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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1989

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Angottitauruq, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Crow, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Lewis, Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell, Mr. Morin, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Whitford

ITEM 1: PRAYER

--Prayer

DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr. Gargan): Orders of the day for Monday, April 10th, 1989. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Ms Cournoyea.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 40-89(1): Pension Increases

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to inform this House that the Workers' Compensation Board has implemented supplementary pension increases of 4.15 per cent. The pensions are for disabled workers and dependants and will be retroactive to January 1, 1988. Pensions for disabled workers and dependants are based on what the board calls the yearly maximum insurable remuneration. This money was increased to \$40,000 on July 1 of last year, and as a result any accidents that occurred after that date included the 4.15 per cent increase. Mr. Speaker, the supplementary pension increases I am announcing today will ensure that everyone receives the same benefit. The increase is equal to the increase in the consumer price index since the last supplementary pension increase on January 1 of 1987. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Item 2, Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Mr. Lewis.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Future Of Tree Of Peace

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today out of concern for the future of the Tree of Peace. This organization was founded in June of 1970 and has earned itself an excellent reputation, both in this city and throughout the Territories, as a place which provides a wide variety of services including education programs, programs to do with alcohol and drug awareness, helping native people to get employment. It is a referral organization for people who want help in writing letters, completing forms and various other functions that individuals find difficult in doing for themselves. It is also the agency that looks after the fine option program, in helping to provide people with ways in which they can work off their fines. It helps people with income tax; it operates Camp Antler, a very important camp about 25 miles outside of Yellowknife, and a variety of other things, Mr. Speaker.

In 1984 when Mr. Nielsen, the deputy Prime Minister at that time, analysed all the government programs, specifically the programs designed for native people, the friendship centres were identified as one of the most efficient and most effective programs designed to fulfil these functions in this country. So it is a concern to me, Mr. Speaker, that they now face some cutback

in their grant from the federal government and I would urge this government, that provides no real support to the friendship centre, to assist in any way they can to make sure that this very important organization is able to continue and to provide the very high level of service that it has been known for. Thank you.

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

Member's Statement On Child Care

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to address the child care issue again. This issue, of course, as you are well aware, has received a lot of ink, a lot of air time, since it was first talked about some time ago, and particularly last fall. I think one of the things that is happening is that people are interpreting child care as becoming institutionalized, something that the state is taking over and going to force on people. It is seen as day-care centres where people are getting a lot of something for nothing, but when I spoke on child care last fall, and when I speak of it now, I look at it in more ways than just the institutional establishments, the day-care centres.

I would like this government to look very seriously at alternatives to the institutionalized day-care centre. I would like to see places made available to parents who choose to work, right at the workplace. They can take their children there, and some parents in that establishment can look after these children and rotate. Our Legislative Assembly is an excellent place for something like that to take place. We have a lot of people on staff that have children, that could come here with these children in the morning, see them through the day and still get their work done.

The other thing, Mr. Speaker, is flex time. There is absolutely no reason why this government cannot take the leading role in saying that a parent who wishes to work can start at 9:30 in the morning and finish at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon; take their children to school, let them learn through the day in those particular institutions, and then at 3:00 in the afternoon meet them at the door, take them home and still be part of their full parental responsibility for the rest of the day.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Item 3, Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Kakfwi.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Return To Question O203-89(1): Compensation And Benefits To Executive Council

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: This is a reply being made on behalf of the Government Leader to a question asked by Mr. Lewis on February 24, 1989, regarding compensation paid to Ministers. He had asked for some information regarding salaries and benefits to the Executive. The following information is being provided:

The ministerial indemnity annually is \$56,415 per year. The ministerial indemnity for the Government Leader is \$62,655 per year. Thirdly, a headquarters housing allowance is available to those Ministers who maintain a home in their constituency and rent staff accommodation in Yellowknife. The intent of the allowance is to lessen the burden on Ministers maintaining two households. The amount of the allowance should cover the cost of renting and maintaining temporary accommodation in Yellowknife.

Upon appointment, Ministers are entitled to relocation assistance from their home constituency to Yellowknife. Return to home constituency at the completion of a Minister's term is also available. Ministers are entitled to claim the equivalent of 32 economy class return air trips per period of 12 consecutive months between their home constituency and Yellowknife. Ministers are entitled to 20 days' annual leave and annual vacation travel assistance. Ministers may use government pool vehicles. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Ms Cournoyea.

Further Return To Question O480-89(1): Status Of Urangesellschaft In Canada

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, this is a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Lewis on April 6, 1989, regarding Urangesellschaft Canada Limited. Mr. Speaker, Urangesellschaft Canada Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of the West German company, Urangesellschaft. The parent company is active world wide in uranium exploration and uranium refining. The head office of Urangesellschaft Canada Limited is located in Toronto at the Toronto-Dominion Bank Tower.

In addition to the Kiggavik project, Urangesellschaft has other Canadian exploration programs. Urangesellschaft is working on a series of properties in the Baker Lake area. The largest project other than Kiggavik is a joint venture with Daewoo Corporation, Korea, and Power Nuclear Corporation on the Sissons-Schultz claim block, and that is within 10 kilometres of the Kiggavik site. Urangesellschaft also holds a 42.9 per cent interest in a uranium property near Hatchett Lake, Saskatchewan. Other major Canadian investments include a limited partnership with ESI Resources, Earth Sciences Incorporated Resources, and this is on a uranium extraction plant located near Calgary. Urangesellschaft holds 49 per cent of this project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Further Return To Question O408-89(1): Government Advertising In Native Press

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Don Morin on March 15, 1989, regarding advertising policy. The Department of Personnel is looking at all the aspects of competition advertising across the North and the South. They are looking at it from the perspective of our needs to fill various positions. They are analysing all potential market areas as well as examining past procedures.

I would like to re-emphasize that all aspects of this area are being thoroughly looked at in detail and a comprehensive review is being done. We will look at all aspects of fairness in advertising. We will also thoroughly examine all possibilities of equal opportunity for advertising in all northern media. An options paper will be developed for cabinet review in order for a decision to be made on our process. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question O39-89(1): Funding For School Bus, Pangnirtung

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: This is in response to a question asked by Mr. Kilabuk on February 10, 1989, on funding for busing school children in Pangnirtung. The busing of children to and from school was introduced in 1975 at the request of the Pangnirtung hamlet council. At that time the airstrip was not fenced and the Commissioner gave the hamlet a small bus on the understanding that busing would be handled locally at no additional cost. Since then the airport runway has been fenced and a warning light installed on the gate. However, busing has continued in this community partly because residents have come to expect the service and partly because of continuing concern that children may still try to cross the runway. The Department of Education purchased a replacement bus in 1986 and provided funding for the driver's salary, and every year the amount of financial support requested by the community to support this service has increased.

After many discussions between the hamlet council, community education council, Baffin Divisional Board of Education, and the Department of Education, a decision has been made that is satisfactory to all. The hamlet council has agreed that the Baffin Divisional Board of Education will take over responsibility for busing. The Department of Education will provide the divisional board with funds for a part-time driver. The Department of Public Works and Highways will handle

bus maintenance and fuel requirements. This arrangement will resolve the hamlet's concerns and ensure that a reliable busing service is provided for all eligible students. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question O225-89(1): Support For Dene/Metis Education Conference

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: A response to a question asked by Mr. Morin on February 27, on funding for the Dene/Metis education conference. In November, 1988, the Dene/Metis education steering committee requested funding for community and regional representatives to attend a workshop on Dene/Metis participation in education. A response was sent to that committee in early December stating that funding had been provided for a number of education studies beginning with the work of the special committee on education and that the purpose of the conference seemed to be a duplication of the issues and findings already researched with the help of department funds. As well, advice is received on these issues from LEAs, boards, divisional boards, Arctic College Board of Governors, NWT Trustees Association and the curriculum advisory council.

As education has been identified as a priority by the Dene/Metis steering committee, the committee may choose to provide independent advice on education issues. The proposal for funding for a conference co-ordinated by Dene/Metis education steering committee will be considered, but only if the conference is consistent with the goals of the Department of Education. As well, it is expected that the conference will promote the value of education and add to the existing body of knowledge obtained through previously funded research and conference activities. Thank you.

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

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: I have four more.

Return To Question W14-89(1): School Playground For Spence Bay

This is in response to a question asked by Mr. Angottitauruq, on February 23, regarding a school playground for Spence Bay. At the time the Spence Bay school was built, a small level play area was prepared. As the school playground is used both by the school and the community, the community education council purchased the playground equipment and the hamlet set it up. Since then, the community education council has purchased a second set of equipment for the playground, but before the hamlet can set it up the playground site has to be expanded and prepared. The expansion of the playground was discussed at a March 3, 1989, meeting of the executive committee of the Kitikmeot Divisional Board of Education. The divisional board agreed to consult with the department, the Spence Bay community education council and the hamlet. Neither the divisional board nor the Spence Bay community education council has contacted the department on this issue. However, it has been identified and will be resolved. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi, go ahead.

