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NORMAN WELLS, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1989

MEMBERS PRESENT

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ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Richard Nerysoo): I would just like to call to the attention of the House and ask you to recognize the students from Fort Franklin Great Grandfather Ayah School and their teacher Mike Rubin, and also students from Fort Good Hope Chief Tselihye School with their teachers Leo Ehrenberg and Mary Cook. Welcome to the Legislative Assembly.

---Applause

Orders of the day for Wednesday, November 1, 1989. Item 2, Ministers' statements. The honourable Government Leader.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 26-89(2): Manitoba And New Brunswick Reports On Meech Lake Accord

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report to this Assembly today on recent developments surrounding the Meech Lake Accord. I am speaking of the reports presented in Manitoba and New Brunswick last week.

Since the accord was signed by the First Ministers in the spring of 1987, this government and this Assembly have taken every opportunity to bring to the attention of provincial governments and the peoples of Canada our concerns with the accord. The Manitoba and New Brunswick reports confirm that our concerns are having an impact and are on the national agenda.

I want to briefly summarize for you the aspects of the two reports which relate to territorial concerns. But first, you will recall that we have six objections to the Meech Lake Accord. They are: 1) The provincial control over the creation of new provinces in the Territories without our involvement; 2) The possibility of provinces extending their boundaries into the Territories without our consent or involvement; 3) The failure of the First Ministers to return aboriginal rights to the agenda for future constitutional conferences; 4) The exclusion of qualified Northerners from even the potential of appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada and the failure to allow territorial governments to propose candidates for appointment; 5) The failure to provide a means for territorial governments to nominate candidates to fill Senate vacancies; 6) The failure to provide for our government's participation in First Ministers' conferences on constitutional reform, the economy and other matters.

Mr. Speaker, the Meech Lake Accord as it is presently drafted would allow provincial control over creating new provinces. Every province would have to consent in order to create a new province, so in effect every province would have a veto. Manitoba's task force report recommends a return to the formula adopted in the 1982 Constitution, which is approval by at least seven provinces

representing at least 50 per cent of Canada's population. New Brunswick's special committee report also recommends that the unanimity rule be dropped and that a mechanism be adopted to ensure territories are consulted in the establishment of new provinces.

Our government has consistently said that any provincial involvement in or veto over future provinces is wrong and contrary to the principles upon which this country was founded. However, at a minimum, the recommendations of these two reports are moving in the right direction. Particularly important is New Brunswick's proposal that there be a mechanism for territories to be involved.

As for the ability of provinces to extend their boundaries into the Territories against our wishes, neither Manitoba nor New Brunswick addresses it directly. In a sense, the Meech Lake formula, requiring approval from all 11 southern governments, affords us greater protection than the 1982 Constitution which uses the seven provinces and 50 per cent population formula. We have consistently said this antiquated provision is an insult at this time in Canada's history and should be removed from the Constitution altogether.

We were pleased to see Manitoba recommend that aboriginal rights should be permanently on the agenda of First Ministers' conferences on constitutional reform until the concerns of aboriginal peoples are resolved. Obviously Manitoba recommends that representatives of aboriginal peoples have the same guarantees of participation at these talks as they had for the talks which took place between 1982 and 1987.

Manitoba also recommends that the "distinct society" clause be expanded to recognize the existence of aboriginal peoples as a distinct and fundamental part of Canada. Both Manitoba and New Brunswick recommend that elected representatives of the territorial governments be allowed to participate in First Ministers' conferences on constitutional matters where, in the opinion of the Prime Minister, a matter directly affects us. Regrettably, they have not gone the further step to recommend that we be allowed to participate on a broader basis in relation, for instance, to conferences on the economy. Both Manitoba and New Brunswick recommend improvement upon the Meech Lake provisions which either exclude us or are silent upon any territorial participation in nominating candidates to fill Senate and Supreme Court vacancies.

To conclude, Mr. Speaker, I hope that the Manitoba and New Brunswick reports will lead to a further round of discussions resulting in a compromise that all Canadians can accept and which will not overlook the people of the Northwest Territories. I expect that the First Ministers' Conference next week will formally or informally involve such discussions. While we cannot expect to get all the changes we seek at this time, we are encouraged that our concerns are gaining wider understanding and acceptance from some key provincial Premiers advocating changes. We will continue to be vigorous in pursuing our goals. Qujannamiik, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Ministers' statements. The honourable Minister of Social Services.

Ministers' Statement 27-89(2): Interim Program A Success

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I wish to provide the Members of the Legislative Assembly with an update of the interim child day-care program.

This government introduced an interim program of assistance for low income parents and parents enrolled in full-time training, as well for the providers of licensed, non-profit, child day-care facilities, at the beginning of this fiscal year. The purpose of the interim child day-care program was two-fold: to improve the accessibility to quality child day-care and to increase the number of licensed child day-care spaces. I am pleased to report that the program has made significant progress in both areas.

The program has directly contributed to the creation of 242 new licensed child day-care spaces in the Northwest Territories.

--Applause

Thank you. Current predictions are that the program will directly contribute to the creation of another 394 new spaces before the end of this fiscal year.

--Applause

Members of this House will be pleased to know that the interim program has also directly contributed to the creation of approximately 100 new jobs in the child day-care field. I might add that these new jobs and these new licensed child day-care spaces are spread across the Territories and are not confined to any community or region.

Overall, Mr. Speaker, the interim child day-care program is highly successful. The program is under constant review and scrutiny, and specific modifications to it are currently being contemplated. Some of the options currently being reviewed include, but are not limited to: expanding the program so that it provides assistance to preschool programs; modifying the user subsidy criteria so that part-time child day-care is covered – this would permit part-time students, part-time low wage earners and individuals performing part-time volunteer work on public service boards and commissions to qualify for a user subsidy; entering into a cost-sharing arrangement with northern employers with a view to facilitating the creation of new licensed child day-care spaces; and mounting a major public information and promotion campaign that will aim to increase the awareness, particularly in our smaller communities, of the various forms of child day-care related assistance provided by the interim child day-care program. Other options may emerge as the review of the interim program continues.

The interim child day-care program is only just now entering the second half of its first year of operation and already we have seen some very positive results. I am quite confident that it will continue to directly and positively impact on the quality and accessibility of child day-care in the Northwest Territories.

Child day-care in the Northwest Territories is evolving. During this period of evolution, caution must be exercised. For this reason, Mr. Speaker, I should point out that it is not this government's intention, at this time, to expand the interim child day-care program to provide major capital assistance to new or existing licensed child day-care centres.

I anticipate coming forward in the winter 1990 session of the Legislative Assembly with some proposed modifications to the interim program. These modifications will aim to improve the interim program and will be the result of extensive community consultation and in-house analysis. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Ministers' statements. The honourable Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Ministers' Statement 28-89(2): Upgrading NWT Airports

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in response to a question asked last week by the Member for Rae-Lac la Martre, I advised this House that if I had any communication from Ottawa regarding the 10 airports requiring upgrading I would inform the House of that communication.

The delays encountered in the construction of new airports in the 10 communities has been of concern to Members. On September 7th the federal Minister of Transport, the Hon. Benoit Bouchard, was in Yellowknife and met with MLAs representing all communities requiring new airports or major improvements to existing ones. Each Member present spoke to their concerns and made an excellent case for airport development in the affected communities. While he had not yet reviewed the aviation safety study that had been undertaken and was therefore unprepared to make a precise commitment, Minister Bouchard said that he was convinced that something must be done about the situation at the communities that were without adequate

facilities. He said that he would attempt to find at least some of the money required to solve the problem.

I can now tell you, Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Bouchard's department has provided my officials with a proposal for new airport development in the 10 communities. I have reviewed the proposal and can confirm, Mr. Speaker, that it does not — I repeat, does not address most of the issues that were brought to Minister Bouchard's attention.

In a nutshell, Mr. Speaker, the federal government has refused to consider and fund any airport development at Rae-Edzo, Arctic Red River, Fort Providence and Fort Franklin and will provide funding only to improve existing runways in Fort Good Hope, Lac la Martre, Paulatuk, Pelly Bay, Rae Lakes, and Snowdrift. The territorial government's position is that new runways are needed in at least four of the six communities where MOT is prepared to fund improvements.

