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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1989

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Red Pedersen): Orders of the day for Friday, April 7th, 1989. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Mr. Wray.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 37-89(1): All-terrain Vehicles Act

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in response to a question by the Member for High Arctic on April 5, 1989, I indicated that the by-law-making capabilities of municipal councils regarding all-terrain vehicles had been reduced. I would not wish my remarks to be misconstrued, and therefore, wish to amplify those remarks as follows:

The amendments to the All-terrain Vehicles Act are designed to deal with the problems of three-wheeled and four-wheeled ATVs being used on roadways. The amendments provide for the registration of such ATVs on a territorial basis and require them to be insured. There are also provisions regarding the minimum age of the operator, the use of helmets and similar requirements.

A municipal council has no by-law-making authority with regard to these provisions, which apply across the Territories. However, municipal councils retain their authority to make by-laws regarding other kinds of all-terrain vehicles, including snowmobiles, wherever they are used. In addition, by-laws may still be made, under the Motor Vehicles Act as well as the All-terrain Vehicles Act, regarding the rules of the road and these will apply to all-terrain vehicles operated on a roadway, including three-wheelers and four-wheelers. Finally, municipal by-laws may be drafted providing for the safe use of all types of all-terrain vehicles operated in areas other than actually on a roadway. Thank you.

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

Ministers' Statement 38-89(1): Public Discussion Paper On Municipal Financing

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, local governments across the North continue to face the challenges of meeting the demand for municipal services with limited resources, dealing with the demands of rapid population growth, and responding to the need for general improvements in housing standards and other service standards in their communities. The Government of the Northwest Territories recognizes and supports the important role of municipal governments in serving the public of the Northwest Territories. This year the Department of

Municipal and Community Affairs will provide a total of well over \$52 million in direct contributions to local governments. This figure includes \$15 million in capital funding and \$37 million in O and M funding. As well, the department will be undertaking nearly \$33 million of capital work with and on behalf of local governments. The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs is a partner with community governments in meeting local needs. Community infrastructure is the foundation for community economic and social development.

As a step to further strengthening this relationship, I am pleased to announce the release of a public discussion paper on municipal financing which I will be tabling today and distributing to all local governments, to the NWT Association of Municipalities and to members of the public. This paper is intended to serve as a basis for the consolidation and completion of comprehensive policies related to municipal capital and O and M funding assistance to local governments which have been in development in the department for several years. The paper also outlines the elements of proposed policy initiatives in land development pricing and financing. As well, it describes the department's commitment to the system of property assessment and taxation as one means, among others, of local government financing, and calls upon local governments which are not yet municipal taxing authorities to consider seeking such authority. I will be looking forward to receiving comments from all local governments throughout the next several months.

As a complement to this public consultation process, a committee with joint membership from the NWT Association of Municipalities, the NWT Association of Municipal Administrators and departmental staff will be examining the proposals in this public discussion paper in greater detail and making policy recommendations. It is anticipated that the committee will begin its work this month and will complete the review of the O and M funding proposals by June of this year and the review of the capital assistance initiatives by November.

It is my hope that with this twofold consultation approach, many positive changes in municipal financing and a full understanding of issue areas will result, leading to even stronger and more effective local governments, and an enhancement of our partnership. Thank you.

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

Ministers' Statement 39-89(1): Greenland Home Rule Government Meetings, April, 1989

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report upon recent developments concerning our neighbour to the east, Greenland. In accordance with the decision of Executive Council for the Government of the Northwest Territories to "assert its legitimate role as a major participant at the international level, with particular emphasis on responding to circumpolar issues", the Hon. Titus Alloo and I met with the Hon. Jonathan Motzfeldt, Premier, Greenland Home Rule Government, and Mr. Hans Pavia Rosing, Greenland MP to the Danish Parliament, on December 1, 1988. At this meeting we agreed that it was in the best interests of both governments to have good relations and to hold another meeting in April 1989 to discuss a program of co-operation dealing with the fishing and shrimping industry, wildlife research, both terrestrial and marine, education, culture and tourism. As well, the president of the Arctic Winter Games Corporation will be discussing the possibility of sending a cultural delegation from Greenland to the 1990 Arctic Winter Games. Hopefully, athletes from Greenland will be able to attend the 1992 Arctic Winter Games.

A draft protocol of consultations has been prepared and is presently being reviewed by the Greenland Home Rule Government. Under this protocol, there will be a program of activities respecting the above-mentioned topics with a co-ordinating group made up of a ministerial co-chairperson and four senior activity co-ordinators at the deputy minister level from each government.

The co-ordinating group will be responsible for: co-ordinating the activities of the separate activity programs; monitoring progress in each activity; developing new activities in such areas as municipal affairs, health, medical and social services, justice and public works; and reporting semi-annually through program co-chairpersons to their respective governments on the progress of the activities under the program.