Return To Question O296-89(1): Management Contract For Ukkivik Residence To Be Tabled

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: This is in response to a question asked by Mr. Nerysoo on March 3, 1989, regarding terms of reference for operating the Ukkivik Residence. The Education Act provides the Minister of Education with the authority to operate residences, and states that the Minister of Education may delegate that authority to divisional boards of education. The guiding principles for the operation of all student residences are included in the residential school policy which I provided on February 27, 1989, in response to a written question.

There is no management contract for the operation of the Ukkivik Residence in Iqaluit because the residence is administered by government employees, rather than through a contractor. The Baffin Divisional Board of Education directs the operation of the residence. The Minister of

Education delegated the general authority to administer a school residential program to the Baffin Divisional Board in the Baffin Divisional Board agreement signed in 1985.

Return To Question O236-89(1): Older, More Responsible Students

Again, in response to a question asked by Mr. Nerysoo on February 28, 1989, regarding student age criteria in residences. The Government of the Northwest Territories residential school policy provides for the accommodation of students who are required to leave their home community to continue their school program. The policy provides for local boarding for older, more responsible students, which may be interpreted to mean students who are 19 years old, or who are in their graduating year. Younger students who have a record of responsible and mature behaviour, students who have steady employment outside of school, may also be considered for boarding with local families. The provision of boarding for students in local homes depends on other factors as well, such as whether or not the residence is fully occupied and the availability of suitable home boarding arrangements in the community. Thank you.

Return To Question O235-89(1): Grollier Hall Policy Re Student Residents

Again, in response to a question asked by Mr. Nerysoo on February 28, 1989, regarding the Grollier Hall residence policy. Grollier Hall residence accommodates students who come in from 11 different communities in the Inuvik Region, who range in age from 15 to 20 years and are enrolled in grades 10 to 12 and senior practical programs at Samuel Hearne Secondary School. The academic record of students in Grollier Hall indicates that students taking a fuller course load do better than those taking fewer subjects. The superintendent of education reviews the courses planned for each student to make sure he or she is making the best choices. All students are now being counselled to take at least three subjects.

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

A response to a question asked by Mr. Zoe on March 14, 1989, on the Dogrib Divisional Board of Education. Discussions have been held with the interim Dogrib Divisional Board of Education, and I am confident that any issues which have been raised will be resolved in a way that ensures the board can carry out its responsibilities. The Dogrib Divisional Board of Education was established on April 1, 1989. The continued development of the board will be supported by the Department of Education.

Return To Question O443-89(1): Repairs To Deh Cho Hall, Fort Simpson

A response to a question asked by Mr. Sibbeston on March 16, 1989, with regard to repair of the Fort Simpson hostel. The Department of Public Works has completed a report on the Fort Simpson hostel and there are a number of recommendations in the report. One of the main recommendations requires that a fire alarm system be installed in the building. The Department of Education is reviewing the report and cost estimates, and based on this report will soon submit a proposal for the Executive to consider. It is not possible now to say when the repairs will take place. The timing depends on the extent and cost of the repairs, and whether or not the Executive approves additional funds for this project. The department will inform the Member for Nahendeh when a decision has been made. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Morin.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O513-89(1): Negotiations For Construction Of Dene/Metis Transient Centre

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Health, as well as the Minister of DPW. Both the same person. Madam Minister, what is the stage of the Dene/Metis

transient centre that is supposed to be developed in Yellowknife by the Yellowknife B Band council?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Return To Question O513-89(1): Negotiations For Construction Of Dene/Metis Transient Centre

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the negotiations for the Dene/Metis medical boarding home with the Yellowknife B Band had begun earlier and one of the biggest obstacles to overcome is to have all the organizations in support of the Yellowknife B Band constructing such a unit. We began the process in offering a proposal for a building relatively the same as the Kitikmeot transient centre. However, in discussions and negotiations in the last two months, the Yellowknife B Band came forward with a proposal that was considerably larger and more expensive than the parameters that the GNWT and I, as Minister of Health, were authorized to work under.

Since the last few months, we have agreed to increase the number of beds from 24, which is the number of beds at the Kitikmeot, to 32. We have moved up from the 10,000 square feet of the transient centre to 13,000 and the Yellowknife B Band feels that they still want more square feet at this time. However, we are trying to impress upon the Yellowknife B Band that we have obligations under our budgetary requirements to look forward to the Winnipeg boarding home, as well as the request at Iqaluit. So although the Yellowknife B Band has been doing very well in negotiations I believe that the only problem that we have right now is that they want 15,500 square feet which basically this government really cannot afford. So hopefully with the meetings that we have had over the last four weeks and the fact that a meeting is taking place this afternoon, I hope by this evening we will be able to conclude the negotiations.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Morin, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O513-89(1): Negotiations For Construction Of Dene/Metis Transient Centre

MR. MORIN: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Madam Minister, I have been informed by the Yellowknife B Band that they started negotiating this transient centre with the government and they basically always met whatever the government asked for, so they produced a proposal. Now they have produced three proposals. At first the government asked for a proposal so they started off with one proposal. Then the government instructed them to make it bigger so they made it bigger; up to 15,500 square feet. Then they took it back to the government and the government said to make it smaller. That does not make much sense to me, you know. It seems to me like the government is giving them a hard time, not negotiating in good faith which they should be. I am glad to hear that you would conclude the negotiations today. Do you have an estimated time of when construction would start?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Further Return To Question O513-89(1): Negotiations For Construction Of Dene/Metis Transient Centre

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, let me clear up the statement. I realize everyone has to come in at the negotiating level. The parameters of the building were put out as they related to the Kitikmeot Boarding Home. The Yellowknife B Band came back with a proposal that was for 24 beds but which was built on one floor and spread out so they required a little more space. The indication from the territorial government was they probably could get a fairly significant building within the Kitikmeot Boarding Home criteria. However, it was felt very strongly by the Yellowknife B Band that they would like a building that was more attractive and had some symbolism to the community. When they came back they did come back with significantly higher square footage than was originally suggested in relationship to the Kitikmeot Boarding Home and

so we asked them to trim that back to reflect the 24 beds. When they argued that they needed 32 beds, we concurred with that. They came back with a plan containing 15,500 square feet.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that we all would like to agree to giving what individuals want but I believe that they are not being "nickelled and dimed" and they are not being played around with. It is just the fact that what they want and what we are able to fund are somewhat apart. However, I believe if the negotiations can conclude today and I hope they will be able to be concluded after the meeting, certainly I am willing to make a final decision today, taking into consideration their further requests. I would suppose that as soon as we decide on the final negotiations, the square footage, then I believe the Yellowknife B Band will have to conclude with their architectural firm on the details. Then it is just a matter of when they are ready to go, that construction would begin.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Morin, supplementary.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Madam Minister, I hope that we learn by our past mistakes. I know I do. I realize that there is, from what I hear, overcrowding in the Kitikmeot Boarding Home and there is no room for cribs for newborn babies to be in the same room as their mothers. They have a hard time with that. That is going to be allowed in the Dene/Metis boarding home. As well, there are no family rooms in the other boarding home and those are hopefully being allowed to be built in this new one. I hope you take that under consideration when you do negotiate. As well, when you are negotiating, it is always nice to keep the rules the same. You should not change them constantly for the bands and I commend Yellowknife B Band for having the patience and the staying power and not throwing their arms up in disarray, especially when they are dealing with bureaucracies such as your department that do give them a very rough time. I guess I do not have a question...

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Morin, do you have a question?

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Member's comments.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Sibbeston.

Question O514-89(1): Location Of Boarding Home

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister would give us a bit of a history as to how the medical boarding home got to be situated in that part of town, in Rainbow Valley. I understand it is being located there. While I am not opposed to it being located there, I am just concerned about the transportation of patients to and from the hospital, the hospital being the other end of the city, and also the distance from Rainbow Valley to uptown. Can the Minister give us a history of that? Also, are there any provisions for transportation, either the medical home having a bus or else some extra moneys for taxi, because obviously it is going to cost as much or more for a patient to stay in the home as the costs for transportation?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Return To Question O514-89(1): Location Of Boarding Home

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, there was considerable discussion on the location of that particular boarding home. We wanted to work with the Yellowknife B Band because they felt that this was a project that their community could be totally involved with and it would be much more appropriate to have it down in that particular location. I feel that the community wants to be totally involved with this project. Even though the cost will be higher in terms of the fact that the construction will have to take into consideration that there will have to be special provision for water and sewage in the building, I believe that it is significantly important enough for that community to give the community something that that they have done themselves. I think these are some of the requests that come from a lot of people when we should, on as many occasions as possible, have a facility that the people are part of.

Certainly in the provision of transportation to and from, we realized at that time that the cost would be higher, but we also accepted that the project was important enough to the Yellowknife B Band, that in the operation and maintenance contract this would be built in. Thank you.