My officials are presently analysing the proposal and we will be suggesting major changes to Transport Canada. I will keep the House informed, Mr. Speaker, of the progress of our negotiations. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Ministers' statements. Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Ministers' Statement 29-89(2): Community Government Week

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to proclaim the week of November 6 to 10, 1989 as Community Government Week. I would also like to acknowledge the participation by the NWT Association of Municipalities in planning this awareness campaign. This is the third year this event has been held in recognition of the contributions of elected community government leaders and the dedicated employees of these councils.

Throughout the Northwest Territories, over 400 individuals commit their time and efforts in representing, on behalf of the residents in their communities, the issues, desires and visions for the future. This group of people truly form the foundation of our democratic system. Mr. Speaker, not only do community governments represent that immediate first level of governance by NWT residents, but as many of us sitting in this Assembly can attest, community governments produce our leadership.

The theme for this year is "Community Government - Future Makers". As we move through the coming decade to the turn of the century, the challenges faced by community government to meet and respond to their citizens' needs and demands will increase in proportion to the complexities of our social and economic environment. I have every confidence that community governments will meet these challenges, just as they have done in the past. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Just for the record and correction. The statements you made were for Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. Ministers' statements. The honourable Minister of Social Services.

Ministers' Statement 30-89(2): Wood Fuel For Seniors

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, the Department of Social Services proposes to establish a policy which allows for the provision of five cords of wood to every senior head of the household, those who are over 60 years of age, who live in their own homes and depend on wood fuel. The purpose of this policy is to ease the inequity related to fuel costs between seniors living in their own homes who have provided their own wood and those residing in government subsidized accommodation, who have their fuel subsidized.

Later in this session a supplementary appropriation will be presented to provide the necessary funds. If approved, Mr. Speaker, the funding will be made available through contracts to local

organizations in communities below the treeline to provide the wood for seniors. Besides the obvious benefits to seniors, a further impact of this policy will be to create some employment for community residents. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Ministers' statements. The honourable Minister of Justice.

Ministers' Statement On Absence Of Ministers From House

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise the House that the Government Leader and the Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell will be leaving the House later today. The Deputy Government Leader will answer for the Government Leader and the Hon. Tom Butters will answer for the Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you for the notice. Ministers' statements. There are no other Ministers' statements. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Attendance In House

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I did make an arrangement that, in fact, I would be the first Member to speak today and I thank Mr. Whitford for recognizing that. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to be recognized because when we entered the House today, there were three empty seats opposite me and I was going to call the Government Leader to task because all our people were present but -- Mr. Speaker, I would like to compliment the Government Leader since many people did not get to bed very early last night, after a very successful Hallowe'en event in which people appeared in many different disguises. But today I see that even though they have probably only recently arisen from bed, the Leader was able to get them into this House in order to be accountable to the people of the Northwest Territories. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: (Inaudible comments)

MR. SPEAKER: Order. That is, I think, a new one for trying to raise three issues in a statement. I just remind Members that the statements are intended to raise one particular item. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Member's Statement On Appreciation To Mr. Hamilton And Staff

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Because of the nature of the statement that I am about to make, I beg your indulgence in observing metric minutes. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay compliments to the staff of the Legislative Assembly. All the staff have worked very hard to make this session in Norman Wells possible. I would like to let them know that we appreciate their efforts; they are a very dedicated group and I think it is important that we remember to thank them, once in a while, for all the things they do to help us.

I would also like to take the opportunity to pay special tribute to one of the members of the staff in particular, Mr. David Hamilton, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

---Applause

Mr. Hamilton has worked for the Assembly since 1980 and has been Clerk for the last six and a half years. Even though this is my second term as a Member, I am still not too familiar with all the rules and procedures. As Deputy Speaker, I have always found it reassuring to have Mr. Hamilton around when the Rules of the House are in question. His broad experience, expertise and knowledge provide very valuable support to the smooth operation of this House.

I would further like to express my appreciation for Mr. Hamilton's efforts regarding our recent trip to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association meeting in Barbados. His in-depth knowledge

of the national and international issues dealt with in that forum helps us to participate successfully every year at these meetings with legislatures from all over the world. In the meeting in Barbados, my first trip out of the country, Mr. Hamilton's advance planning and excellent organizational skills helped to ensure that all details of the trip were looked after. Everything went without a hitch and we received VIP treatment everywhere we went because of his efforts.

Unfortunately, due to the requirements of arrangements for this out-of-town session in Norman Wells, Mr. Hamilton had to return before the meeting in Barbados was concluded. Because of his dedication to this Assembly, he therefore missed the opportunity to purchase Commonwealth Parliamentary Association souvenirs, which were not on sale until the end of the meeting. I decided that one way to offer our thanks to Mr. Hamilton was to make sure that he had something to remember for his trip. On behalf of the Members, I would like to present Mr. Hamilton with a Commonwealth Parliamentary Association sweater. It has the CPA crest with two crossed maces on it. It is a size 40. I hope it fits.

Thank you.

--Laughter

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I believe it is clear that the presentation has been unexpected and I can probably express the Clerk's appreciation for the gift from the Member. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Member's Statement On Fighting Substance Abuse

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last week I spoke about alcohol rehabilitation and treatment. The statement I made was intended to interest Members and to make them aware of the efforts of Northern Addiction Services in dealing with a problem that affects each one of us, some more personally than others, some less.

In the past, Mr. Speaker, we have had few resources, we have had few people and limited facilities, but what we had at the time was plenty of dedication, caring and determination by the people who recognized the great hardship that the illness of substance abuse was causing to all people, but especially to the native people, our relatives and our friends. There are probably few other illnesses which are so incessant, so disruptive and so subtle as alcoholism. It affects the rich and the poor alike, native and non-native. It affects the young, the old, men and women, even the unborn. It not only cripples, but it kills.

Mr. Speaker, I have just finished reading the 1988 chief coroner's review of accidental deaths in the Northwest Territories and the statistics are shockingly tragic. In 24 of the 48 accidental deaths, alcohol played a major role. In over 50 per cent of the five cases of freezing to death, three were directly related to alcohol; that is 60 per cent of the deaths from hypothermia. Accidental death is tragic enough in itself, but the fact that alcohol was involved makes it even more tragic and so unnecessary. Sadly, the greater majority of these 27 deaths reported in this report were of native people.

Mr. Speaker, we urgently need more resources to help fight substance abuse here in the Northwest Territories. The people who are working hard, and who have been working hard over the past 10 to 15 years, on building up the resource base need our full support to deliver unique northern programs and approaches.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford, your time is up. I extended it beyond the two minutes. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Baffin Central.

Member's Statement On Purpose Of Holding Session Outside Yellowknife

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very happy to meet here in Norman Wells but to a degree I am concerned, especially when the House decided to meet in a region outside of Yellowknife, we committed extra money so that we could be in and see the region. I think we will have to deal with this matter in the House further. Ever since we have been meeting in Norman Wells, I have come to notice many of the Members and also some staff and Ministers have been going back to Yellowknife for the week-end and so forth. This defeats the reason for an out of Yellowknife session and concerns me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Pine Point.

Member's Statement On Electoral Boundaries Legislation

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Speaker, my statement arises as a result of the answers I received to Question O62-89(2) regarding the court cases in other jurisdictions which may have a bearing on our own territorial legislation. One such example is the British Columbia case mentioned by the Minister of Justice in his response to me. The courts in BC decided that because some BC electoral districts had populations that are significantly larger than the average, then the constitutional rights of some citizens, under the Charter, are broken.

The court decision went on to say that electoral boundaries legislation should address the maximum percentage allowed for variance in populations so that an electoral boundaries commission has something to guide it. Since our legislation has no such clause, it means that territorial residents may be able to successfully challenge our electoral boundaries next year after this Assembly has formally dealt with the commission's report. In such a case, it could take the courts until 1991 to make a decision so we may end up having to change the boundaries as a consequence just a few months before the next general election.

