We are prepared to proceed with An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We will go to Bill 4-89(1), An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act. Mr. Minister.

Bill 4-89(1): Labour Standards Act

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to introduce An Act To Amend the Labour Standards Act. This bill will amend the Labour Standards Act to require employers to give employees notice of termination of employment, or pay in place of notice. The length of notice ranges from two weeks to eight weeks, depending on the length of employment.

This bill also requires employers to give notice to the labour standards officer where the employer is intending to discharge more than 25 employees. The notice required varies from four to 20 weeks, depending on the number of employees to be discharged.

Mr. Chairman, I will be introducing an amendment to delete a clause, when we get to it, and I will explain when we get to it. With this amendment, employers will also be required to give employees written notice of temporary layoff. This notice is to be given on the day of layoff.

These amendments prohibit employers from terminating or restricting the employment of a person, or in any way discriminating against a person who makes a complaint under the Labour Standards Act or requests his or her rights under the act. An employee who is discharged or discriminated against can be compensated or reinstated.

Finally, with this amendment, an order of the labour standards office may be enforced by the court. These amendments provide important protections for employees in the Territories. With these amendments, our termination provisions will be comparable to similar legislation in other jurisdictions. Mr. Chairman, with the committee's permission, if I could bring officials into the committee.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne, go ahead and bring in your witnesses. Mr. Crow, would you like to respond to the act?

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. CROW: Yes, Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the standing committee on legislation, this is our report. Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on legislation met on February 27, 1989, with the Minister, Mr. Ballantyne, to review proposed amendments to the Labour Standards Act. Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on legislation last reviewed this act in 1968, when provisions were introduced by the government that reduced the standard hours of work to 40 hours per week, and set the legal maximum of hours of work allowed in one week. Regulations respecting domestic workers, people who are hired to work in our households, were specific, as well as provisions for maternity leave.

Mr. Chairman, the proposed amendments to the Labour Standards Act now before us are primarily concerned with issues related to the termination of employment, notification by the employer to the employee, and the role of the labour standards officer. The Minister, Mr. Ballantyne, informed the committee that Nerco Mines layoff in Yellowknife of 80 employees in November of 1988, without notice to the workers, pointed out the flaw in the existing Labour Standards Act. Employees in the NWT have no legislative protection from these types of layoffs. This was the reason why the government is proceeding with these amendments at this time.

Mr. Chairman, under the proposed amendment, the Minister can direct the employer to facilitate the reestablishment of the employees in employment. No employee can be terminated or threatened with termination for making a complaint under this act and an order made by the labour standards officer can be enforced by the Supreme Court.

Mr. Chairman, the government proposed in section 16.7(1) that the provision for group termination notice to the labour standards officer be established for 10 or more employees. After some consideration the committee moved to recommend that the government set the number at 25 employees. The Minister agreed to the recommendation and proposed to revise section 16.7(1). Mr. Chairman, this was the principal change made by the committee in its review of the bill. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Crow. General comments. Mr. Minister, perhaps for the record you would like to introduce your witnesses.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have with me Guiseppa Bentivegna from the Department of Justice and Mr. Jay Saint from the Department of Finance.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. General comments. Does the committee agree we go clause by clause? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 1. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2, part II.1, termination of employment; five pages long. Agreed? Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Under exemptions, Mr. Chairman, the definition of who this does not apply to is by regulation. Is there a copy of the regulations available, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I do not have a copy of the regulations available but I am prepared to make a copy available to the standing committee on legislation. The areas we are looking at for exemption are construction, seasonal and part-time workers. It is fairly consistent in other jurisdictions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 2. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Is the Minister prepared to bring in the changes in those regulations, should they occur, forward to the standing committee on legislation?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Certainly, I will bring the ones that we are envisioning and definitely before I make any other changes, I will bring them to the committee.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2, part II.1, termination of employment. Agreed? Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: In section 16.7, there is a subsection there that I would like to make a motion to delete. This is a subsection where, if 25 or more employees are discharged, the Minister can set up a committee, and there are three things here that the Minister could have the committee do. This caused some concern by some Members of the committee. We have done further work on this one and we have had legal people look at it. It is only in Ontario where this particular subsection is operative and they have never used it in all the time it has been operative. The opinion of my legal department is the subsection is fairly loosely worded and raises expectations and does not and cannot really do the things that are envisioned. What I would like to do and I will move a motion to it, is to delete it. As we do a review of labour standards, we can look at this with a view to perhaps using something like this, but the advice from Ontario is that they have never used it and no one else has it and my people tell me that it is really badly worded.

Motion To Amend Clause 2, Bill 4-89(1), Carried

I move that clause 2 of Bill 4-89(1), An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act, be amended by deleting subsection 16.7(3).

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Your motion is in order. Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Clause 2, part II.1, termination of employment, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 3, reinstatement or compensation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 4. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The bill as a whole as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree that Bill 4-89(1), An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act, is now ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: With committee's permission I am prepared to proceed to An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Bill 10-89(1). Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Is there is response from the standing committee on legislation or the standing committee on finance?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: I would like to move progress at this time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Your motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

I will now rise and report progress.

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

ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER OF ARCTIC CONTAMINANTS; COMMITTEE REPORT 1-89(1), REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE 1989-90 MAIN ESTIMATES; BILL 1-89(1), APPROPRIATION ACT, 1989-90; MINISTERS' STATEMENT 15-89(1), RELOCATION OF ARCTIC COLLEGE HEADQUARTERS; BILL 4-89(1), LABOUR STANDARDS ACT

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering the Matter of Arctic Contaminants, Ministers' Statement 15-89(1), CR 1-89(1); Bills 1-89(1) and 4-89(1), and wishes to report progress. The Matter of Arctic Contaminants and Ministers' Statement 15-89(1) are concluded; and Bill 4-89(1) is now ready for third reading, as amended. Thank you.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Speaker, I believe we do not have a quorum.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. We do not have a quorum. Mr. Clerk, would you ring the bells please? The Chair recognizes a quorum. Thank you. Item 19, third reading of bills. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I ask for unanimous consent to go back to Item 9, petitions.

MR. SPEAKER: The Member is seeking unanimous consent to return to Item 9, petitions. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Pudluk, proceed.

ITEM 9: PETITIONS

MR. PUDLUK: I would like to present Petition 12-89(1), from Grise Fiord regarding the new rental scale for public housing. It has 39 signatures.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Item 9, petitions. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: I seek unanimous consent to return to Item 11, tabling of documents.

MR. SPEAKER: The Member is seeking unanimous consent to return to Item 11, tabling of documents. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Pudluk, proceed.

REVERT TO ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 74-89(1), also from Grise Fiord, concerning the new rent scale. I have it only in Inuktitut, but I believe I will receive the English one later on. Thank you for your co-operation.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. We will take that in any language you choose. Tabling of documents. We are back to orders of the day. Item 19, third reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 19: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Third Reading Of Bill 7-89(1): Petroleum Products Tax Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 7-89(1), An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour? Thank you. All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 7-89(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

Third Reading Of Bill 4-89(1): Labour Standards Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 4-89(1), An Act to Amend the Labour Standards Act, as amended, be read for the third time.

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

AN. HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 4-89(1) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Item 20, in accordance with Motion 12-89(1), giving the Speaker authority to set hours, the sitting hours for tomorrow, Wednesday, March 15, 1989, will be 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1:30 p.m. until the committee deems that the day's work is done. Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a meeting of ajauqtit at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Wednesday, March 15th.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, March 15th, at 10:00 a.m.

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