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

Question O515-89(1): Financial Aid To Native Students

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, recently the Minister of DIAND, Mr. Cadieux, announced a change in policy on student financial aid for native students. Since our own act and regulations require that in matters of student financial aid for status people we would be guided by federal guidelines -- and this is stated in our legislation -- is the Minister of Education contemplating changing this act so that we no longer have to follow federal guidelines, or is he making some other arrangement?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O515-89(1): Financial Aid To Native Students

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, the level of assistance that we provide to students is currently being reviewed. There is a policy in place that makes it more up-to-date in terms of the level of support that we give to students. Currently there are a lot of problems, and for the last two years regarding the type of support and the level of support that students have come to expect, there are a great number of appeals to us for emergency allowances, and that sort of thing. The intent is to provide as much support as possible to all of our students, treaty and non-treaty. We do not necessarily believe that we can justify, as the federal government is, cutting back the support that they are providing to native students at this time.

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

Supplementary To Question O515-89(1): Financial Aid To Native Students

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, until 1981 the kind of support that was provided for post-secondary students in the NWT was given on the basis of having gone through the same school system, same teachers, same curriculum, and all those people who qualified to go to university would be given the same kind of student financial aid. However, it was pointed out that the federal government, for status people, had a different arrangement and therefore it was required in our own legislation that we differentiate between non-native students and those people who would qualify under the policy. Since obviously the Minister for Indian Affairs no longer considers this to be a treaty right, or something which has to be given through policy to status people, will the Minister then be looking at revising the system so that everybody who goes through the same school system in the NWT will be treated in the same way?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question O515-89(1): Financial Aid To Native Students

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: The Government of Canada is not in the same predicament as we are. They would like very much to give up all responsibility for native people if they could. In our case, we are a new government and we are doing everything we can to assume responsibility, particularly for native people in areas that are considered the direct responsibility of the federal government, such as, as he points out, in education. I do not take the view that it is not a treaty right. If that can be demonstrated in courts of law, then that would probably move us to relook at the legislation and the nature of the support that we give, but not based on the opinion of one Minister.

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

Supplementary To Question O515-89(1): Financial Aid To Native Students

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, since we have a law on our books that requires that we treat native people in the NWT according to whatever policy has been devised by the federal government, so that native people in southern Canada could be given special kinds of assistance, and since that no longer is happening, is the Minister going to keep his law on the books and continue to disobey it? Because under current arrangements this new policy means that we can no longer do what we are doing, if we are to remain consistent with the federal government. Is he, therefore, going to be disobeying his own law?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Further Return To Question O515-89(1): Financial Aid To Native Students

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: I do not think I will be disobeying any law. Thank you.

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

Question O516-89(1): Products Made From Sharks

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Economic Development. Although he is not in the House, maybe somebody can answer me. I asked this question before, and I would like to get some more clarification, with regard to shark products. I just want to know in what way Economic Development can help us with regard to making products from sharks, and whether they could give us some money. Who is going to be assisting us in that? Will it be Renewable Resources or will it be Economic Development, so that we can make shark products to sell? I do not know which Minister can answer that. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: I will take the question as notice. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. The question is taken as notice. Mr. Angottitauruq.

Question O517-89(1): Rent Payments On Behalf Of Welfare Recipients

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Minister of Social Services, and it is with regard to rent payments on behalf of welfare recipients. Since last year Social Services have stopped issuing cheques to housing associations for rent payments, and some housing associations are having difficulty in receiving payment from the welfare recipients. To correct this problem, what is the Minister's department doing in reviewing this matter? Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Return To Question O517-89(1): Rent Payments On Behalf Of Welfare Recipients

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, we are currently, as far as I am aware of, not doing anything to correct the problem. Rent payments are made directly to the client, which then gives them the responsibility of being able to pay for some of their debts, of which rent is one. This process not only allows them to try to become more independent but gives them a sense of responsibility in trying to recognize what type of requirements are needed to meet expenses on a daily basis. I think it is basically doing an individual harm when we take on the full responsibility of paying their rent, paying outright all expenses and taking away any sense of independence from an individual. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Kilabuk.

Question O518-89(1): Visit To Baffin By Minister Of Social Services

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister responsible for day-care. I have heard that you will be visiting the Baffin Region in the near future. I just wondered exactly when you are going to be going over there and I would like to know the dates when you are going to be coming in. I just wondered if you will be accompanied by a federal Minister that deals with the day-care system. When will you be coming to visit our communities, Madam Minister?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Return To Question O518-89(1): Visit To Baffin By Minister Of Social Services

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the Government Leader had suggested that I was going to be visiting the Baffin, and I did intend to visit the Baffin this summer or this fall. However, on my priority of visits to the regions I do have the Kitikmeot and the Keewatin because of the fact that I have been to Iqaluit numerous times. However, I certainly do want to make an attempt as quickly as possible to get into the outlying settlements around the Baffin Region. When I do go into the Baffin I do intend to only travel with my officials and not any federal Ministers.

The day-care program that the Baffin, or Pangnirtung in particular, is trying to set up is also, I believe, allowed for funding under the child care initiative funds which are allocated out of Ottawa. However, if the Baffin or the community of Pangnirtung requires assistance, I would then be willing to request our officials to assist the community in formulating their funding requests through Ottawa. Thank you.

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

Question O519-89(1): Alternatives To Institutionalized Child Care

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question, the first one, is directed to the Minister of Social Services under whose responsibility child care is. Will the Minister be able to advise me as to whether or not her department officials are exploring any alternatives to institutionalized child care, whether the department is exploring any of the alternatives that had been suggested to her and to this House some time ago on child care, as options?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Return To Question O519-89(1): Alternatives To Institutionalized Child Care

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we all are aware, our child care program currently is an interim program which allows us to look at flexibility in the future when we do deliver a program on child care. In regards to exploring alternatives, I have to indicate to the Member, depending on what type of program the federal government is going to be looking at on a cost-sharing basis, this will determine the parameters of our future program. We certainly are trying to deliver a program that meets both the needs of people who want to utilize day-care centres and the needs of parental choice, which I feel is very important. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Supplementary, Mr. Whitford.

Question O520-89(1): Options In Child Care For Government Employees

MR. WHITFORD: It is not supplementary to the same Minister but it is on the same topic to another Minister. Is that permitted? Mr. Speaker, it is to the acting Government Leader then. Under the circumstances that the territorial government finds itself in now in depending on federal initiatives, federal moneys to come forward, is the territorial government exploring ways,

for example, the possibilities of using flex time within the government? To start off, to take the initiative and do that. Is the territorial government exploring that possibility, to allow employees that option in respect to child care?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O520-89(1): Options In Child Care For Government Employees

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I understand that presently we are not considering options because the program is interim. That might be one of the possibilities we look at if we settle into a more permanent sort of arrangement with the feds.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Mr. Whitford, supplementary.

Question O520-89(1): Options In Child Care For Government Employees

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, it is a supplementary to the same Minister on the same subject. The way I understand interim and the way I understand the funding from the federal government, the alternatives to day-care centres, something on which the territorial government could take the initiative, such as flex time, does not depend on the federal government. I am wondering if the government will explore that, will assign somebody to look at the ramifications to this, the cost of it, the possibilities, as remote as it may seem at times; look at that without waiting for the federal government to come up with any kind of legislation or programs or money. We can do this within our own government. I wonder if the government is looking at that possibility -- taking the initiative.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Return To Question O520-89(1): Options In Child Care For Government Employees

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Currently the program that we are delivering is no doubt an interim program and it is one of, as I had indicated initially when I announced the program, the many steps in a full day-care program that this government would be offering. I feel that we are at an early stage of development of a child care program and what the Member is requesting is a lot of comprehensive studying as an important element of a future program. However, I want to stress to the Member that our program is at an early stage. It is at an early stage of development. It is an interim program, and with all these certain elements taken into consideration it is difficult to be able to address the Member's concerns at this stage. I would say in the future, when in the future I do not really know right offhand, but later on down the road it could be considered. But currently it is not being considered. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Kilabuk.

Question O521-89(1): Community Visits By Federal Ministers

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary to my question earlier. It has been very convenient for the communities when the Ministers, including the federal Ministers, come to the communities. It has been more than once that our community has been visited by the two levels of government Ministers such as the Renewable Resources Minister along with federal government Ministers and also recently by the Minister for Small Businesses. They can make their own observations, especially the Ministers from the federal government. My question is, would the territorial government Ministers invite more federal government Ministers to the NWT? In that way the NWT would receive more recognition. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O521-89(1): Community Visits By Federal Ministers

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, the Ministers all take every opportunity, the government takes every opportunity to bring federal politicians, particularly current Ministers in the federal government, to visit the North whenever possible. Whenever we have an indication of interest on their part, whenever we can come up with good opportunities and occasions to invite them to carry out business or for visits, every occasion that comes to our attention is used to the fullest. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Lewis.

Question O522-89(1): Progress Of Native Employment Policy

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, this question is to the Minister responsible for Personnel. The government has had a native employment policy and it is now in its fourth year. According to my calculations the increase in the number of native people in the employ of the Government of the Northwest Territories has now increased by two per cent. At this rate I will be 84 years old and there will only be 16 per cent increase in the number of native people working for the Government of the Northwest Territories. Given the fact that we have already used up the big pool of people who are seeking employment and who wanted to work for the Government of the Northwest Territories, is the Minister of Personnel satisfied with the progress of the government's policy?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Madam Minister.