I therefore urge the Executive Council to reconsider their decision and prepare the necessary legislation for the February session which could be used to finally determine the electoral boundaries to be used in the next general election.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre.

Member's Statement On Child Care Programs

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Despite the Minister's statement, the interim report on child care, I would like to touch on some of the improvements that are much needed in the child care area.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, our government should be commended for introducing some changes since the winter session of the Legislative Assembly. The start-up funding under the interim child care program has been changed from contribution to grants and the grants have been indexed to reflect higher costs in more remote communities. These improvements were much needed but much more has to be done, Mr. Speaker, particularly in the areas of capital grants, training and development of long-term child care policy. At present, there is no cost-sharing available for capital costs of new child care facilities. Since many communities do not have facilities, they cannot start up child care programs.

I realize, Mr. Speaker, that we are in an age of fiscal restraint but so is our neighbouring Yukon government, yet our neighbouring territory has had a capital grant program since 1987. It provides up to \$50,000 for new day-cares and in this particular year, 1989-90, they allocated \$417,000 for various kinds of capital development or improvements. If the Yukon can provide capital grants, Mr. Speaker, why can we not?

Mr. Speaker, there is a serious need to provide more training in early childhood education. Although Arctic College provides some training courses at the various campuses there are many

potential workers who cannot leave their communities, or lack English language skills. There is an urgent need for more innovative early childhood education; courses like the one presently being funded in Igloodik by the federal government.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, we need a long-term child care policy. The present interim policy expires at the end of this fiscal year. It has now become quite obvious that the federal government does not intend to take initiatives in the area in the near future.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Zoe, your time period is up. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Aivilik.

Member's Statement On Preparing Our Youth For The Future

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be talking about our future generations. As a father I think to myself and I start wondering how well my children will be in the future. I also think of other people's kids too. I ask myself how well they will be in the future because our youth in the North have a less than 50 per cent chance. In a very short time we are trying to make preparations for our future children and we definitely have to prepare our young people for the future so that they will have an easier time than us. We always have to think of our young people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. The honourable Member for Nahendeh.

Member's Statement On Patterson Enterprises Timber Application

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to make a brief statement with respect to Patterson Enterprises' timber application. It seems that the company, this past April, has applied for a timber licence in the area between Redknife River and Jean Marie River. The forest management personnel consulted with the Fort Providence Dene Band, the Deh Cho Regional Council, and the Dene/Metis negotiating secretariat.

It seems the supervisor of forest management refused to grant the company a timber cutting licence. The company appealed the decision and eventually the Minister appointed Ron Williams as an adviser to receive submissions from the company and the Department of Renewable Resources. In that process, it seems, a large number of people in Hay River and the Department of Renewable Resources, all of the towns in that area came through for Patterson's mills in support of his application.

I am a bit concerned because to me this is a classic situation of aboriginal people not being able to protect their lands and their rights. People in Jean Marie River use that area, even the kids use that area, yet when it came down to it this government which purports to support aboriginal rights -- every day it says it supports aboriginal rights -- but when it came down to a real life issue I believe this government failed the people of Jean Marie River. It failed the aboriginal people and instead gave way to a company with the support of government staff, with the support of the towns; every organization, it seems, in Hay River and Fort Smith supported Patterson mills.

So it is a classic situation, in my view, of local people, aboriginal people not being able to hold on to their lands and the bigger companies, the establishment people came through and I am just so disappointed that this government, the departments involved, did not stand up for the local people.

MR. SPEAKER: Your time period has expired. Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. The honourable Minister of Social Services.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two returns to oral questions. The first was asked by Mr. Arlooktoo on October 24th, regarding the Cape Dorset alcohol committee election process.

Further Return To Question O76-89(2): Cape Dorset Alcohol Committee Election Process

It is not the policy of the Department of Social Services to intervene or dictate to the communities as to the election of members to the alcohol and drug committee. It is my understanding that the by-laws of the alcohol and drug committee stipulate that members are elected for a period of one year and can seek re-election at the end of their term. If members of the committee are dissatisfied with this process, it can be changed through the revision of their own by-laws.

In Cape Dorset, the elections for the election of the alcohol and drug committees have in the past been held at the same time and location as the municipal elections, for the primary purpose of using the same poll clerk. This saves the alcohol and drug committee from having to incur expenses. Committee members are elected for a term of one year, at the end of which they can be renominated for election if they are still interested in serving on the alcohol and drug committee, along with new nominations, at which time the due process of elected members can take place. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I have another return.

MR. SPEAKER: Proceed, Madam Minister.

Return To Question O61-89(2): Language Instructors' Salaries

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Asked by Mr. Gargan on October 24th regarding the aboriginal language instructors, versus French instructors, salaries.

All individuals hired as teachers to provide language instruction in any of our school or teaching education programs are paid in accordance with their educational qualifications and previous teaching experience. These individuals are classified as teachers and fall under the collective agreement with the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association. The annual salary for the 1989-90 school year ranges from \$30,051, minimum education, no teacher experience, to \$63,930 with a Ph.D. and 11 years of teaching experience. A teacher who utilizes at least one of the aboriginal languages also receives a language allowance of \$3428 per annum. This was negotiated in the NWTTA collective agreement.

Instructors hired at Arctic College for programs such as the interpreter-translator program and who provide instruction in one of the aboriginal languages are paid according to the Union of Northern Workers collective agreement. Once again, their annual salary is dictated by a combination of education and related experience resulting in a range of from \$38,201 minimum education, no experience, to \$53,887 with an M.A. and seven years of related experience. The Union of Northern Workers collective agreement also provides for a bilingual allowance of \$1200 per annum in cases where the employee, other than the interpreter-translators, is required to use French or one of their aboriginal languages in the course of his or her duties. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Returns to oral questions. The honourable Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Further Return To Question O67-89(2): Incorrect Prescribing Of Drugs

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, in regard to the Health portfolio and a question asked by Mr. Kilabuk on October 24th, regarding incorrect prescribing of drugs.

Mr. Kilabuk has raised a concern regarding the dispensing by nurses of prescription drugs for the heart. The specific incident referred to by Mr. Kilabuk is being looked into. However, Mr. Speaker, the registered nurse in her expanded role in northern communities has the training and experience to perform designated medical functions in accordance with policy, protocol and programs established by the health employing agency. In this regard, health boards have standard supplies of drugs in the nursing stations for common diseases and ailments.

These drugs are listed in a "formulary" document which has received prior approval from the medical officer of Health and/or the Department of Health. This document describes: drugs which are to be routinely stocked in the nursing station and dispensed by nurses for common diseases or ailments; drugs which may be stocked at the discretion of the physician on call; drugs stocked but dispensed only with a doctor's direct order; and drugs not available in the nursing station which must be prescribed by a physician and sent into a specific nursing station. These drugs contain the patient's name, the dosage and the dispensing schedule.

If an individual has exhausted his or her prescription and requires medication on an emergency basis, the nurse would conduct a full physical assessment, including patient history, before deciding on the need for medication. If there is any doubt about the preferred treatment, or medication, a physician would be consulted. Mr. Speaker, it is my belief that prescription drugs are being safely and correctly administered by nurses under the direction of a physician in the Baffin Region. However, the particular incident referred to me will be looked into. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Madam Minister. Returns to oral questions. The honourable Minister of Education.

Further Returns To Question O37-89(2): Funding For NWT Students In The South; And Question O43-89(2): Tabling Of Northern Leaders Training Support Program Policy

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, this is in response to a question asked by Mr. Zoe and Mr. Morin on October 23, 1989, with regard to information on the Dene/Metis leaders program policy and funding for NWT students in the South.

The program that Mr. Zoe and Mr. Morin requested information on is called the northern leaders training support program. This program will provide up to 12 leaders at any one time with training support that will enable them to work directly in the management and administration of land claims. These individuals must have leadership experience in native organizations and have the support of a native organization which is a signatory to a land claim agreement or agreement in principle. These trainees will be provided with income support for up to four years management training at the postsecondary level, which may include up to two years of preparatory programs and/or on-the-job training. They will also be provided with transportation assistance, tuition costs and the cost of books. Sponsoring native organizations will provide work assignments between educational semesters. Detailed information on the program will be available to the public through regional offices of advanced education. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister of Renewable Resources.