Mr. Speaker, I will lead a delegation of Ministers, MLAs and senior officials to Greenland, April 10 to 14, 1989, at which time a program of exchanges will be concluded between both governments.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I am very optimistic that this protocol will introduce a new era of co-operation between both regions in which the people will ultimately benefit in such areas as culture, education, scientific research and economic endeavours. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Government Leader. Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Authority For All-Terrain Vehicles

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the Ministers have the right to make a correction, I also have the right to make a clarification in what I was trying to say. I believe we have a misunderstanding between me and Mr. Wray about the all-terrain vehicles. On page 2674 of the unedited transcript of Hansard Question O473-89(1), he indicated that the community will no longer have the authority to regulate some aspects of all-terrain vehicles. A community did have that authority and held it for a considerable amount of time. He also indicated that in some cases a community refused to bring in the law, but they did have that power and had that power for at least the last 10 years that I am aware of. That is what he said to me and I am trying to reply to him. The last 10 years; that is a long term; but in my constituency the hamlet has been only allowed for two years. The settlement that has been a settlement for the last 10 years cannot pass a by-law unless approved by the Commissioner. My question was, that power has never been there in the last 10 years but what I am trying to say now is those new hamlets in the High Arctic...

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Pudluk. Your two minutes for Members' statements is up. Members' statements. Mr. Gargan.

Member's Statement On Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, as Members are aware, the Sir Alexander Mackenzie canoe race, or in short, SAM canoe race, is to be held this year and I rise today to give thanks to those involved in helping with this great event and to update Members on the status of preparation. I wish to thank some of the people who have been very helpful in providing some of the financial and other assistance to this celebration.

My thanks go to our Western Arctic MP Ethel Blondin, Members of the GNWT, GNWT Intergovernmental Affairs deputy minister, George Braden, and finally to the Minister of Employment and Immigration, Barbara McDougall. To update preparations for the race, fund raising has been going very well. To date local donations for the celebration total over \$16,000 and government's contribution is \$32,000 and corporate donations are over \$5000. In addition, a truck raffle and sale of souvenir merchandise will raise more money. At present the construction of the voyageur style race canoes is going well. Fifteen local people have been hired to build the canoes, including a project manager.

Thirty race canoes are expected to be completed by the start of the celebration on June 30. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement On Natives In Government

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not know how well I could do this in two minutes but I will try anyhow. Last night through the CBC national news, as well as on the CBC radio yesterday evening and this morning, I heard the commissioner of the Human Rights Commission, Mr. Max Yalden, indicate that native people must be brought to the highest level of standards.

This confirms to me, Mr. Speaker, what some of us have been trying to say for many years to the governments in general in Canada, that native people must be brought into the highest levels of responsibility, placing native people into top management positions.

This government, Mr. Speaker, prides itself by crediting itself that it has more native people in the government civil service and I think that is very good but, Mr. Speaker, what I would like to indicate to this House is that native people must be put into more positions of real responsibility, including deputy minister positions for Inuit of Nunavut, so that they begin to prepare themselves to take over the responsibility of government civil service once Nunavut becomes a territory. The fact is, Mr. Speaker -- well, I congratulate this government for taking that kind of initiative. Inuit of Nunavut must be recognized to have real quality in terms of being able to manage their own destiny in the future. Thank you.

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

Member's Statement On Buildings Haunted By Ghosts

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I noted that just a week ago there was tremendous interest being expressed in this House and throughout the community on the number of buildings that seem to be haunted by ghosts. Mr. Speaker, there have been suggestions even that the GNWT may even be contemplating hiring an exorcist to go around to get all these buildings repossessed so that people can then live in them with some degree of comfort. However, Mr. Speaker, if such an enterprise does take place I would suggest that there be some kind of list of priorities because there have been ghosts in this Territory for many, many years and people become very attached to them.

For example, when I lived in Cape Dorset there was a man called Felix Conrad, years ago, and he is said to haunt one of the old buildings there and it will be a terrible thing if people have become attached to something for a long period of time and then find that that presence is no longer there. In the case of Arctic Bay, I believe there is a building that still exists haunted by a man called Jimmy Bell. Jimmy Bell died many, many years ago; he loved the place so much that he did not want to leave. And if people want to stay in a place so badly that they have developed a legend for such a long period of time, it would be a terrible thing to then ask them to leave a premise to which they have become attached so very closely.

So, Mr. Speaker, although there may be recently arrived ghosts that annoy people and upset people, the ones that have been with us for a long time, I think, should be allowed to inhabit those places and remain undisturbed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. I trust you are not planning to make plans for yourself. Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Alloofoo.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Further Returns To Question O7-89(1): Result Of Consultation With Federal Government Regarding Whaling; And To Question O53-89(1): Clarification Of Bowhead Issue

HON. TITUS ALLOOFOO: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to questions asked by Mr. Ernerk on February 9 and 10, 1989, regarding bowhead whale research. I have written to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada to inform him of the concern of Eastern Arctic residents about the lack of current information on bowhead whale populations in the Eastern Arctic. I have also encouraged him to develop a northern consultation process so that our government and Northerners can provide advice on the priorities, direction and content of future fisheries research.

Return To Question O88-89(1): Difference In Polar Bear Tags; And Further Return To Question O112-89(1): Polar Bear Hunting Seasons

If I may, Mr. Speaker, I have another return to questions asked by Mr. Ernerk on February 15 and 16, 1989, concerning opening dates for polar bear season in Repulse Bay. Repulse Bay hunters have access to 22 polar bear tags. As the Member for Aivilik stated, these tags are divided among several hunting zones, each with its own opening date. I have provided the Member with a history explaining how this occurred.