Return To Question O522-89(1): Progress Of Native Employment Policy

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Two per cent is certainly not satisfying as the amount of the result. However, the recently announced new affirmative action policy resulted in rescinding the native employment policy, and hopefully with the new affirmative action policy we will get greater results in hiring native people. I certainly, as a Minister, have stressed to departments and colleagues that we have to try to increase in the civil service, civil servants that reflect the population that we serve. I certainly hope, as a result of the implementation of the new affirmative action policy, this will happen in future years. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O522-89(1): Progress Of Native Employment Policy

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, again my question is on the native employment policy. The Minister has indicated that this new policy will add new dimensions but there is nothing in the new policy that adds anything at all to the hiring possibilities for native people. It remains the same. The only new things in this would be provisions for handicapped people and for women and also for young people who have spent half their lives in the Northwest Territories. So my question to the Minister is this, can she give us any indication of why this policy has not worked as well as people expected it to work?

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

Further Return To Question O522-89(1): Progress Of Native Employment Policy

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, the native employment policy, as we had indicated, is rescinded by the new affirmative action policy. Why we have not made substantial progress is for a variety of reasons. I certainly feel that the native employment policy when it was implemented was implemented not only with inconsistencies but with attitudinal difficulties from departments, management and overall government. It was sometimes, many times, implemented with resistance. I recall quite clearly, and I am sure this House recalls quite clearly, myself as a Minister making a decision for which the Member now speaking, publicly criticised me when I

implemented it and adhered to the native employment policy. So there were certainly difficulties when the native employment policy was to be implemented.

However, I believe with the affirmative action policy being looked at, being accepted, being developed by many different groups in the Territories that are sitting on the affirmative action advisory group, it would be more acceptable not only to government but to the unions and to the people of the Territories. It is basically to ensure in monitoring the policy that it does try to meet the target groups as indicated in the policy and therefore hopefully we will receive a much higher success rate with the affirmative action policy in comparison to the previous native employment policy. Thank you.

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

Supplementary to Question O522-89(1): Progress Of Native Employment Policy

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, since the Minister has indicated that one of the main reasons for the comparative failure of the native employment policy in achieving its objectives was attitudinal problems among managers who wanted to make their own choices in staff, would the Minister therefore not agree that something like a public service commission which takes these people out of the process and has an objective system which simply has to implement government policy the way it is laid down, would be a far better way of recruiting staff?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Further Return To Question O522-89(1): Progress Of Native Employment Policy

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, to date I am not fully convinced that is one of the ways to take in the process of trying to become more successful in ensuring that native people are within the public service. However, it certainly is one of the options that we can be considering. I will advise the Members that it is one of the options that would be probably developed for cabinet to review and make a decision upon. Thank you.

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

Question O523-89(1): Public Meeting Re Land Claims, Yellowknife

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to Mr. Ballantyne, Minister of Justice. There have been a number of concerns expressed by non-beneficiaries to the land claims settlement and over the past few months there has been very little communication from the responsible levels of government to the people. I understand there is a meeting taking place in Hay River where Mr. Osborn is going to be speaking to the public on the invitation of Mr. Pollard. I am wondering if Mr. Osborn has been encouraged to come to Yellowknife to speak to the people concerned here with the end results of land claims.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I am not sure in what capacity I am being asked this question. As an MLA I have talked with Mr. Osborn, and I understand he is going to try and have a meeting here. As a government, I think I will defer to Mr. Kakfwi.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O523-89(1): Public Meeting Re Land Claims, Yellowknife

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, the federal government, I think, a year or so ago had made a commitment that they were going to consult the public once the agreement in principle was signed and became a public document. That is the case now, and Mr. Osborn is returning to Hay River, where I think the first commitment was made. As far as I know, there is no request from

the local politicians. I think Mr. Ballantyne has indicated to Mr. Osborn directly that he would like Mr. Osborn to hold a public meeting here in Yellowknife some time in the near future, but other than that there has been no move on our part to ask him. There has been no request for it.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Oral questions. Mr. Sibbeston.

Question O524-89(1): Public Service Commission Unsuitable For Territories

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Personnel indicated just a few moments ago that eventually the matter of a public service commission will be considered by cabinet in a decision paper. I just want to ask the Minister whether she would take into consideration the fact that for the North, in my humble view, a public service commission is not likely to work as well as the present system. The provinces have a long history of public service commissions, and generally provinces are moving away from that. In the North we have a unique situation where the general population is not the same, in the sense that we have a majority of native people who are trying to develop toward becoming a part of the public service system. It is a unique situation that requires a very determined government and a very determined Minister in order to bring that about. Recognizing that, in my view, to set up a public service commission is simply to turn the matter over to a committee and would not work as well. Would the Minister be very conscious of this in her decision?

MR. WHITFORD: Point of order.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford, your point of order.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I thought that Members' statements were over and done with, I thought we were on question period.

MR. SIBBESTON: Point of order.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Sibbeston, your point of order.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I must say that I object to the Member suggesting that I am making a Member's statement. I think it is a good question. I provided some background on my views, and eventually asked the question. I am insulted that the Member would suggest that I was misusing the Rules and I ask for an apology.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

---Applause

---Laughter

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I guess I do not have a chance to check the Hansard, but if I insulted my honourable friend I do apologize, but I recall the House ruling me out of order for going on and on and on with background, so what is good for the goose is good for the gander.

MR. SIBBESTON: You are forgiven.

---Laughter

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Whitford. Mr. Sibbeston, could you state your question please.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, is the Minister going to answer my question?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Return To Question O524-89(1): Public Service Commission Unsuitable For Territories

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I do take into consideration the Member's comments and I certainly am trying very conscientiously to look at both the pros and cons of a public service commission, and I still do not feel I have been able to review the whole situation. I will keep the Member's comments in mind. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Mr. Morin.

Question O525-89(1): Percentage Of Native Employment In Department Of Justice

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister of Justice. What percentage of natives are in the Justice department? Short and sweet.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Ballantyne.

Return To Question O525-89(1): Percentage Of Native Employment In Department Of Justice

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I think I have answered that one. What number of native people are employed in the Department of Justice? I think it is eight per cent. It is not zero, do not be absurd.

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

Question O526-89(1): Hearings Re Proposed Pulp Mills

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A new question to the acting Government Leader. Last week at a joint assembly in Fort Smith the Dene/Metis passed a motion calling for a moratorium on industrial use of water upstream from the Slave River, until federal hearings can prove that the quality of water in the North will be maintained. Mr. Minister, are you going to be lobbying the federal government to see that these types of hearings are taking place on the proposed pulp mills on the Athabasca and the Peace River?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

Return To Question O526-89(1): Hearings Re Proposed Pulp Mills

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, we have not received, as far as I know, any communication from the Dene/Metis leadership with regard to their motion or what it is that they want us to do. In keeping with other lobby work that we do on their behalf, we would wait until we had had a meeting and some communication with them before we do anything.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Morin, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O526-89(1): Hearings Re Proposed Pulp Mills

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Acting Government Leader, as an MLA whose riding is directly affected by any pollution coming from Alberta, living on the shores of the Slave River, I am asking you if you are going to lobby the federal government to have these hearings in consideration of building these pulp mills on the Athabasca and Peace? From what we understand in Fort Resolution and Fort Smith they will, in fact, pollute the Slave and we want to be assured that we do not have the pollution of Alberta coming into the NWT. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, we need the Minister of Renewable Resources here to tell us in detail what he is doing with regard to the concern about what is coming in from Alberta and BC. Apparently he has been doing some work already with Alberta, but I am not certain what is

being done with regard to the federal government. I will take the question as notice and have the Minister or his department prepare a response. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Mr. Sibbeston.

Question O527-89(1): Consultation With Chiefs Re Transportation Of Gas

MR. SIBBESTON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must commend you for the work you are doing as Speaker today. I have a question for the Minister responsible for Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. A number of weeks ago, the Minister indicated public support for the future possibility of development in transporting gas from up in the Beaufort area to the South, and there are a number of companies that have made applications to the National Energy Board. I respect and support the general position of the government in the statement they provided the Assembly a number of weeks ago.

I was wondering if the Minister, inasmuch as I believe she has consulted with the leaders of the Dene and Metis, whether she would go the extra distance of also consulting with the Dene Nation and the Metis Association at their annual meetings or, alternatively, to go to all the communities and talk to the chiefs there to tell them about the government's position and just hear from the chiefs as a matter of respect. Ultimately if a pipeline goes from the Beaufort it may cross Dene and Metis lands and impact on the communities along the Mackenzie. I wonder if the Minister would do that.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Madam Minister.