Return To Question O32-89(2): Fish Harvesting From Nettilling Lake

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to a question asked by Mr. Kilabuk on October 24, 1989, with regard to the fish harvesting at Nettilling Lake. An experimental fishery was conducted at Nettilling Lake last year and it was supported by the regional office of Economic Development and Tourism, with Economic Development Agreement funding. There were people involved from Iqaluit and the Pangnirtung Hunters and Trappers Association. Approval for the project was dependent upon community consultation and a letter of support from the Pangnirtung HTA. At the hunters and trappers association meeting on August 22nd, the association expressed their support and confirmed it in a letter dated August 23rd to the Departments of Economic Development and Tourism, and Renewable Resources.

It is too soon to determine whether a commercial fishery can be developed at Nettilling Lake. The experimental fishery will continue there next summer in order to perfect techniques and equipment. If the results of the test fishery are positive, then further consultation on allocation of a commercial quota will need to take place with the people of Pangnirtung and Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Returns to oral questions. The honourable Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Further Return To Question O63-89(2): Effects Of Chlorine In Water Supply

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Arlooktoo on October 24 on the effects of chlorine in water.

Mr. Speaker, chlorine has been used as a way to protect drinking water by communities across Canada and the Northwest Territories for many years. A small amount of chlorine added to water will kill most germs that cause sickness. The proper amount of chlorine added to a truck load of water does not cause taste or smell. Too much chlorine in water is not normally dangerous to anyone's health because the amount of chlorine that is needed to make a person sick is very high, and at this level a person would not be able to drink the water because the taste and smell would be very bad.

The chief medical health officer advises me that he is not aware of any studies being done that show that the use of chlorine in drinking water causes arthritis, nor is there a danger to mothers and people with ulcers. On the other hand, it is well known that people living in places where the water is not treated with chlorine have much higher rates of many diseases. The senior health officer for the Baffin Regional Health Board advises that only the proper amount of chlorine which is necessary to kill germs is added to the Lake Harbour drinking water supply.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Returns to oral questions. The honourable Minister of Education.

Returns To Question O8-89(2): Fire Chief Position In Rankin Inlet; And Question O53-89(2): Assistant Fire Marshal Position, Rankin Inlet

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, this is in response to a question asked by Mr. Ernerk on October 19 and October 24 with regard to an assistant fire marshal for the Keewatin Region. The honourable Member stated that during the main estimates for the Department of Safety and Public Services in March of 1989 the Minister had promised a fire chief for Rankin Inlet. I would confirm that on Tuesday, March 7th, 1989, the Hon. Michael Ballantyne, then Minister responsible for the Department of Safety and Public Services stated that he was seeking an additional person for an "...assistant fire marshal in Rankin Inlet. This inspector will be responsible for the Keewatin Region and in enforcing the provisions of the Fire Prevention Act." The "second position" that the honourable Member, Mr. Ernerk, referred to on October 24, 1989, was clearly identified in the debates of the main estimates on March 7, 1989, as a position for a safety officer. This department sought and received one person year for the position of assistant fire marshal, responsible for the Keewatin Region, stationed in Rankin Inlet.

This was confirmed to the Member in a copy of a letter addressed to the Hon. Tom Butters, dated June 13, 1989, which explained that the assistant fire marshal position created for the Keewatin Region is a government funded position and is similar to positions already established in Inuvik, Iqaluit and Yellowknife, to provide firefighter training and inspection services to the regions.

Fire chiefs are a different position altogether and they are responsible for the delivery of fire services in their communities and are funded by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs. The assistant fire marshal position was created to attend to firefighter training and fire inspection requirements for the entire Keewatin Region and all of the communities in the Keewatin Region will benefit from the increased inspections and firefighter training that will be

provided. I am pleased to inform the House that Mr. Scott Toohey commenced his duties as assistant fire marshal for the Keewatin Region, on October 10th of this year. The presence of an assistant fire marshal in the Keewatin will enable increased fire prevention and fire training programs, as well as an increased regulatory presence throughout the Keewatin Region. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Just for the record that statement was made by the Minister of Safety and Public Services. Returns to oral questions. The honourable Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

Return To Question O105-89(2): Reported Cases Of AIDS In The NWT

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Ernerk on October 25, 1989 regarding AIDS update. Last February 27, I advised the Assembly that six persons living in the Northwest Territories have had positive tests for the HIV virus. Since then, the Department of Health has received notification of one additional infected person who has been classified as a case of AIDS. Since HIV infection was first known, seven people in the Northwest Territories have tested positive and two of these seven have been sick enough to be classified as having AIDS. This increase is compatible with the worldwide increase in the number of cases of HIV infection and AIDS and, therefore, Mr. Speaker, we must continue in our efforts to educate the public about the prevention of HIV infection. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Just again, for the correction of the record, that is a return to oral question by the Minister of Health. Returns to oral questions. The honourable Minister of Renewable Resources.

Further Return To Question O136-89(2): Revocation Of General Hunting Licences; And Question O142-89(2): Clarification Of Question O136-89(2)

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: I have a further return to an oral question, asked by Mr. Ernerk on October 30, 1989 with respect to lost hunting equipment.

Although Mark and Johnny Nakoolak lost their hunting equipment in January, no form of claims for compensation were submitted to the Department of Renewable Resources. Staff from the Keewatin regional office have contacted the brothers, again, so that their claim can be completed. I will write to the Aivilik Member before the end of November about this matter.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Nahendeh.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O144-89(2): Sawmill Operations On Aboriginal Lands

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the great champion of aboriginal rights, Titus Allooloo, the Minister of Renewable Resources, how it can happen that aboriginal peoples in the North, who have rights to land, rights to the resources, and to the timber, and who use that land both to hunt and trap and have their children learn on that land – how it is in this day and age that the government can permit a sawmill operator to come in and harvest the lands, much to the opposition of the aboriginal people? How, in this case, did this travesty happen in this day and age in the North?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member has posed a question. The honourable Associate Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development.

Return To Question O144-89(2): Sawmill Operations On Aboriginal Lands

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, the sawmill in question is the only sawmill in that area at the present time. The wood is there and the company employs northern people, between about 20 to 25 residents of that area. It generates about \$600,000 to the economy of the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Nahendeh, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O144-89(2): Sawmill Operations On Aboriginal Lands

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, the Minister is saying jobs are more important than aboriginal rights. He says that is the only sawmill and the only thing referred to was jobs. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister once his officials in the first round of Mr. Patterson's application determine that a sawmill should not have the timber permit, he then appointed an arbitrator to deal with the matter. In the terms of reference that were given to the arbitrator, from the report that he has made, it seems as if he was given a mandate to receive submissions from the sawmill and from the Department of Renewable Resources. Can he confirm that in fact the terms of reference provided only for the arbitrator receiving those submissions? Why was the arbitrator not given the task to also hear submissions from the people who were going to be affected, the people in Jean Marie River, Fort Providence, the people whose lands were eventually infringed upon?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Just a reminder to Members that supplementaries are to be only one question, not two. The honourable Associate Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I am not too sure which question I should be responding to at the present time. I wonder if the Member could restate his question?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Nehendeh, would you restate your first supplementary?

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I am just reading from the report of the arbitrator, that he provided to the Minister. It says here, "The company appealed the decision as provided for under the Forest Management Act. The Minister appointed Ron Williams as an adviser to receive submissions from the company and the Department of Renewable Resources." It seems as if we have an appeal here and the Minister has provided for the arbitrator to hear only from the government and Mr. Patterson. Why was the mandate not provided to also hear from the other people? It seems to be a very one-sided type of appeal.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been posed, the honourable Associate Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I am not too sure what the answer is. I will take the question under advisement and respond sometime tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: The question has been taken as notice. The honourable Member for Nahendeh. New question.