The Department of Renewable Resources is completing a draft polar bear management plan for the Northwest Territories. During the review of this draft plan, hunters will have the opportunity to discuss these types of problems and to suggest changes. Qujannamiik.

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

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O488-89(1): Polar Bear Tags, Melville Island

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister of Renewable Resources. Quite some time ago on Melville Island there were 12 polar bear that we could harvest. The communities of Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Resolute Bay and Holman Island were able to harvest polar bears from that area, but the people in my community, and in Arctic Bay and Pond Inlet, requested six polar bear tags from that area. Has this request of those communities to get six polar bear tags from the Melville area been considered by Renewable Resources?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

Return To Question O488-89(1): Polar Bear Tags, Melville Island

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, some part of Melville Island has been taken by the Inuvialuit as part of their land claims, so the communities of the Western Arctic have had those tags from Melville Island. I am doing research on this at the present time. I cannot tell the Member for High Arctic at this time whether the 12 tags will be allocated to Resolute Bay or Pond Inlet at this time. I cannot tell him today. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Pudluk.

Supplementary To Question O488-89(1): Polar Bear Tags, Melville Island

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not want 12 tags but I just want them distributed among the Baffin communities and the Holman communities, because Melville Island has belonged to the Baffin for quite some time. Since the Inuvialuit have claimed part of it, now it is split in the middle. Melville Island is split in the middle, some for the Inuvialuit and some for the Eastern Arctic people. What we want to do is to divide the 12 tags, six for the West and six for the East. I just wondered whether that has been considered by Renewable Resources.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Yes, I will look into that, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Question O489-89(1): Increase In First Air Freight Rates

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question is directed to the Minister responsible for Transportation. I think it is Mr. Butters. Recently I heard from the Baffin Region,

from Cape Dorset, that First Air are going to increase their freight rates up to 25 per cent. I just wondered if this was true. And if it is true, it is not going to be good for the community of Cape Dorset. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. The Minister of Transportation is Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not aware of the increase in rates but I will find out for the Member what rate increases First Air are proposing and I will advise the Member as soon as I get the information. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Wray. The question is taken as notice. Mr. Ernerk was next.

Question O490-89(1): Delay In Enforcement Of Legislation

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Transportation and it is with regard to the enforcement of the all-terrain vehicles legislation, which came into effect as of April 1st, 1989. The Minister knows that there have been quite a lot of complications, especially with regard to the issue of insurance, and as the Minister knows with regard to the issue of lack of helmets within the retail stores, etc. I am wondering if the government would consider delaying the full enforcement of this act at least until June 1 of 1989, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not think it is possible to delay enforcement of a law that has already been passed but I will take the question under notice and get back to the Member on just what can be done.

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

Question O491-89(1): Utilization Of Legal Interpreters

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is directed to the Minister of Justice. I think it was last summer the interpreters took a course on court interpreting and they are going to be taking some more training, probably this year. Right now there is a Supreme Court case being done in Cape Dorset but they have sent an interpreter that has not taken that legal interpreting course. I just wondered why the interpreters took that kind of a course when the courts are not going to be utilizing them. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

Return To Question O491-89(1): Utilization Of Legal Interpreters

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not aware of the specific case. For the first time ever, as the Member knows, we put on a course and are in the process of doing another course right now. Unfortunately, the system is not totally put together, and I think there are some flaws in the system. The intention, though, is to have interpreters who have taken the course to interpret in court. I will find out exactly why. I think it will probably take us another year to get the system together so that we always have somebody in court who has taken the course. I thank the Member for his comments.

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

Question O492-89(1): Legal Roads In Communities

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. I heard recently from the public that some of the communities do not have any legal roads, with regard to the act. I heard today that Lake Harbour does not have

any roads in their community. Sometimes I see a lot of stop signs all over the community, and I just want to find out if what I am hearing is true. Do some of the communities not have any roads? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

Return To Question O492-89(1): Legal Roads In Communities

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. As far as I am aware, every community that I have been in has roads. Whether they are good roads or not, that is subjective. Most communities do have roads in terms of the legal sense for speed limits for the operation of vehicles, etc. I do not know the precise legal definition of roads, but certainly Lake Harbour, which I have been in two or three times, has roads; what we would call legal roads. There may be some very small communities that do not have legal roadways, but I cannot think of any, for example, in any of the communities I have ever been in.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The Chair would like at this time to recognize in the gallery Ms Mary Oordt, the national president of the Canadian Mental Health Association. Welcome.

---Applause

Oral questions. Mr. Ernerk.

Question O493-89(1): Good Samaritan Legislation

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Justice. Is there a Good Samaritan act in the NWT?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

Return To Question O493-89(1): Good Samaritan Legislation

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: First of all, I thank the Member for notice of the question. There is not. Because of the Member's concern he raised with me yesterday, we are researching it, but at this point there is not such an act.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Ernerk.

Supplementary To Question O493-89(1): Good Samaritan Legislation

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary. Since there is not, should the government not be considering putting in place a Good Samaritan act for the NWT?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

Further Return To Question O493-89(1): Good Samaritan Legislation

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: As I said, because the Member brought it to my attention we are looking into it right now.