Return To Question O527-89(1): Consultation With Chiefs Re Transportation Of Gas

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I want to assure the Member that we have consulted with the Dene Nation and with the Metis Association, and certainly the office of the Department of Renewable Resources is in continual communications with them. The statement prior to it being released was known to both the organizations as well as the Tungavik Federation and the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that we will be able to make that tour. As the Member is aware the present application is to do only with whether or not Canada should allow and permit the shipment of gas and dealing with the amount that is available and the concessions that are required for regional consumption. The major issue of a pipeline will be a subject of another hearing. However, it is my intent and the department's intent that we will set up a series of meetings in the communities with the chiefs and certainly I would have wished to go to the assembly in Fort Smith. However, we did make a decision here that certain Members of the Executive had to stay and be in the House to conduct this House's business. But I will assure the Member and other Members here that it certainly is my intention to deal with each community because it would be important for us as a government at this time to make known our commitments and our support, with the caveat that the rules and regulations and the needs of the people, in particular in the Mackenzie Valley, are met at this time. Certainly we are going to take a very aggressive stand. We are not making the position and support expecting that the type of decision-making from the past would prevail now.

So yes, I will be dealing with the chiefs. I have done so to a certain degree. We have had a meeting in Fort Good Hope and we did invite a number of the representatives and chiefs from the community and people from the community just after we made the statement. So we have done that to a certain degree and I intend to continue that type of communication. Thank you.

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

Question Period Extended

MR. LEWIS: I seek unanimous consent to extend question period, Mr. Speaker, since we are small in numbers and we may soon be running out of steam.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Member has asked for unanimous consent to extend oral questions? Are there any nays? There are no nays. We will extend the question period. Mr. Lewis.

Question O528-89(1): Sale of Reindeer Herd

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the acting Minister for Renewable Resources. Last night, Mr. Speaker, I watched an interesting program on one of our educational channels in which Farley Mowat is shown visiting many of what are called the small peoples in the Soviet Union and I was struck by the fact that in this part of the world there are over two million caribou or reindeer-like animals that people live on. My question to the acting Minister for Renewable Resources is, what is this government doing to try to retain in the Northwest Territories the Canadian reindeer herd that we hear is imminently going to be sent somewhere else or sold to somebody in southern Canada?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is taken as notice. Oral questions. Mr. Kilabuk.

Question O529-89(1): Regular X-Ray Examination

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Health. We were aware that in part of the NWT, in Repulse Bay, there was a TB outbreak and we have heard on the radio, during 1988-89, there has been a lot of flu in the NWT that has been going around and especially in the Baffin Region. The public is not examined or X-rayed regularly and even I have not had any X-rays done. During the times when C.D. Howe came we used to receive an annual X-ray. There were some cancers because of lack of examinations by physicians. Does the Minister know the dangers of TB? Can there be any examinations done to prevent any further outbreaks, as we have more resources and specialists in these areas than we did before, so that the residents of the NWT can be examined more regularly? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Ms Cournoyca.

Return To Question 529-89(1): Regular X-Ray Examinations

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, certainly over the number of years the medical health services have certainly improved. The honourable Member is certainly correct in saying that we should always be able to do a better job because we have more facilities and better communications. I think we had some discussion on tuberculosis control in the NWT and one of the indications that I had put forward is that we are going to step up the promotion and awareness on what people can do in promoting their own health and well-being. Certainly we do not want to go out and force people to receive treatment or to have X-rays taken. The service is available to anybody who asks for it and we are going to try and step up that promotional information so that people know about it. We have nursing stations in every community and if everybody wanted to go to the nursing station and request X-rays, they would be accommodated. When C.D. Howe came up it was more evident because everybody got the X-ray at one time, now people are receiving X-rays and treatment on a daily basis. So sometimes we do not see when people are receiving treatment. I certainly would recommend to the Member and certainly in the next few months when we are developing our promotional material on infectious diseases, perhaps we can work together to make people more aware of what is available to them just by asking. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. The Chair would like to recognize in the gallery 24 students that are taking a northern studies class at Sir John Franklin School. Their teacher is a former Member, Mr. Bob MacQuarrie.

---Applause

Item 5, oral questions. Mr. Sibbeston.

Question O530-89(1): Offer To Deal With Haunted Houses

MR. SIBBESTON: To the Minister of Housing, the Minister will know I raised the matter of spirits, ghosts, and things of that sort along a serious vein a number of weeks ago when the Housing Corporation was being dealt with. I think the interest in this area is quite vast, judging from the articles in the paper. I actually got a call from a radio station in Toronto asking me about it. But more recently I received correspondence from a woman in Toronto offering her services to deal with the matter. I have given the literature over to Mr. Butters thinking that he would be dealing with it. What is the Minister doing about this? Could he now be called the Minister -- the ghost buster?

---Laughter

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Butters.

Return To Question O530-89(1): Offer To Deal With Haunted Houses

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I do have the book of which the honourable Member has spoken. It is called "Simply Psychic" by Najla Mady. I did not understand that he expected me to respond to her. I would be happy to do so. I have not had an opportunity to read this booklet yet but I had intended to look at it. Obviously there have been other responses as a result of that news item and we are responding to every one we have received, thanking them for their interest and advising them, should their services be required, we will be seeking them out.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Item 5, oral questions.

Item 6, written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions. Item 8, replies to Opening Address. Mr. Butters.

ITEM 8: REPLIES TO OPENING ADDRESS

Mr. Butters' Reply

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, it would appear that this item might be taken off the agenda tomorrow and it would be remiss of me not to use this opportunity to express the gratitude of my constituents and myself to John and Helen Parker for their memorable and selfless contribution, not only to Inuvik residents but to all the people in the NWT for some 30 years of public service.

Many endings, in truth, are new beginnings. However, sir, John Parker's announcement at the opening of this session of his relinquishment of the role of Commissioner signified, in effect, the end of a key and critical phase in northern peoples' protracted struggle to govern themselves. John Parker, while an appointee, and a member of the senior staff of the federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, has ever in my experience worked for and constantly advanced the interests of northern peoples.

Frequently this determination and dedication has drawn to him the anger and criticism of his federal masters. He championed the advent of ministerial government and the placement of accountability and responsibility into the hands of elected representatives of the people. While our current constitution, the NWT Act, places upon his shoulders the responsibility of the administration of these Territories, John Parker no longer has a courtesy seat in this Assembly. He no longer sits at the Executive Council table and he occupies his special seat outside of our ropes less and less frequently. His absence from these councils demonstrates for all to see that his legislated power and authority has been transferred to your Executive Council and to us, the Members comprising this House.

I have known John and Helen Parker for almost 30 years. I have consulted with him when he was the mayor of Yellowknife. I presented a brief before him when he sat in Inuvik as a member of Dean Carrothers' commission on division and the evolution of northern governments in the mid-60s. I committed to him, in Inuvik, my support for him as Commissioner following Ben Sivertz's retirement from that post. And when the time came for John Parker to assume that role I remain immodestly pleased at my wisdom in supporting him on that occasion.

As a colleague of John Parker in the Council of the NWT between the years 1971 and 1975, I frequently sought his ever reasonable advice and wise counsel. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am honoured to have had the opportunity to serve and work beside John Parker in the public domain for nearly 20 years in both the municipal and territorial arenas. I have admired his patience and good humour, especially when these attributes were sorely tried on the occasions that I observed when accompanied him to Ottawa with senior officials of this government, where he laboriously negotiated our annual budget on a line by line, expenditure by expenditure, department by department basis.

Residents of the NWT have been well served by John Parker in his many roles: professional engineer, mayor, Carrothers Commission member, Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner. We are ever in his debt.

It needs no saying sir, that we are ever in Helen Parker's debt as well, for without her tireless support, enthusiasm and determination to accompany the Commissioner wherever his duties required him to travel in our Territories -- and that was everywhere -- I doubt he could have served us so ably and so effectively. The human face of our government for more than a decade has been John Parker's face.

My constituents and I thank you, John and Helen Parker. You will always be made to feel at home in Inuvik. While you may have no residence there as such, you will always have a home in our hearts. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Butters. Item 8, replies to Opening Address. Item 9, petitions. Mr. Arlooktoo.

ITEM 9: PETITIONS

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have Petition 14-89(1), from Cape Dorset, in regard to the day-care issue. They would like to get more funding for day-care in Cape Dorset and it is signed by 13 people. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have Petition 15-89(1), that I received from Peter Ernerk. It was signed in Rankin Inlet by people of the Keewatin. It is a request for establishing a birthing centre in the Keewatin, in Rankin. It is signed by 144 people. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Arlooktoo. Item 9, petitions. Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Mr. Morin.

ITEM 10: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report Of The Standing Committee On Agencies, Boards And Commissions, Committee Report 3-89(1)

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a report on behalf of our chairman, Henry Zoe, on agencies, boards and commissions.

Under its terms of reference, in Appendix A, the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions has the authority to review and comment on the annual reports of agencies, boards, public committees, councils and commissions to which the Legislative Assembly and the Executive Council, a Minister, or the Commissioner may make some or all of the appointments.

Accordingly, at its meeting on February 16, 1989, the committee decided to review the 1987-88 annual report of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women and requested that the committee's research officer prepare a briefing report on this agency for consideration at its next meeting. On February 23, 1989, the committee met to review the advisory council's annual report and other relevant information. The committee's deliberation focussed on the following aspects: mandate and power; structure and organization; budget and finance; accountability and priorities; and activities and accomplishments.