Point Of Order

MR. SIBBESTON: On a point of order, it seemed to me on my second question, the second question I asked the Minister, it was not clear what my question was. So I thought my last question was really a clarification of a question that the Minister had not understood.

Speaker's Ruling

MR. SPEAKER: I want to indicate to the Member that my original comments with regard to the Member posing two questions was incorrect and reminded Members of that and that is the case. The honourable Member on a point of order asked and in fact verifies that decision. He then posed a question which the Minister took notice of and upon taking notice, no continued supplementary questions are to be asked on that particular question. But the Member may pose a new question at a later time.

Question O145-89(2): Reply Requested Re Timber Rights In Jean Marie River Area

MR. SIBBESTON: I wonder if I could ask a question of another great champion of aboriginal rights, Mr. Patterson, the head of the government. A number of days ago, last week, I asked Mr. Patterson a question on this matter and he took the matter under notice. I believe this is Mr. Patterson's last day. Did he intend to reply or give any response to this question as to what is the government going to do with respect to this great travesty? Great injustice has been done to the people of Jean Marie River and is the government going to do anything about it or is it going to sit idly by?

MR. SPEAKER: Just a reminder again that Members should only pose one question. The honourable Government Leader.

Return To Question O145-89(2): Reply Requested Re Timber Rights In Jean Marie River Area

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the Member asked a very profound question about aboriginal rights which he knows is a subject that is complicated and difficult to concisely define. I have just checked today and I have found that our Department of Justice is still working with the Department of Renewable Resources in order to give a thorough response to what I consider a very detailed question.

Mr. Speaker, the Member is concerned about the ability of the people of Jean Marie River to participate in this decision. I would respectfully point out that when the original timber cutting licence application was made, a copy of that application was sent to the community of Jean Marie River. They were asked to submit comments and concerns within 45 days and they did not do so, Mr. Speaker. Then the decision was made and they subsequently complained.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that the matter of aboriginal rights is something that we are very concerned about. I feel that it is unfortunate that the people of the Deh Cho region have not begun land selection, since the interim protection measures were put in place some considerable time ago. In fact, I have been alarmed to hear leaders from that region saying that they are going to refuse to participate in the land selection process. Because, Mr. Speaker, had they selected land or begun the land selection process, this problem need not have occurred. We certainly would have honoured the land selection choices that they might have made, had they been willing to participate in that process.

So Mr. Speaker, while the government may not have acted perfectly in every respect with regard to this process, and the Member has raised some concerns that the Minister of Renewable Resources has committed to responding to tomorrow, I think as well there is an obligation on the part of the people of that community to have voiced their concerns when the original application was made and secondly to have taken advantage of the opportunity to select land that has been present for some considerable time, but not taken up. That would have solved the problem, Mr. Speaker, or prevented the problem. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Question O146-89(2): Feasibility Study Re Sawmill In Jean Marie River

MR. GARGAN: I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. Speaker, the timber harvesting permit that was granted to the land in question, there was a feasibility study done by the community of Jean Marie River. In the feasibility study they were looking at the possibility of harvesting those sections of timber that are in question. However, it was the suggestion of this government that the harvesting of those timbers was not feasible. I would like to ask the Minister if, in fact, there was ever a study done by the community to get into the sawmill business and if the government did say it was not feasible at that time to harvest that timber.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not aware of any feasibility study being done. However, knowing my department, I am sure there probably was. I will undertake to find out for the Member if a study was done.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister is taking the question as notice. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Hay River.

Question O147-89(2): Funds For Transportation Infrastructure And Economic Development Initiatives

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister of Finance, concerning a \$25 million fund which was set up for transportation infrastructure and the \$15 million that was set up for economic development initiatives, in the budget speech on Monday, February 13, 1989, in Yellowknife. My question is: Do those two funds still exist and are they still there in their same numbers? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Finance.

Return To Question O147-89(2): Funds For Transportation Infrastructure And Economic Development Initiatives

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Yes, the funds still exist and they are still there in their same numbers. But I would caution the Member that one of the reasons we set it up the way we did is because of our uncertainty as to future funding from the federal government and, depending on what the final results of formula financing will be, it might well be that those funds may have to be used for something else. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Hay River, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O147-89(2): Funds For Transportation Infrastructure And Economic Development Initiatives

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Has there been any money taken from either of those funds?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Finance.

Further Return To Question O147-89(2): Funds For Transportation Infrastructure And Economic Development Initiatives

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: No, Mr. Speaker, there has not, and they still say that they are designated components of the accumulated surplus.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Hay River, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O147-89(2): Funds For Transportation Infrastructure And Economic Development Initiatives

MR. POLLARD: So when the budget was put together for the next fiscal year, Mr. Speaker, I assume that the Minister took that money to one side and set it in another area, and then developed his budget from that. Am I correct in assuming that, Mr. Speaker?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister of Finance.

Further Return To Question O147-89(2): Funds For Transportation Infrastructure And Economic Development Initiatives

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: It is premature for me to answer that question. At the meeting of the standing committee on finance I will be able to answer that question fully. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre.

Question O148-89(2): Proposed Changes Re Arctic Airports

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. What major changes would MACA be proposing to Transport Canada with respect to our Arctic airports?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

Return To Question O148-89(2): Proposed Changes Re Arctic Airports

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. I have not had time to sit down with my officials in Yellowknife to go over our response. Briefly speaking, we disagree with the funding levels, we disagree with the premises used in the decision not to construct airports at Rae-Edzo, Fort Franklin, Fort Providence and Arctic Red River and we disagree with the improvements that they suggest should be done only to the airports. For example, in Paulatuk and Lac la Martre we need new runways. There is no question, we need new runways. In Lac la Martre the community cannot grow or develop because of the runway, and in Paulatuk the runway is aligned the wrong way because of winds. Transport Canada is suggesting that we merely improve the existing runways; we are saying no, we have to construct new runways. Those are the types of fundamental problems we have with their proposal.

Once I develop a response to Mr. Bouchard – at least my officials will to his department because the advice came from his deputy minister, not from himself – I will make sure that all of the MLAs who were at that meeting are copied on the response. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Natilikmiot.

Question O149-89(2): Legal Aid Worker For Natilikmiot

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe my question is directed to the Minister of Justice. Every year more people, the Inuit people especially, that do not understand the law fully are apprehended for various offences. This is getting to be a concern, especially in the remote communities of the North. We do not have a professional legal aid worker in our communities of Pelly Bay, Gjoa Haven and Spence Bay, and I am wondering if the Minister responsible will make an effort to provide us with that very important position for Natilikmiot and in Natilikmiot. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister of Justice.

Return To Question O149-89(2): Legal Aid Worker For Natilikmiot

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. I knew it would not be long before the new Member asked just that question. Mr. Speaker, I have made a commitment in this House that in the logical step-by-step process we will try to provide legal support systems in each of the regions in the NWT. I answered a question from Mr. Ernerk in the last week that in the Keewatin we are in the process of doing that. The Kitikmeot Region is next on our priority list, and I have made a commitment to see what we can do to provide those sorts of services in the Kitikmeot. Obviously it is going to be dependent on financial resources, but that is the next stage of our long-term plan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot West.

Question O150-89(2): Heating Fuel Price Increases

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Government Services. I have today had communications from representatives of home-owners, both from Coppermine and Cambridge Bay. They have informed me that today they have been advised that heating fuel prices have gone up by five cents per litre in both communities. Could the Minister confirm to me that that indeed is correct and, if so, give me the justification for such an increase?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister of Government Services.

Return To Question O150-89(2): Heating Fuel Price Increases

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, there has been an increase in the price of petroleum products across the North. This increase has been determined in part by the costs of transporting fuel to the settlements. It has been in part developed from the increased cost experienced at the supply end. On top of that our revolving fund has suffered a slight deficit from the past year, which has also been included into that price. If the Member wishes, or if all Members wish, I can provide each and every one with the increases that have been identified and the reasons for those increases.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot West, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O150-89(2): Heating Fuel Price Increases

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary. Mr. Speaker, in the past there have been increases in heating oil products as well, and I think all consumers expect once in a while that these increases take place. In the past also, such increases have been announced prior to the increase taking effect so that the home-owners at least would have the opportunity to fill their tanks prior to the price going up. Mr. Speaker, that was not the case in this instance here. The price went up this morning and, in fact, the information I have from the contacts in my communities is that personnel of the Department of Government Services told consumers that they were instructed not to release advance information on this increase. Could the Minister look into this for me and give me the reason for that, too, please?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Just to remind Members again. On supplementary questions, there is no need for extended preambles. The honourable Minister of Government Services.