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

Question O494-89(1): Transfer Of GNWT Employees

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Government Leader. Whenever the employees you have in the NWT want to transfer to another community, can they have a transfer prior to consulting with their immediate supervisor? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Return To Question O494-89(1): Transfer Of GNWT Employees

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, as I understand the question I would not think it would be possible for an employee to transfer without the approval or the knowledge of their immediate supervisor. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Pudluk.

Question O495-89(1): Social Worker, Resolute Bay

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder why the social worker in Resolute Bay just went on a holiday without consulting with or it being approved by her immediate supervisor, and she decided not to come back. At the present time the social worker is in Fort Simpson. How was that social worker able to take a leave without an approval and move to another community just by herself? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Pudluk, we will take that as a new question. Minister of Personnel.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice.

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

Question O496-89(1): Progress Re Agency For Hiring Public Servants

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Personnel. Since the House was very accommodating to the government in getting the government main estimates passed so that we could get on to other business, we did not ask many of the questions that were on many of our minds at that time. So my question to the Minister of Personnel is, what progress has she made toward developing more of an arm's length agency for the hiring of people into the public service? A public service commission being just one of those forms to be used for that purpose.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Return To Question O496-89(1): Progress Re Agency For Hiring Public Servants

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I did indicate to the Member, I believe at the earlier part of this session, that the department is certainly reviewing all options that may be presented to cabinet. Exactly what the progress is in the current process of reviewing, hopefully, as we had indicated in the House, we anticipate that legislation may be certainly possible to bring forth to the House in the fall session. I would like to mention to the Member that the first draft for the review on options, the review to the Public Service Act, which has been worked on for some time through the Department of Personnel, is certainly going to be reviewed by this summer -- the draft act. And I can assure the Member that we are steadily progressing on this area. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O496-89(1): Progress Re Agency For Hiring Public Servants

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My further question to the Minister of Personnel is this: Has the government then decided, having reviewed at least some of these options, that an arm's length approach to the hiring of staff is in fact going to be the approach the government will take?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Further Return To Question O496-89(1): Progress Re Agency For Hiring Public Servants

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, no.

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

Question O497-89(1): Assistant Regional Director, Keewatin Region

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Government Leader. With regard to the assistant regional director's position in Rankin Inlet for the Keewatin Region, this position has been vacant since the latter part of 1988. I am wondering, Mr. Speaker, what is being done to fill this, which I consider to be a very important position?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Return To Question O497-89(1): Assistant Regional Director, Keewatin Region

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, as I had indicated earlier in this session, I had asked the regional director, Mr. Vaydik, to begin a search to see whether he could find suitable permanent northern residents who could assume the assistant regional director's position with a view to preparing to take over the regional director's job. Mr. Speaker, I have learned that the search that was conducted informally by the regional director has not yielded sufficient interest amongst candidates to allow us to make an appointment.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I have approved the holding of a competition to see if we can attract more interest, particularly from the Nunavut area, and the competition will be advertised shortly. I am hoping that it will attract more candidates than we were able to identify through an informal search. I have written the Member just a few days ago to inform him of that process and I am going to give it the highest priority to ensure that we can fill that position as quickly as possible. I am aware that it has been vacant for an undue length of time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O498-89(1): Construction Of Access Roads By Arctic College Students

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Education. As the Minister knows and the Members know there are several tourism sites along highways and some small communities desire an access to nearby highways. Over the years past, Ministers responsible for tourism and highways have acknowledged that these are worthwhile projects, but funds have not been available to accomplish them. At the same time we have a heavy equipment course in the Arctic College program that has been in jeopardy recently. The access to the Hay River Reserve was constructed by AVTC over a decade ago. As well, the Thebacha Campus has undertaken some projects in the Fort Smith Region. Since there are no funds to construct these projects using the private sector, maybe this could be an Arctic College project to give the students practical experience.

I would like to ask the Minister of Education if he will convene meetings of officials of the three departments concerned to see if these projects can be funded from existing project moneys within the three departments. As well, since this might be considered a summer credit course for students in that program, possibly CEIC money might be accessed to make these projects viable. I would like to ask the Minister if he will be able to get together with the highways and tourism people to see if there is a possibility of using the Arctic College course as a way of getting some of these small projects along the highways accomplished.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O498-89(1) Construction Of Access Roads By Arctic College Students

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I will take the suggestion that the Member is making and give it some serious thought.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Arlooktoo.

Question O499-89(1): Youth Counsellor, Lake Harbour

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Social Services. We had a discussion concerning our young people and trying to assist them. For that reason I have received a letter from Cape Dorset, from the mayor. They want to go to Lake Harbour to do some counselling of the young people in Lake Harbour. My question to the Department of Social Services is, can they provide travel expenses for this counsellor to travel to my community? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I will look at the request and review it. I would like to take the question under notice to determine whether or not we will be able to assist. Thank you.

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

Question O500-89(1): Response To Remarks By Chairman Of Human Rights Commission

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Government Leader. During my Member's statement, I indicated that Mr. Yalden, chairman of the Human Rights Commission, indicated to the Canadian population yesterday that native people must be brought to the highest levels of standards. What is the Government Leader's immediate reaction to this? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Government Leader.

Return To Question O500-89(1): Response To Remarks By Chairman Of Human Rights Commission

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I have heard the report that the Member is referring to on the national news. I have not had an opportunity, of course, to see the full text of the remarks of Mr. Yalden. However, I would say, as a general response, that I agree entirely with the goal, that we should be seeking to enhance the opportunities and the status of aboriginal people in Canada and particularly in the Northwest Territories where they are a majority.