This review was not intended to be exhaustive, but rather attempted to identify areas of strength and weakness of the advisory council based on the information provided in the annual report and elsewhere, and thereby permit the committee to make constructive recommendations to assist the Minister and the Advisory Council on the Status of Women in fulfilling their objectives and mandates.

Observations And Recommendations

The committee would like to note that many of the observations and recommendations which it has made in this report concerning the Advisory Council on the Status of Women might also apply to a great number of other agencies, boards and commissions in the NWT. The committee's research suggested that there is a wide variation in agencies' requirements with respect to financial statements, conflict of interest guidelines, terms of appointments and other matters.

Members of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions have travelled to Ontario to observe the way in which agencies are administered by the government and reviewed by the equivalent legislative committee. As well, the standing committee commissioned research on the way in which Ontario's management board of cabinet provides directives and management guidelines for its agencies. The committee's impression is that the operation of government

agencies has improved with the introduction of these specific directives and that the legislative review of agencies has become more productive.

While the needs of the GNWT are not identical to Ontario's, the committee concludes that the government would benefit from the preparation of uniform directives for the establishment, scheduling and administration of all its agencies. The committee believes that the establishment of a formal set of ground rules would result in better administration of agencies and a more productive review by the legislative committee with these responsibilities.

Recommendation One

The government should immediately initiate the process of developing uniform directives for its agencies, boards and commissions. These would define criteria for the establishment of agencies, sunset reviews, and financial and administrative performance, and would provide a rational framework for the establishment and administration of all agencies, boards, public committees, councils and commissions operating at arm's length from the ongoing ministerial administration of the government.

The advisory council and the Minister responsible for the Status of Women have engaged in public debate through the media, regarding some aspects of their respective mandates, roles and responsibilities. The joint preparation of a memorandum of understanding on these matters might be useful and productive at this time, so as to more efficiently direct the efforts of all available resources toward the women's issues at hand.

In particular, this memorandum of understanding would be a suitable vehicle to delineate the council's budget planning and fiscal management strategies and its requirement for financial reporting in its annual report. It should address: how the advisory council is to be funded from territorial revenues; the need for ministerial or Executive Council approval of detailed budgets; the extent to which the advisory council may operate independently with respect to agreements with the private sector, other governments, etc.; a detailed description of financial planning, budgeting and accounting procedures; the need to maintain accounts in a manner consistent with previous years; the need to ensure consistency with overall government accounting policies, and practices to support the production of consolidated financial reports and to maximize clarity and accuracy in reporting; and the frequency of financial statements and the need ensure at least an annual financial statement for public release.

Recommendation Two

The Minister responsible for the Status of Women and the president of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women should negotiate, on a priority basis, a memorandum of understanding which will provide clear information on: the roles of the Minister and advisory council head; the financial and administrative arrangements, including staffing; the reporting requirements; and the relative mandates and responsibilities of each party.

The annual report contains nine specific recommendations to the Minister responsible for the Status of Women covering a broad range of issues and administrative matters. These appear to be consistent with the advisory council's mandate and powers under the act. These also fulfil the duty of the advisory council, under subsection 6(b) of the act, to advise the Minister on matters relating to the status of women that it deems appropriate.

The annual report does not discuss the finances of the advisory council and it appears that the council does not produce its own financial statement. Such a separate financial statement might make review by the standing committee more valuable, and would likely improve the internal management and accountability of the advisory council.

Recommendation Three

The Advisory Council on the Status of Women should provide information on its proportion of the Women's Secretariat's budget in the form of a financial statement to be included in future annual reports.

The activities of the council, as described in its 1987-88 annual report, appear to reflect most of the powers and objectives set out in the legislation. The overall mandate of the advisory council seems to be broadly covered. A greater indication of internal priorities and allocation of resources would assist in making review by the standing committee more productive in terms of recommendations.

Recommendation Four

In future annual reports, the Advisory Council on the Status of Women should clearly identify priorities among its objectives, and report to the extent possible, the proportion of human and financial resources devoted to each objective.

The Minister responsible for the Status of Women appears to be conducting an administrative review of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women and Women's Secretariat. The standing committee's recommendations, based upon its review of the advisory council's annual report, will be valuable to the Minister during this administrative review process.

Recommendation Five

The Minister responsible for the Status of Women should consider the findings and recommendations of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions as part of the administrative review of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Women's Secretariat.

Mr. Speaker, this concludes the first report of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions. Before moving the report into committee of the whole, I would like to express the committee's appreciation of Mr. Lewis Yeager, our committee researcher, who was seconded from the research service of the Ontario Legislature. Mr. Yeager's wealth of experience was an asset to the committee as we struggled to come up with the process to review agencies, boards and commissions in the years ahead. I would therefore like to acknowledge Mr. Yeager's assistance and that of the Ontario Legislature, Cynthia Smith and Brian Land. Your committee, Mr. Speaker, will be working diligently over the next few years to carry out the mandate given by this Assembly.

Motion That CR3-89(1), First Report Of The Standing Committee On Agencies, Boards And Commissions Be Received And Moved To Committee Of The Whole, Carried

Mr. Speaker:

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Nehendeh, that the first report of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions, be received and moved into committee of the whole for discussion.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Morin. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Question is being called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Thank you. Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Mr. Sibbeston.

Report Of The Standing Committee On Public Accounts, Committee Report 4-89(1)

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the standing committee on public accounts report. The standing committee met on April 3 and 4, just last week, and I had the honour of being chosen as chairman. I provide the report of the committee. Just to simplify things and explain, the standing committee on public accounts deals with the financial statement of the government for the past year, and also deals with the Auditor General's report that he makes on the financial operation of the government. The Auditor General's report is simply a report. It is like a financial watchdog of the way the government spends its money.

Motion That CR 4-89(1), Report Of The Standing Committee On Public Accounts Be Received And Moved To Committee Of The Whole, Carried

Mr. Speaker:

I MOVE that the report of the standing committee on public accounts be received and moved into committee of the whole.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. Who is your seconder? Mr. Kilabuk will second your motion. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Mr. Lewis.

Report Of The Special Committee On The Northern Economy, Committee Report 5-89(1)

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to report on the work of the special committee on the northern economy. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues and co-chairmen, Mr. Peter Ernerk, MLA for Aivilik, and Mr. Don Morin, MLA for Tu Nede, I wish to bring the Members of this House up to date on the work of the special committee on the northern economy.

As I noted in our last progress report to this House, we are now in the information-gathering phase of our project. We are using two methods to collect information: public meetings to hear from community residents and special interest groups; and special studies conducted by our staff or by consultants.

Public Meetings

As you know, Mr. Speaker, we are travelling to each constituency to visit communities and hold meetings with local residents. Up to this point we have completed about half of our community visits. We have visited all the constituencies in the West and held two public meetings in Yellowknife to accommodate the larger population. We have also scheduled meetings with special interest groups: representatives of the major sectors such as mining, which will be meeting by the way, Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday morning, and of the oil industry; business and labour organizations; native organizations; government departments. Most of these meetings are taking place on weekends during the present session.

Special Studies

Mr. Speaker, as the Members of this House will recall, our committee has launched a number of special studies. Specifically we are examining the domestic economy, the native employment policy, regional development and the relationship between resource development and

environmental protection. We are also reviewing the programs provided by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, and we are assessing the state of government and private sector training programs. Most of these studies are now well under way. We should begin seeing some of the final products toward the end of April.

Mr. Speaker, though I am sure that all Members of this House are eager to hear what we have learned, it is still too early to report on specific findings. Because we are still in the process of collecting and sifting through large quantities of information, we do not yet have a complete picture of our economy and its problems. But each day, with each meeting, with each new piece of research, the shape is becoming clearer and more defined. As we sit in community halls listening to witnesses far into the night, we are beginning to detect patterns. Though some of the concerns of each community are unique to the community, others are common to all communities and all regions.

It is clear that the GNWT approach to economic development has been uneven, piecemeal and unco-ordinated. We are more and more convinced of the need for a long-term economic development strategy. As an old Chinese proverb reminds us, Mr. Speaker, "Unless we change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed." There is a real concern on the part of our people about where we are going. They are worried about the future.

Major Concerns

Mr. Speaker, let me mention briefly four concerns that seem to have come up in every community, at every meeting.

First, there is a growing consensus that we need to develop a shared vision about where we are as a people and where we want to go. Unless we create this vision and provide ourselves with a strong sense of purpose and viable options, we will really end up, as the proverb notes, "exactly where we are heading", not where we want to go.

Second, whatever we do to improve our economy, we must ensure that we protect and promote our basic values. Though these basic values may be expressed in different cultural terms, they all seem to come down to the same realities: economic independence, protection of the land and the environment, a sense of self-identity and control over our lives, meaningful work, the ability to live meaningful lifestyles, and a sense of community and personal worth.

The third theme that comes up time and time again is the need for teamwork. There is a strong sense that we lack co-ordination; between government and the private sector, between departments within government, between communities with regions. We must learn to work together, pursuing a common vision, protecting and promoting shared values.