Further Return To Question O150-89(2): Heating Fuel Price Increases

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Aivilik.

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want consent to extend the question period.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is seeking consent to extend question period. Are there any nays?

AN HON. MEMBER: Nay.

MR. SPEAKER: I hear a nay. Question period is not extended.

AN HON. MEMBER: Accountability, accountability!

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The honourable Member for Aivilik.

Question O151-89(2): Treatment For AIDS Victims

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct this question to the Minister of Health but she is not here, but I will still ask it. In regard to the people who have AIDS, where do they go for treatment from the NWT?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable House Leader.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I have been informed that the Minister is not in the House right now and she will return almost immediately.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister takes the question as notice. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Question O152-89(2): Reassignment Of Portfolios

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Government Leader, since it was he who was given the power to assign portfolios to his Ministers, in the interest of good government, does he intend shortly to reassign portfolios?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Government Leader.

Return To Question O152-89(2): Reassignment Of Portfolios

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O152-89(2): Reassignment Of Portfolios

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was pleased with that snappy answer. But could the Government Leader give an indication to this House whether, in fact, he will be making this arrangement for new responsibilities in the interest of government, before Christmas?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government Leader.

Further Return To Question O152-89(2): Reassignment Of Portfolios

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Government Leader.

MR. WHITFORD: Point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of order, Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I have not spoken for the first time yet. I did have my hand up. I just wondered when you were going to get to the end of the table.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Whitford, it is not a point of order and it is the prerogative of the Speaker and the Chair to determine who will ask a question. Oral questions.

MR. LEWIS: Yellowknife to the back of the bus again.

MR. SPEAKER: Order. With regard to the comments by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre indicating that Yellowknife is at the back of the bus. I want to indicate that I allowed a Yellowknife Member to ask a question prior to this question and determined that the honourable Member for Deh Cho should ask a question. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Question O153-89(2): Delay In Granting Of Timber Permit In Deh Cho Region

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Government Leader. Again it is with regard to land selection. The land selection process has been concluded in the Delta, I believe, and they are dealing with the selections region by region to make it binding in the agreement in principle. This has not happened yet in the Deh Cho region. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not the government might be able to delay the granting of the timber permit to avoid third party interest, to allow the region to do the selection which could be signed under the AIP.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Government Leader.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to outline my understanding of the land selection process in the Deh Cho region. Mr. Speaker, interim land protection is an issue that was discussed but never resolved during the two year period prior to the signing of the agreement in principle with the Dene/Metis over a year ago. About six months before the Hay River Assembly, Mr. Speaker, a proposal was agreed to and was referred to in the agreement in principle. As I understand it, regions were asked by the Dene/Metis Secretariat to put maps together which would identify lands which they wanted protected. The idea was that after the signing of the AIP a portion of those lands identified would be negotiated to be withdrawn for protection.

Now, Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that unfortunately it was only in the North Slave region, the Dogrib area, that such maps were provided. Consequently, after the AIP, an interim land protection agreement was negotiated and it has been applied only in the Dogrib area. In other words, for whatever reason, the Deh Cho region has missed the opportunity to have valuable lands protected through interim land protection measures. Now, Mr. Speaker, that has led to the difficult situation the Member refers to.

With regard to his specific question about whether the government could delay the granting of a permit. Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that the permit has already been granted. However, as to the technical question whether it now could be withdrawn and what the legal implications of that might be, I will have to take the question on notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister is taking the question as notice and I want to indicate upon further discussion with the Clerk that upon taking one portion of the question as notice, then it is an indication of notice to the whole question. In other words, in future, in responding it is a matter either of notice or of answering the question and allowing the Member to ask a supplementary. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, supplementary to the Government Leader...

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Gargan, a supplementary cannot be asked. The Government Leader has indicated that he has taken the question as notice. Even though a portion of the question has been answered, when there is indication of notice then the whole question is taken as notice. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

---Applause

MR. LEWIS: It better be a good question.

Question O154-89(2): Soviet Technology, Fort Providence Ice Crossing

MR. WHITFORD: It is a good thing it is not statement time, because I would lose time there with my fan club. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the honourable Minister responsible for highways. I have a press release here that is dated October 6th, 1989 that says, "Soviet Know-How to be Used at Fort Providence Ice Crossing" and the statement goes on to say that the techniques that they are going to be using are very unique to northern construction and they learned this from the Soviets on some trips overseas. The question that I have is, do we Canadians not have those same techniques or technology here? I wonder if the Minister could not have instructed his officials to pick that up from Imperial Oil or Gulf or Robinson's Trucking, perhaps. Is this unique?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Just a reminder to Members that, again, in asking questions one of the determining factors is that one should not ask a Minister an opinion with regard to a particular issue. However, I will allow the Minister of Transportation to answer that if he so chooses.

Return To Question O154-89(2): Soviet Technology, Fort Providence Ice Crossing

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Actually it is not an opinion that I have. The fact is that it is unique technology. The Soviets have much greater and a much longer experience in construction in the northern climates, particularly in the area of ice construction, ice road, ice bridge, road, railways. They have been doing major construction in eastern Siberia and their arctic region since the late 1600s.

The nozzle that we acquired was originally developed by the Soviets; however, I now understand that a company in Calgary is manufacturing the nozzle which gives us this special technique. So it is a case of, very rarely, but of Canadian companies learning from Soviet technology. I do not think it will happen too often but it is fairly unique.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O154-89(2): Soviet Technology, Fort Providence Ice Crossing

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a supplementary to the same Minister on the same topic. It is about that purchase of technology and the purchase of the hardware. Did the territorial government buy a nozzle from the Soviets?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister of Transportation.

Further Return To Question O154-89(2): Soviet Technology, Fort Providence Ice Crossing

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. No, my understanding is that we bought it from a company in Calgary which is now manufacturing them.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot West.

Question O155-89(2): Subsidy Program For Heating Fuel

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question to the Minister of Government Services. Mr. Speaker, there exists in the NWT a program to subsidize electricity, for home-owners, to the Yellowknife rate for a specified number of kilowatt hours. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister could advise me if a similar subsidy program for heating fuel for home-owners exists?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister responsible for Government Services.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Baffin Central.

Question O156-89(2): Reply Requested Re Economic Development Officers, Baffin Region

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I asked this question before, Question O108-89(2), and he was going to get back to me. It is concerning economic development. Has there been any funding allocated for the establishment of an economic development officer in Clyde River and Broughton Island? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Return To Question O156-89(2): Reply Requested Re Economic Development Officers, Baffin Region

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had taken that question as notice last week and I have not received the answers yet from Yellowknife but I can assure the Member that I will have answers for him before he leaves here.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Aivilik.

Question O157-89(2): AIDS Policies In NWT

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Health. Do you have any policies concerning AIDS in the Northwest Territories?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister of Health.

Return To Question O157-89(2): AIDS Policies In NWT

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Any policies that we have I will be pleased to provide to the Member.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Aivilik, supplementary.

Question O158-89(2): Additional Doctor, Keewatin Region

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a new question and it is to the same Minister. I heard recently in the Keewatin Region, concerning the social services or the regional health board have been requesting to get an additional doctor for the Keewatin area. I am happy if that is the case, if we are getting an additional doctor.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister of Health.