I would like to think, Mr. Speaker, that almost every action of our government is directed toward this end in the fields of education, economic development, health and indeed all other departmental activities. I concur with the sentiment and I think our government is dedicated to those goals. I am not sure, Mr. Speaker, if the commissioner was referring to the situation of native people in the NWT, but I will look at the full text and see if there are some things we can apply to our particular situation here. Thank you.

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

Question O501-89(1): Funding Requested By Young People, Pangnirtung

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When the Government Leader was in our community, he was facing the young people and they had concerns that they raised. I think the Government Leader remembers.

Have you consulted young people in the communities? Have you made any negotiations with the young people concerning the funding they had requested? If you could answer me, thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Government Leader.

Return To Question O501-89(1): Funding Requested By Young People, Pangnirtung

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the Member may know that I was in Pangnirtung with the federal Minister of State responsible for Small Businesses and Tourism, for the native economic development program and the Economic Development Agreement, the Hon. Tom Hockin. We primarily concentrated, in the time that we had available in Pangnirtung, on looking at ways in which our governments together could support the arts and crafts industry, which is thriving in Pangnirtung. As well we spent some time and indeed took a trip out onto the ice to examine first-hand the halibut fishery, which is now active as a result of some three years of development work, principally by our Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

Mr. Speaker, I did not have an opportunity to spend any time with the young people who presented me with a proposal for a youth program centre while I was at a dinner the evening before we left Pangnirtung to return to Iqaluit. I did, however, have a chance to speak to those young people at the dinner. I told them that we were concerned about the future of youth in Pangnirtung. I told them that the Minister responsible for Youth, Mrs. Jeannie Marie-Jewell, is planning a trip to the Baffin in the coming months and that I would pass the proposal on to her and suggest that when she visits that community she should take the opportunity to meet with those young people and discuss their concerns with them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O502-89(1): Lay People Appointed As Judges

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Justice. Just recently there was a conference in Thompson, Manitoba, a northern justice conference, native law. It was pointed out at the conference that in Greenland they are having a considerable amount of success in having lay people as judges, people that are not trained as lawyers but have been very successful in every level of the judiciary. They take on everything, and quite successfully. I wonder if the Minister of Justice is going to be assessing these suggestions and these programs that are taking place in other places and implement something like that in the North, where we have a predominance of native people as justices of the peace and a large population of native people who are being dealt with by the law.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

Return To Question O502-89(1)): Lay People Appointed As Judges

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the Members know, we had a number of people down at the conference. There were a lot of innovative things happening in different places in the world in the justice systems. We are assessing all of those and, as I said in the House, my number one priority as Minister of Justice, now that the responsibility of safety is no longer with Justice, is to explore innovative options in the justice system to make the justice system of the Northwest Territories a lot more applicable to the people who live here.

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

Question O503-89(1): Clean-Up Of Drunk Tank

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Justice. A lot of times we hear in the Northwest Territories -- I felt this in my heart deeply when I heard that the drunk who is from Pond Inlet, when he was in jail and wet the floor, the police had to clean up the mess. I was touched by this. Do the police do the duties in the jail when the person

is in the drunk tank? If he wets the floor, then is it the duty of the RCMP to clean up the mess? Is this your policy? Is this a true situation? I would like to get an answer from you as to whether it is the duty of the RCMP to clean up the mess in the drunk tank.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take the question as notice. Thank you.

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

Question O504-89(1): Radiation Effects Reported By WCB

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question that I would like to direct to the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board. A little while ago I asked her a question about the annual report of the Workers' Compensation Board, specifically about radiation effects. She replied that the injuries related to radiation were from welding flashes. I wondered why they put it under radiation because there is a significant difference between welding burns, welding flashes and radiation; and when you look at this it appears to be associated with radioactivity. I wonder if there are any cases in the Northwest Territories where people have been injured as a result of radioactive materials rather than flash burns.

Return To Question O504-89(1): Radiation Effects Reported By WCB

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, when the question was asked of me previously, on checking we found no incidents related to radiation. However, since the category and the coding are vague and may be misleading, I have already sent over a directive to Workers' Compensation suggesting that the coding be more clearly worded so people would not be misled by the coding arrangements we have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O505-89(1): Clean-Up Of Intoxicated Persons By RCMP

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A supplementary to Mr. Kilabuk's question. Perhaps it is the same but it was not answered by the Minister of Justice. The question, as I understand it, basically was if a prisoner urinates in a cell, apparently what happened was that his clothes were taken off and washed, his body and his clothes. The question is, is there a regulation in place within the RCMP when something like this happens? Is there a regulation?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I have no idea and I will take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Ernerk.

Question O506-89(1): Disposal Of Old School, Repulse Bay

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of DPW. What is going to happen or what is being planned for the disposal of the old school in Repulse Bay?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray. I am living in the past. Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I will take that question as notice. I was aware that Mr. Ernerk was to ask me that question and I have asked the department to see what the status is and on Monday I will be able to give the complete process on how we are going to handle that school and the disposal of the school.