Fourth, and perhaps we have heard this theme more than any other, there can be no economic development without personal development. People must have the chance to develop their skills, acquire training for jobs, and receive help in overcoming alcoholism and similar problems which can hinder the development of the family and the community.

Future Plans

Mr. Speaker, over the next few months our committee will have an extremely busy schedule. Between the end of April and mid-June we will visit the remaining constituencies in the Kitikmeot, Keewatin and Baffin Regions. In June we expect to meet with federal officials in Ottawa who work at the policy level. It is these politicians and civil servants whose decisions often influence the shape of our economy.

When we have completed our community visits we will draw up a special report outlining the major concerns of the public about the economy as a whole. This document will also provide a synopsis of the many valuable recommendations that we have received while visiting the various constituencies.

Because of our desire to get continual feedback from the public, we will be releasing a number of consultant studies over the next few months. We hope that these studies will generate a great deal of discussion about various aspects of our economy. While these studies will not represent the opinions of our committee Members, their release will achieve two important objectives. They will let the public know the kinds of recommendations we are receiving, and they will serve as trial balloons, helping our committee get a better understanding of what the public thinks in a number of very critical areas. During the summer we will be reviewing our findings and developing our final report. We anticipate tabling the final report during the fall session of the Legislative Assembly.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I wish to note that our committee has had enthusiastic reception from residents in each community we have visited. People are genuinely concerned about the economy. They recognize instinctively that there is no greater challenge facing all of us in the next decade than the development of a viable northern economy.

Motion That CR5-89(1), Report Of The Standing Committee On The Northern Economy Be Received And Moved To Committee Of The Whole, Carried

Mr. Speaker:

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that this report be received and moved into committee of the whole.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

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

ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 87-89(1), Elevating Devices Safety Act. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Tabling of documents. Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following documents: Tabled Document 88-89(1), Real Estate Agents Licensing Guide. Tabled Document 90-89(1), the NWT Public Utilities Board 1988 Annual Report, in English and Inuktitut. Pursuant to section 32, subsection (3) of the Financial Administration Act, I wish to table Tabled Document 89-89(1), a list of funds transferred exceeding \$250,000 for the period October 1, 1988 to February 8, 1989, in English and Inuktitut. Thank you.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Item 11, tabling of documents. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the following documents: Tabled Document 91-89(1), a response to Petition 4-89(1), tabled by Mr. Arlooktoo and responded to by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, on the power plant location in Lake Harbour. Tabled Document 92-89(1), a response to Petition 11-89(1), tabled by Mr. Kakfwi, responded to by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, on the electricity for Colville Lake.

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

ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 20-89(1): Appointments To Electoral District Boundaries Commission

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, April 12, 1989 I will move a motion, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner that the Hon. Mr. Justice Calvin Tallis be appointed chairperson, and Mr. Richard Hardy and Mr. Jim Manning be appointed members of the Electoral District Boundaries Commission, and I will be asking for unanimous consent to deal with this motion later on today.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Morin. Item 12, notices of motion.

Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 14, motions. Mr. Morin.

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

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is sought by the Member. Are there any nays? Mr. Morin, you may proceed.

ITEM 14: MOTIONS

Motion 20-89(1): Appointments To Electoral District Boundaries Commission, Carried

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS the Electoral District Boundaries Commission Act has been passed by this Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Electoral District Boundaries Commission Act requires that the chairperson and two other persons be appointed by the Commissioner on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS members of the commission should be appointed so the necessary work can be undertaken;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner that the Hon. Justice Calvin Tallis be appointed chairperson and Mr. Richard Hardy and Mr. Jim Manning be appointed members of the Electoral District Boundaries Commission.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Morin. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Mr. Morin, do you wish to speak to the motion?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Item 15, first reading of bills. Bill 13-89(1), Student Financial Assistance Act, with Mr. Kakfwi.

ITEM 15: FIRST READING OF BILLS

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

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 13-89(1), An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act, be read for the first time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Kakfwi. Your motion is in order. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Bill 13-89(1) has had first reading. Bill 14-89(1), Workers' Compensation Act. Ms Cournoyea.

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

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that Bill 14-89(1), An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act, be read for the first time. Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will be requesting unanimous consent to proceed with second reading. Thank you.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 14-89(1) has had first reading. Item 15, first reading of bills.

Item 16, second reading of bills. Bill 15-89(1), Liquor Act. Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis does not want to pursue it today. It will remain on the order paper. Item 16, second reading of bills. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I would like to seek unanimous consent to give second reading to Bill 13-89(1).

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Member is asking for unanimous consent. Are there any nays? The House requires two nays. There is no unanimous consent. Item 16, second reading of bills. Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I wish to seek unanimous consent to proceed with the second reading of Bill 14-89(1).

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is sought by the Member. Are there any nays? Two nays are required. There are two nays. The bill cannot proceed today. 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); Bill 3-89(1); CR 3-89(1), CR 4-89(1), CR 5-89(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 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; BILL 3-89(1), INCOME TAX ACT; COMMITTEE REPORT 3-89(1), REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; COMMITTEE REPORT 4-89(1), REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS; COMMITTEE REPORT 5-89(1), REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NORTHERN ECONOMY

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): The committee will now come to order. We will recess and during the recess we will have a caucus meeting. Coffee break.

---SHORT RECESS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): The committee will now come to order. We are dealing with Tabled Document 76-89(1), Political and Constitutional Development in the Northwest Territories. Are there any general comments on this item? Mr. Kakfwi.

Motion To Defer Tabled Document 76-89(1) Until Fall Session, Carried

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that we defer discussion and debate on the political and constitutional development paper, and other relevant documents, until the fall session.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Kakfwi, your motion is in order to defer Tabled Document 76-89(1). It appears that we do not have a quorum at this time. We will ring the bell for the other Members to come in to vote on the motion.

The Chair recognizes a quorum. We have a motion on the floor on Tabled Document 76-89(1), Political and Constitutional Development in the Northwest Territories; to defer it until the fall session. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Tabled Documents 58-89(1) and 59-89(1). Does the committee agree that these tabled documents are concluded? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you. Dealing with Bill 3-89(1), Income Tax Act. Mr. Ballantyne.

Bill 3-89(1): Income Tax Act

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The proposed amendments to the Income Tax Act are being made at the request of the federal government. The Government of the Northwest Territories has a tax collection agreement with the federal government under which the federal government collects personal and corporate income tax on our behalf. The agreement requires that the Government of the Northwest Territories keep its legislation consistent with federal legislation. So we have no choice in passing this particular piece of legislation.

In the past, the process of keeping the legislation consistent has resulted in numerous lengthy amendments each time federal legislation was amended. The main purpose of this amendment is to modify the Northwest Territories legislation so that those sections likely to change in the future will refer directly to the federal legislation. The result will be that in the future, when federal amendments are made, the Northwest Territories legislation can continue to refer directly to the amended federal act. This should ease our administrative hassles.

Other provisions in the act are also being amended at the request of the federal government in order to make the Northwest Territories legislation consistent. These amendments include: minor changes to foreign tax credit calculations to reflect changes in the way federal tax is applied; establishing the middle of the quarterly months for the time when tax is to be remitted, rather than the end of these months; increasing fines for offences -- these will go directly to the federal government; amending the responsibility for withholding tax and the responsibility for

remitting the tax to the government; and establishing that interest will be payable on penalties from the date the penalty is assessed.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I think the finance committee reviewed this particular act and they might have some comments. I gave to the finance committee some information that was requested on this act. If it is the wish of the committee, I could bring witnesses into the House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): The Minister would like to bring in his witnesses. Does the committee agree that the Minister bring in his witnesses? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have with me Ms Giuseppa Bentivegna, director of the legislation division of the Department of Justice; and Mr. John Monroe, senior tax policy analyst with the Department of Finance.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Minister. General comments on Bill 3-89(1). Are there any comments? Is the committee ready to go clause by clause? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 2, compounding of interest. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 3, modification of federal provisions. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 5. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 6. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 7. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 8. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 9, payment of tax by persons farming or fishing. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 10, payment of tax by other individuals. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 11. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 12. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 13, incorporation of federal provisions respecting returns, payments and interest. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Let us get some of the ordinary Members agreeing to the bill. Clause 14, amount on which instalment computed. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 15. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 16, failure to make a subsection 150(1) return. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 17, incorporation of federal provisions respecting refunds. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 18. Mr. Pudluk.

MR. PUDLUK: Mr. Chairman, I cannot keep up with you. Why do you not just call the pages instead of clauses?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Pudluk, I think it is more acceptable when the clauses are read rather than the pages. Clause 18, agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 19, incorporation of federal provisions respecting objections. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 20, appeals. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 21. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 22, incorporation of federal provisions respecting appeals. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 23. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 24. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 25, certificates. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 26. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 27, direction to seize chattels. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 28. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 29, incorporation of federal provisions respecting moneys withheld. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 30, director's liability. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 31. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 32. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 33. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 34, offence and penalty. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 35. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 36, revealing confidential information. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 37, limitation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 38, no action against persons withholding tax. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Clause 39, no recovery of amounts deducted. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Bill as a whole. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Does the committee agree that Bill 3-89(1), An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, is ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): That concludes this bill. Thank you, Mr. Minister and thank you to your witnesses. Is the committee ready to go now to the CR 3-89(1), Report of the Standing

Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions? Does the committee agree that we go to Mr. Morin? Mr. Morin.