Return To Question O158-89(2): Additional Doctor, Keewatin Region

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: I do not know if that was a question but I am aware that the Keewatin Region is asking for an additional doctor and it has been discussed in light of the relationship with

Churchill, Manitoba and what we are going to do with the whole medical service that has been provided for the Keewatin Region. So I am aware of the situation and I believe those discussions are going on, on how that would be accommodated.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Question O159-89(2): Extension Of Timber Permit For Patterson Enterprises

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Government Leader. Mr. Speaker, Patterson Enterprises got a timber permit to cut timber in the Cameron Hills area. The community of Fort Providence has also come up with a position to support Mr. Patterson's continuing cutting permits in the Cameron Hills area. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not he would be in a position to extend the timber cutting permits for another year for Mr. Patterson to cut in the Cameron Hills area, so as to avoid cutting in the Jean Marie-Redknife area?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Renewable Resources.

Return To Question O159-89(2): Extension Of Timber Permit For Patterson Enterprises

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: He has two more years left on his licence to harvest in the Cameron Hills.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Deh Cho, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O159-89(2): Extension Of Timber Permit For Patterson Enterprises

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again to the Minister of Renewable Resources. Seeing as there is a two year permit left in the Cameron Hills area, is there a need to provide extra permits for him to harvest in the Jean Marie-Redknife area?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Renewable Resources.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I do not know the answer. I will have to take the question under advisement.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Question O160-89(2): Appointment Of Deputy Minister For Culture And Communications

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Question directed to the Minister responsible for Culture and Communications. I am wondering if the Minister will be able to give us a date as to when the deputy minister for Culture and Communications appointment will be made.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Culture and Communications.

Return To Question O160-89(2): Appointment Of Deputy Minister For Culture And Communications

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, as I stated earlier last week to the Member for Rae-Lac la Martre, I was hoping to make an announcement sometime this week. I am still hoping to do that. The offer has been made to an individual and I have not heard from the individual whether he accepted it or not.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The honourable Member for Aivilik.

Question O161-89(2): Grizzly Bear Quota For Repulse Bay

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On October 27, 1989, Question O122-89(2). There is a mistake in there. Perhaps the Minister of Renewable Resources and his officials understand the question, but I am going to ask it again, concerning the grizzly bear quotas. The people of Repulse Bay have requested to get more of a quota for grizzly bears. What is the situation today for the Minister and his officials?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister of Renewable Resources.

Return To Question O161-89(2): Grizzly Bear Quota For Repulse Bay

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The grizzly bear quota in Repulse Bay that was requested, I gave direction to Renewable Resources to get some scientific information and to find out how many there are. I still have not seen any recommendations from Renewable Resources. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Nahendeh.

Question O162-89(2): Subsidy For Parents Staying Home With Children

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, the Minister for Social Services today made some announcement with respect to providing more day-care centres to the people of the North. In the whole question of people working and making provisions for someone else to look after their children, I am just wondering whether the Minister has ever considered the possibility of the government somehow subsidizing mothers, parents, who are prepared to stay home and do the arduous task of raising their children. Experts inform us that the first three years in a child's life are crucial to the healthy development -- this is when the bonding happens between parents and a child. I am wondering, in the interest of the northern society, raising good children for the future, whether the Minister would seriously consider some kind of a subsidy program to pay or help out people who are prepared to stay home and look after their children, rather than take the easy route out with child care centres.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Social Services.

Return To Question O162-89(2): Subsidy For Parents Staying Home With Children

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That concern has been expressed many times. First of all I want to indicate to the Member that if you decide to pay the mother to stay at home, it is very unfair to the male gender that has to go out to work.

---Laughter

---Applause

However, I do want to indicate that I did mention in the House when I first proposed the interim program, that this interim program is only for this year and it is going to be reviewed and monitored. Looking at a comprehensive type day-care is something that we are striving toward. Taking into account a universal program is one of many steps that I can see this government trying to acquire. Therefore it is difficult to try to look at possibly the concern that the Member is proposing until we look at possibly even trying to assist low income parents in trying to strive to maintain some type of quality of life to give their children and to possibly continue working in our costly life that we have a tendency to try to strive for.

I do want to assure the Member that I do not try to avoid the women that do stay at home but this is possibly why I have not gone ahead and looked at other areas that would try to balance the inequity that people feel we have with our program. We have been very carefully trying to develop a program for the women who stay at home. It is something that our government

probably is going to have to consider in the future. Being the mother of three very young children, I have noticed that it is not the quantity of time that you spend with your children but it is the quality of time which is very important. So therefore I would like to assure the Member that the concern that he has probably will be addressed some day. I do not know if it will be this government, but with the government. It is one of many steps that we would have to look at with regard to day-care. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Just for a matter of correcting the record, prior to going to Mr. Gargan, I want to indicate that Mr. Whitford indicated he would place his hand up to ask a question for the first time. The honourable Member should note that he was the third Member to ask a question in this question period. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Question O163-89(2): Quotas For Eggs And Chickens

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism with regard to improving the quality of life on the reserve -- not the quantity of chickens they are going to raise. Mr. Speaker, the Minister did indicate that he was going to make a decision on whether or not the territorial government will pursue a quota for eggs and chickens for the NWT. It has been an ongoing concern on the reserve, not only in my riding but also in Mr. Pollard's riding, for the economic benefits that it might bring us. Has the Minister come to any decision on whether to pursue additional quotas or accept the quota that has been given by the marketing board, and whether he would from there pursue further quotas?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Return To Question O163-89(2): Quotas For Eggs And Chickens

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As painful as it is, I can indicate to the Member that I have decided to proceed with requesting admission to the chicken marketing agency which ultimately means that I will have to accept their quota. I did not know chickens could be so complicated, Mr. Speaker. It is not just a simple case of requesting admission and to be allocated a quota. Apparently now I have to come up with legislation and regulations on our membership in the national chicken marketing plan. I have to figure out a way to allocate quotas. I have to figure out a way on how we participate in the national marketing agency. I have to prepare a submission to this group for admission to their agency. It seems to me, altogether, a fairly complicated process. The wheels have started to turn, and we will be going forward. As to how long this will take, Mr. Speaker, I cannot give any guarantees at this time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Question O164-89(2): Construction Of Office Complex, Fort Providence

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Public Works. Mr. Speaker, it has been two years now since the office complex allocated under the capital plan has been deferred. I have been informed that the construction of this complex has not yet started. However, I believe the problem with respect to the basement has now been resolved. Mr. Minister, has a decision been arrived at to start construction of the complex this year?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Public Works.

Return To Question O164-89(2): Construction Of Office Complex, Fort Providence

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I believe that the reply to the Member previously was that once these issues have been worked out and we can agree on the area that the government will be paying for, the building will proceed at that time. It is just a matter of ironing out those details. I believe you are talking about the complex in Fort Providence. These issues are areas of negotiation we have with the people who are putting up the office complex. I know from time

to time they are somewhat frustrating. However, we as a government only have so much square footage that we have permission to lease and other requirements of that particular office complex had to be looked into as well. Whether those who are dealing with the office complex are going to want to construct in the wintertime -- that would probably not really be the best solution at this time. Whenever we have the issues resolved we will be proceeding.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The time period for question has expired. Item 6, written questions. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot West.

ITEM 6: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Question W8-89(2): Day-Care Spaces And New Day-Care Jobs

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Social Services. Could the Minister provide me, during the sixth session of the 11th Assembly, with an up-to-date list of licensed child day-care spaces and new child day-care jobs created as a result of the interim child day-care program? Mr. Speaker, I would like this information broken down by community. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Written questions. Item 7, returns to written questions. The honourable Minister of Education.

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Return To Question W5-89(2): Students Receiving Allowances

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, this is in response to a question asked by Mr. Morin on October 23, 1989, with regard to students receiving allowances.

The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development provides financial assistance to status Indian and Inuit postsecondary students across Canada. Here in the NWT, the Government of the Northwest Territories student financial assistance program provides grant assistance to about 360 native students this year, including 90 Dene and 140 Inuit, as well as 130 Metis students -- Dene, in this case Treaty students.