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

Question O507-89(1): Preventive Measures Taken On Suicides

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Social Services. Last month we spent a whole day discussing the issue of suicides in the Northwest Territories and we specifically asked the government to establish a number of preventive measures on suicides. What has been done to date, Madam Minister?

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Return To Question O507-89(1): Preventive Measures Taken On Suicides

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I can assure the Member that my department is working diligently and proceeding very quickly in reviewing all the recommendations that came from this House and I will be discussing it further with them. However, we are formulating a strategy in regard to this issue and specifically targeting in what areas we want to implement them in first and what priorities are to be addressed first. However, I do want to give the Member the assurance that this issue is being looked at as a priority issue in my department. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Gargan.

Question O508-89(1): Social Assistance For Unemployment Insurance Recipients

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Social Services. During the last two years at least, I recall that people that are drawing or applying for unemployment insurance have asked for social assistance. They have been given assistance on the condition that they would repay if they get their unemployment insurance cheque. I would like to ask the Minister whether this is normal practice, and what are the guidelines regarding this particular concern?

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Return To Question O508-89(1): Social Assistance For Unemployment Insurance Recipients

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, taking into consideration the need of the client, this issue is assessed with the social worker and the client. As it is the mandate of the department to ensure that the basic necessities of clients are met, the idea of advancing or being able to assist clients during the time when they are waiting for their UIC money is generally dealt with between the client and social worker, and is looked at on a case by case basis.

We are looking at this particular issue when the social assistance regulations are being reviewed because it is certainly a concern that it has not been applied on a consistent basis. I want to ensure that it is looked at within the regulations to be able to address it. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O508-89(1): Social Assistance For Unemployment Insurance Recipients

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Minister indicated that this type of an arrangement is done between the social worker and the client. They do have what is called the Social Assistance Act -- believe it is a federal act -- that is followed when assistance is given to an individual. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not, in the act, there is such a provision to indicate that if a person -- normally when you draw unemployment insurance there is about a six week to two month waiting period before you actually receive your first cheque. Also, depending on whether you quit or got laid off or were fired, there is also a certain period of time

in which you are not eligible for that benefit. This has been brought to my attention time and time again, and I would like to ask the Minister -- I understand what she is saying with regard to the social worker and the client -- but is it a general practice for the department to be doing that?

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Further Return To Question O508-89(1): Social Assistance For Unemployment Insurance Recipients

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, it is general practice if the client is identified to be in need of assistance. If I can advise the Member, Social Services does fall under the regulations to determine the need of the client, and because it is cost shared with the federal government, we try to adhere to the Canada assistance regulations that they impose on us as a government. I cannot really specifically give a yes or no answer because it is applied on an inconsistent basis, and it is difficult to assess whether it is an issue that can be dealt with on a continual basis. Therefore I cannot give him an affirmative or a negative answer. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, further supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O508-89(1): Social Assistance For Unemployment Insurance Recipients

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I am not too clear on what the Minister is saying. Normally, the practice right now is that assistance is given on the basis of whether you have any income coming to you, or whether you have income that came to you. In the case of a person that has applied for unemployment insurance, the individual does not know whether he will still be eligible for that benefit or not. Naturally, he perhaps would give the impression that he will be receiving money when, in fact, he is not too sure. I would like to ask, under the Social Assistance Act, is there anything in the act that applies specifically to unemployment insurance benefits and the conditions of giving assistance to such people?

MR. SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I will take that last question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The question was taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Gargan.

Question O509-89(1): Social Assistance Payments

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to address my question to the Minister of Social Services. Last month there were quite a few people out of work in Fort Providence, young bachelors, if you want to call them that, who have approached me with their social assistance cheques. The amounts ranged in the neighbourhood of \$172 for a month. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not that is a fair amount, or whether it is \$380 or somewhere in that neighbourhood, that they should actually be getting, considering the fact that the people are unemployed and they are not getting any source of income, either on a part-time basis or even pursuing additional activities.

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Return To Question O509-89(1): Social Assistance Payments

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, the amount that is given to clients is determined between the social worker and the client, depending on different elements, such as whether or not the individual is working, how much money they are receiving, and the amount of expenses that the individual has. If they are, for example, living in public housing and unemployed they do pay a minimum rent of around \$32 and that expense is taken into consideration when their needs are calculated. The amount of food that is allocated to an individual or a family is under the social assistance regulation guidelines. They have different scales that are applied. These amounts for

an individual are also on a different scale system depending on the location where they are in the Territories. It is very difficult for me to stand up and basically say that a client can get approximately \$300 and that every client should get a specific amount, when you do not know their expenses, you do not know their income, you do not know their particular situation. I would indicate that social workers, in assessing the needs with the clients, review the different expenses and income that each client has. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, Mr. Gargan.

Supplementary To Question O509-89(1): Social Assistance Payments

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister then, the client that I am talking about, his name is Fred Sambale. He has absolutely no source of income, and last month he told me this. He also lives at the senior citizens home and does pay I think \$32 as the Minister indicated, but he has no source of income except for what he gets from social assistance. So I would like to ask the Minister whether or not she might be able to look into that and actually tell me how much he is entitled to or whether or not he is being short-changed.