CR 3-89(1), Report Of The Standing Committee On Agencies, Boards And Commissions

Motion To Accept Recommendation One, CR 3-89(1)

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move on behalf of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions, recommendation one: "The government should immediately initiate the process of developing uniform directives for its agencies, boards and commissions. These would define criteria for the establishment of agencies, sunset reviews, and financial and administrative performance and would provide a rational framework for the establishment and administration of all agencies, boards, public committees, councils and commissions operating at arm's length from the ongoing ministerial administration of the government." Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Morin, your motion is in order but we are waiting for the translation so if you could bear with us just for a second, they are on their way at this time. They will be here in a few seconds.

It appears that the translation of the recommendation is in. Your motion is in order. To the motion to accept the first recommendation. Question is being called. Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Just a matter of clarification, Mr. Chairman. Does the recommendation convey that the agencies, boards and commissions -- because there seem to be three different levels of authoritative bodies -- that the uniform directives would be established for each of those according to their various levels of authority? Is this what it means, or is it inferring that a uniform directive would be established for all of them because there are different levels of authority? And on the sunset reviews, can I have a clarification on what that means?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It would be for all of them, all agencies, boards and commissions. The sunset review means that some boards can be put in place for a certain amount of time and then they can be done away with when they are not needed anymore. Does that clarify it?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Ms Cournoyea.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: I know that the uniform directives -- but what I was more referring to is, would you have a uniform directive to an authority such as a commission which would be that all commissions have one uniform directive and then agencies would have a uniform directive for agencies that would operate at a certain level? Would you have another uniform directive for a board? Because each of these different levels would have a different authority and I was just wondering whether you would have one for all of them and I just do not know how all that would fit in.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just for clarification, they would be different for agencies or boards or commissions. The government can basically define that and set it out.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Accept Recommendation One, CR 3-89(1), Carried

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

---Carried

Proceed, Mr. Morin.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Two, CR 3-89(1), Carried

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to move a motion on recommendation two of the report on the agencies, boards and commissions: "The Minister responsible for the Status of Women and the president of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women should negotiate, on a priority basis, a memorandum of understanding which will provide clear information on the roles of the Minister and the advisory council head; the financial and administrative arrangements, including staffing; the reporting requirements; and the relative mandates and responsibilities of each party." Thank you.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Morin.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Three, CR 3-89(1), Carried

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move recommendation three of the report of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions: "The Advisory Council on the Status of Women should provide information on its proportion of the Women's Secretariat budget in the form of a financial statement to be included in future annual reports." Thank you.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Morin.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Four, CR 3-89(1), Carried

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move recommendation four of the report of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions: "In future annual reports, the Advisory Council on the Status of Women should clearly identify priorities among its objectives and report to the extent possible the proportion of human and financial resources devoted to each objective." Thank you.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Morin.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Five, CR 3-89(1), Carried

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move recommendation five of the report of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions: "The Minister responsible for the Status of Women should consider the findings and recommendations of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions as a part of the administrative review of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Women's Secretariat." Thank you.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Does the committee agree that the committee report is concluded? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): We are now dealing with Committee Report 4-89(1), Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. Mr. Sibbeston.

CR 4-89(1), Report Of The Standing Committee On Public Accounts

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, as I indicated earlier, the standing committee on public accounts held their meeting and as a result of the two days in which they met with the Auditor General and also senior staff from a number of departments, the committee made a number of recommendations and requested commitments from a number of departments to do certain work and provide certain information. I have them before me. They are beginning on page four of the committee report to the Assembly, which I tabled earlier.

Mr. Chairman, if I may proceed with the recommendations and requests for commitments, there are seven of them, and I will deal with each in turn. I will state the recommendation or request for commitment, and if Members want more information I will be pleased to provide it, otherwise the information is provided in the report that is before the Members.

Motion To Accept Recommendation One, CR 4-89(1), Carried

The first one. I move that the committee of the whole approve the recommendation that, "Where the potential for earning interest exists, the Department of Finance should consider this potential in the calculation of contribution payments." That is the first recommendation and the first motion.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Proceed, Mr. Sibbeston.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Two, CR 4-89(1), Carried

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I move that the committee of the whole approve the second recommendation which is that, "The Department of Finance complete the analysis of projects on behalf of third parties and report its conclusions to the standing committee on public accounts during the 1988-89 public accounts hearings."

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Proceed, Mr. Sibbeston.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Three, CR 4-89(1), Carried

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I move that the third recommendation be approved by the committee of the whole, and it is that, "The Department of Social Services take appropriate action to ensure that all young offenders claims are brought to current year status within the fiscal year 1989-90."

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Sibbeston.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Four, CR 4-89(1), Carried

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, I move that the committee of the whole approve the fourth recommendation that "The Department of Social Services develop an appropriate monitoring system for the issuing of social assistance payments which would include a requirement for two signatures on all cheques."

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, the next three are the public accounts committee requesting some commitments from various departments that appeared before it with respect to issues that were before them, which were pointed out by the Auditor General of Canada. The first of these commitments deals with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Five, CR 4-89(1), Carried

I move that the committee of the whole approve the public accounts committee's request for a commitment from the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs to attempt to resolve the issue of outstanding grants in lieu of taxes within the fiscal year 1989-90.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, the next commitment deals with the Department of Economic Development and the need to clarify what constitutes northern ownership.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Six, CR 4-89(1), Carried

I move that the committee of the whole support the public accounts committee in their request for a commitment from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism to review the policy on northern ownership and report back to the committee during the public accounts committee hearings for the year ended March 31, 1989.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Sibbeston. Recommendation six, to the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Mr. Sibbeston.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Chairman, the very last commitment deals with the Department of Finance and an attempt to get figures on all of the contracts that are provided by government over the course of the year.

Motion To Accept Recommendation Seven, CR 4-89(1), Carried

I move that the committee of the whole support recommendation seven: "The committee requests a commitment from the Department of Finance to provide a complete list of contracts over \$5000 for the fiscal year under review, to the standing committee on public accounts prior to the public accounts hearings."

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Does the committee agree that the report on the standing committee on public accounts is concluded? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): CR 5-89(1), Report of the Special Committee on the Northern Economy. Mr. Lewis.

CR 5-89(1), Report Of The Special Committee On The Northern Economy

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There were not any specific recommendations at this stage made by the special committee on the northern economy but I would like to refer Members to page two of our report, the second paragraph. The concern I have, Mr. Chairman, is that we schedule many of our meetings for the special committee on the economy to correspond with the sitting of this House and many of our meetings have taken place on the weekend while Members have been in town. We have already delayed one meeting, Mr. Chairman, with the mining industry.

Many Members in our House are very interested in mining and the potential of mining and we have scheduled, on Wednesday morning at 9:30, a meeting with the NWT Chamber of Mines, and several mine managers throughout the Territories will be here to make their industry better understood to the Members of our committee. So I referred to that in the report, Mr. Chairman, that representatives of a major sector such as mining and the oil industry will be meeting with our committee. I would like to remind Members that we have made that commitment to try to meet with the mining industry. I have nothing further to add to this report, Mr. Chairman, but would like to take the opportunity of reminding Members of our commitment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): Thank you, Mr. Lewis. Any comments on the report of special committee on the northern economy? If not, does the committee agree that this is concluded? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Angottitauruq): And that concludes everything on the order paper in consideration in committee of the whole, and I report progress at this time.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Angottitauruq.

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; BILL 3-89(1), INCOME TAX ACT; COMMITTEE REPORT 3-89(1), REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; COMMITTEE REPORT 4-89(1), REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS; COMMITTEE REPORT 5-89(1), REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NORTHERN ECONOMY

MR. ANGOTTITAUURUQ: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Tabled Document 76-89(1), Tabled Document 58-89(1), Tabled Document 59-89(1), Bill 3-89(1), CR 3-89(1), CR 4-89(1) and CR 5-89(1), and wishes to report that Tabled Document 76-89(1) is deferred and Tabled Document 58-89(1) and Tabled Document 59-89(1) are concluded; and also that the discussion on the reports of the standing committee on agencies, boards and commissions, of the standing committee on public accounts, and of the special committee on the northern economy are also concluded. And, Mr. Speaker, Bill 3-89(1) is ready for third reading.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House has heard the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole. Are you agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Item 19, third reading of bills. Mr. Ballantyne.

ITEM 19: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Third Reading Of Bill 3-89(1): Income Tax Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 3-89(1), An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, be read for the third time.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 3-89(1) has had third reading. Item 19, third reading of bills. Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements. There will be a meeting of ajauqtit at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, and a meeting of caucus at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Tuesday, April 11th.

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21. **Orders of the Day**

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The House stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 11th at 1:00 p.m.

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