MR. SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Further Return To Question O509-89(1): Social Assistance Payments

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I feel it is unethical for me as Minister to review clients' needs on an individual basis and then indicate to this House whether or not they are short-changed or given adequate funding. What I propose to do is to advise the Member on a confidential basis if there are concerns in the way the worker has dealt with the client. I certainly will ensure that a review of cases is looked at but I will not and I certainly do not want to nor do I feel I will be able to give that type of information in this House. Thank you.

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

Question O510-89(1): High School Grades, Coral Harbour

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Education. I asked this question in March of 1989 with regard to the possibility of extension to grade 10 in the hamlet of Coral Harbour. I understand that the Minister has approved the extension to grade 10 in that community. Could the Minister confirm this?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O510-89(1): High School Grades, Coral Harbour

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Yes, I can confirm that. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Gargan.

Question O511-89(1): Loan Guarantee For Hay River Reserve Band

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Housing, Mr. Butters. It is with regard to the non-profit housing association proposal that was given by the Hay River Reserve Dene Band. It is with regard to getting the loans guaranteed for the reserve. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not there were any arrangements made for such a guarantee either by the federal Minister or by the Executive themselves.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O511-89(1): Loan Guarantee For Hay River Reserve Band

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, there have been no guarantees made at the present time. The matter is still under active discussion in Ottawa between a member of our Ottawa government office and the department, so it is receiving current attention, sir.

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

Question O512-89(1): Delay Of Planned Access Road, Hay River Reserve

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, you must understand that I will be acting as the Speaker all next week and this is the only time I have the opportunity to ask most of the questions maybe for this winter session. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Transportation, Mr. Wray. Mr. Wray, you did write me a letter about a year ago regarding a plan for an access road to the Hay River Reserve which I believe was scrapped or was put on hold. I would like to ask, Mr. Minister, on what basis was this planned project dissolved? I would like to find out what the circumstances were leading to eliminating that plan. Actually I was surprised to see that it was not reflected in this year's capital estimates. I am curious as to why this project was scrapped when in fact under the main estimates of last year it was approved.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. I will have to take that question as notice, Mr. Speaker. In fact, I may have to reply to the Member in writing because the criteria for establishing priorities are fairly complex at times and they are based on traffic and stuff like that. So I will seek to get an answer for the Member and if it is exceedingly long or complicated then I will reply to him in writing. I will try to give him a shortened version at some point in time before the close of session.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Minister. The question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Item 6, written questions. Mr. Nerysoo.

ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W22-89(1): Status Of Human Rights Code

MR. NERYSOO: Written question to the Minister of Justice. What is the status of the Human Rights Code and when does he intend to introduce that particular code into this House for discussion?

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

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Return to Question W8-89(1), asked by Mr. Nerysoo to the Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation, on home-ownership assistance program units.

Return To Question W8-89(1): HAP Units

The Hon. Tom Butters' return to Question W8-89(1), asked by Mr. Nerysoo on February 21, 1989, regarding HAP units. To be eligible under the home-ownership assistance program, HAP, the applicant must hold title or control the land prior to the commencement of construction. Types of land tenure acceptable are: fee simple title, long-term lease, or band council resolution allowing long-term use.

The NWT Housing Corporation provides a five year capital construction forecast to the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs and to each community in the Northwest Territories. The construction forecast indicates to each community council the number of new housing units to be constructed in their community over a five year period. The process gives community councils the choice of selecting between public housing units and home-ownership assistance program units, or a combination of both. This process is reviewed with the community annually and is flexible enough to permit councils to adjust their allocation to meet the needs of their community as identified in the most recent annual needs survey.

Land development in the Northwest Territories has historically been the responsibility of the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs. However, in 1987, an interdepartmental steering committee was established. This committee consisted of representatives of Municipal and Community Affairs, the NWT Housing Corporation and the Department of Finance. The committee's task was to examine land development, valuation and pricing of land in the NWT. The goal of this committee is to ensure that there is an adequate number of affordable developed lots to meet each community's housing needs. Currently, the price of a developed lot in a given community is based on the cost to develop the lot. Consequently, this sometimes creates an affordability problem for the potential HAP applicant. For this reason, the interdepartmental steering committee is in the process of developing a program to provide assisted loans to residents of the Northwest Territories for the purchase/lease of land for primary residences.

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

Item 8, replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, petitions.

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

ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Tabled Document 85-89(1), A Discussion Paper on Financing Municipal Government, March 1989.

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

MR. NERYSOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Tabled Document 86-89(1), a summary of Issues in Human Rights, The Native Peoples: A Matter of Survival. Hopefully this will give some words for thought for those that are supposedly...(inaudible)...aboriginal self-determination and aboriginal rights.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Nerysoo. Tabling of documents. Item 12, notices of motion. Mr. Ernerk.

ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 19-89(1): Support For Constitutional Alliance

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to give notice that on Monday, April 10, 1989, I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that this Assembly encourages the alliance as a matter of priority: i) to develop for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly and the other parties in the Constitutional Alliance, such constitutional documents as the alliance may see fit to present; ii) to recommend a process which will provide for public participation in a) the development of such constitutional documents; and b) the ratification of such constitutional documents in the NWT; and iii) to recommend a process for the presentation of such constitutional documents to the Parliament of Canada. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. Notices of motion. Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Ms Cournoyea.

ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 14-89(1): Workers' Compensation Act

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, April 10, 1989, I shall move that Bill 14-89(1), An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act, be read for the first time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Ms Cournoyea. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 13-89(1): Student Financial Assistance Act

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Monday, April 10, 1989, I shall move that Bill 13-89(1), An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act, be read for the first time.

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

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Aivilik is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today regarding support for the Constitutional Alliance. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Mr. Ernerk, proceed.

ITEM 14: MOTIONS

Motion 19-89(1): Support For Constitutional Alliance

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS this Legislative Assembly is committed to the constitutional development of the Northwest Territories founded on a partnership between aboriginal and non-aboriginal peoples;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is committed to the development of government in the Northwest Territories which is open and accessible to all residents of the Northwest Territories and promotes and protects the rights of all residents in a harmonious and just manner;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly has consistently supported and participated in the Constitutional Alliance in the past and the Constitutional Alliance continues to have a vital role to play in the constitutional and political evolution of the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the Iqaluit agreement of January 15, 1987 is recognized as an important landmark in the constitutional development of the Northwest Territories;

NOW THEREFORE I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that this Assembly encourages the alliance as a matter of priority:

- i) to develop for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly and the other parties in the Constitutional Alliance such constitutional documents as the alliance may see fit to present;

- ii) to recommend a process which will provide for public participation in:
 - a) the development of such constitutional documents; and
 - b) the ratification of such constitutional documents in the Northwest Territories; and
- iii) to recommend a process for the presentation of such constitutional documents to the Parliament of Canada.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. The motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Ernerk, as the mover of the motion, would you like to lead off?

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The motion, Mr. Speaker, speaks for itself. I would just ask for a question.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The seconder of the motion, Mr. Kakfwi, do you wish to speak? Mr. Kakfwi does not wish to speak to the motion. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, could I seek a point of clarification, please, on the motion?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Nerysoo, go ahead.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Speaker, if I could ask the mover and the seconder whether or not the aboriginal organizations were consulted in the development of this particular motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, I had spoken to the president of TFN on this motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, the motion is intentionally very short and to the point. It is following the demands by the Dene Nation and the Metis Association to have some statement of support coming from the Legislature for the Constitutional Alliance in its last year. My feeling is we ran it by the Constitutional Alliance in Ottawa about two weeks ago and there was no difficulty with it. The Members all realized that the intent was to indicate support for the Constitutional Alliance and that if there are other motions that they want to consider they should not attach it to this one but rather bring forward their own separately. Thank you.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ernerk, you do not wish to sum up?

MR. ERNERK: No, Mr. Speaker.

Motion 19-89(1), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Item 14, motions. Item 15, first reading of bills. Bill 15-89(1). Mr. Lewis.

ITEM 15: FIRST READING OF BILLS

First Reading Of Bill 15-89(1): Liquor Act

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Hay River, that Bill 15-89(1), An Act to Amend the Liquor Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lewis. The motion is in order. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 15-89(1) has had first reading.

Item 16, second reading of bills. Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to give second reading to Bill 15-89(1) today.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre is seeking unanimous consent to give second reading to Bill 15-89(1). Are there any nays?

AN HON. MEMBER: Nay.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. We have Rule 60(2), it states that: "On extraordinary occasions a bill may be read twice or thrice, or advanced two or more stages in one day, unless such action is opposed by two or more Members." I have one nay. Are there any further nays?

AN HON. MEMBER: Nay.

MR. SPEAKER: I have two nays. Unanimous consent is denied. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters. Tabled Documents 76-89(1), 58-89(1) and 59-89(1) and Bill 3-89(1), with Mr. Gargan in the chair.

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

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER TABLED DOCUMENT 76-89(1), POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NWT; TABLED DOCUMENT 58-89(1), REPORT OF THE REGIONAL AND TRIBAL COUNCILS REVIEW CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE; TABLED DOCUMENT 59-89(1), GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE REGIONAL AND TRIBAL COUNCILS REVIEW CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The committee will now come to order. We are dealing with Tabled Documents 76-89(1), 58-89(1) and 59-89(1). Yesterday when we were discussing those documents we were still on general comments. General comments. Mr. Nerysoo.

MR. NERYSOO: Mr. Chairman, I move we report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): There is a motion on the floor to report progress. This motion is not debatable. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

I will rise now and report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF Tabled DOCUMENT 76-89(1), POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NWT; Tabled DOCUMENT 58-89(1), REPORT OF THE REGIONAL AND TRIBAL COUNCILS REVIEW CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE; Tabled DOCUMENT 59-89(1), GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE REGIONAL AND TRIBAL COUNCILS REVIEW CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Tabled Documents 76-89(1), 58-89(1) and 59-89(1), and wishes to report progress.

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: The House is agreed.

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

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker. There will be a meeting of ajauqtit immediately after adjournment; a meeting of caucus at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon; meetings on Saturday, at 11:00 a.m. a meeting of the standing committee on legislation, and at 1:00 p.m. a meeting of the Management and Services Board; on Monday, at 9:00 a.m. a meeting of ajauqtit, and at 10:00 a.m. a meeting of the standing committee on public accounts.

ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

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18. **Report of Committee of the Whole**

19. **Third Reading of Bills**

20. **Orders of the Day**

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Monday, April 10th, at 1:00 p.m.

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