It is difficult to compare the financial assistance provided to NWT students with the assistance provided by DIAND because DIAND does not offer students the same range of funding support, whereas the GNWT provides child care, tutoring, accommodation and emergency allowances that are not available through the federal government program. A simple comparison of the detail of the two programs shows that DIAND provides a higher rate of assistance in one situation. The living allowance DIAND provides to single students is higher than the basic allowance provided in that situation by the GNWT. However, 43 per cent of all single native students receiving GNWT student financial assistance are living in subsidized accommodation provided through Arctic College. Native students attending other postsecondary institutions, and experiencing higher living costs, are eligible for extra living allowances and emergency assistance through the GNWT program. Further information providing a detailed comparison of DIAND rates and the assistance available through the GNWT has been provided by letter to each Member of the Legislative Assembly.

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

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, return to Question W4-89(2) asked by Mr. Pedersen to the Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation, concerning critical shortages of housing.

Return To Question W4-89(2): Critical Shortages Of Housing

Hon. Tom Butters' return to Question W4-89(2), asked by Mr. Pedersen on October 23, 1989, regarding housing shortages: On October 23, Mr. Red Pedersen, MLA Kitikmeot West asked for the response of the NWT Housing Corporation to his suggestion for solving critical shortages of housing in our NWT communities through the leasing of corporation housing from private entrepreneurs; rather than a continuation of the current ship and erect process adopted by the Housing Corporation.

The NWT Housing Corporation did investigate the possibility of leasing units through the public tender process. This research has suggested that entering into leasing agreements on an ongoing basis in effect provides less housing for territorial residents than through a continuation of existing construction practices. The corporation and the NWT budget could become more and more committed in future years to supporting lease payments with less housing becoming available for client use. The major reasons why it is deemed more economic to build rather than lease is the cost of capital and the requirement of an entrepreneur to make a profit. An entrepreneur must pay for his capital and also requires a profit to continue his existence.

I am attaching for the honourable Member's examination and review an appendix which provides a comparison between a build scenario and two alternative leasing scenarios which will more clearly explain the position arrived at above.

The vast majority of the housing erected or obtained by the NWT Housing Corporation is a result of a partnership arrangement between our corporation and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. In view of this fact I requested my officials to put Mr. Pedersen's proposal to our federal partner for their consideration and response. Although to date only informal discussions have occurred with CMHC I am advised that inasmuch as the leasing of units proposed by Mr. Pedersen is similar to our present rent supplement program which is currently operating in market communities -- Yellowknife, 78 units; Iqaluit, eight units; Inuvik, 42 units; Hay River, four units; Fort Smith, five units; total units, 137 -- there may be an opportunity for the corporation to develop a lease program in which CMHC may cost share. Initial reaction from CMHC officials to the concept advanced by Mr. Pedersen appeared to confirm that the federal corporation may be supportive of leasing accommodation units, providing costs experienced are at least comparable to costs presently incurred.

I would be pleased to make available to the honourable Member research information developed by corporation officials in their examination of this proposal. I would also welcome Mr. Pedersen's advice and participation in addressing how the proposal could expand the amount of housing currently being provided for residents of the NWT.

MR. SPEAKER: Returns to written questions. Item 8, replies to Opening Address. The honourable Member for Slave River.

ITEM 8: REPLIES TO OPENING ADDRESS

Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell's Reply

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First I want to indicate to the House that it was not the intention of naying question period, but due to the time restraints I have, I wanted to do my reply to the Commissioner's Opening Address and I can assure you it will not be as lengthy as my friend for Yellowknife Centre, and I will not do a report on the ordinary MLAs. However, Mr. Speaker, I do want to indicate that I do have an important concern pertaining to my constituency that I would like to address in this House.

Effect Of Alberta Pulp Mill Development

One of the most important and crucial issues facing my constituents today is the future development of the pulp mills in Alberta. The release of toxins, dioxin and chlorine, better known

as Perfex to my constituency, into the river system, as a result of the development of these pulp mills, is not only detrimental to our environment, but could be devastating for future generations. Mr. Speaker, I am appalled that the federal Minister of Environment, the Hon. Lucien Bouchard, agreed to a joint Alberta-federal review panel. It was amazing to learn that the federal government would allow this type of hearing process to take place without a full environmental assessment review panel hearing, better known as an EARP hearing. Yet, Mr. Speaker, when my constituents keep advocating for a road south through a portion of Wood Buffalo National Park, the Department of Environment is adamant that a full EARP hearing be held. I know for a fact that the proposed road will do less environmental damage than the pulp mill developments.

Our main concern is to ensure our quality of water is maintained for future generations. We are trying to obtain this assurance through the public hearing process. It is of the utmost importance that the quality of water flowing into the North is continually monitored. Our way of life depends on the goodness that we derive from our water. It is the river systems that give us life and if that river system is allowed to be polluted to a point where it cannot sustain life within itself, then what can we pass on to our future generations?

Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind the Members of this House to seriously consider expressing submissions to the review panel hearing which will be held in Fort Smith and Fort Resolution in November of 1989. I would further like to urge the Members of the House and the citizens of the North to stand up and be heard and to say no to this type of proposed development, that will only bring pollution and not prosperity to the North.

I would like to quote one of my constituents at a meeting which I held specifically on this topic: "If they allow the development of these proposed pulp mills, they may as well also ensure to send some of the timber prior to making the high quality paper they want, so we can use this timber for coffins; until they put into place a mechanism to ensure our water is not affected and the current quality is maintained for the future." Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. WHITFORD: Do I have the floor?

MR. SPEAKER: Before you begin, I did call Item 9, petitions. You will have to have unanimous consent to return to replies to Opening Address. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Whitford. Prior to your reply to the Opening Address, we will take a 15 minute coffee break.

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MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call the House back to order. Replies to Commissioner's Opening Address. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

MR. WHITFORD: I have nothing to say, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Replies to Opening Address. The honourable Member for Aivilik.

Mr. Ernerk's Reply

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all to the people of Norman Wells, I would like to thank them very much. We were welcomed very much in this town while we are here with the Legislative Assembly and I thank them very much.

Sometimes when you are in the process of speaking you start thinking about other things. Sometimes you wonder if anybody is listening to what you are saying. I would like very much to be heard when I am talking about my community as to what we are requesting from the government.

In regard to economic development, I am not going to talk about it too much because we already made a presentation and it will be seen by all the people concerned. I try to make a point in this House and try to ask questions on it but I will talk about it in a short statement. When I try to ask a question -- all the Members are allowed to ask questions of the Ministers, and we try to make our questions very clear. Some of the questions that I have asked did not come from me personally; some of them come from my constituents and from my community and some of them come from the whole of the Keewatin Region.

I never used to be part of the Legislature because it was not part of my culture before, but now I am involved in the Legislative Assembly and we enjoy debating in the House. I believe in speaking for my people at the Legislative Assembly. It is not the same as any other legislature in the whole of Canada. It seems to be the best set-up that we have and it is a route for every citizen of the NWT to go through this House to express their opinions. It operates very adequately.

I will not be speaking at great length, but I will be talking about the most important things that are a concern of my people. I will talk about rights. I have always believed in rights as long as I can remember, an individual's right. The things that we do should be recognized and our rights should be recognized in Canada. Sometimes, Mr. Speaker, the rights and freedoms are held by a certain individual but if those rights and freedoms are taken away from you it is very hard for an individual to express himself.

Birthing Centre In The Keewatin

Say, for instance, the women in my community. I have always asked a certain question of the Minister of Health and I would like to elaborate a little bit so it will be more clear, the reason why I have always expressed it and why I have asked about it, Mr. Speaker. It is with regard to the women in the Keewatin who would like a birthing centre.

The women in our region should be given the right to be able to give birth in their own community. I think we all know and realize that this is a God-given right to all the people in the world. In my community, and possibly throughout the NWT and especially in the Keewatin Region, my people have been pressing to try to get the women in my region -- when they are expecting a baby they have to be sent to Winnipeg or Churchill to give birth to their children and they have to stay there a long, long time. It is very hard on the parents and the spouse that has to take care of the kids while the woman is away. It is especially hard for the small children that she leaves behind. I often think, at times, that when we send our expectant mothers out to the southern centres to give birth, it is not very good for them physically because it is too hard on

them when they have to be away for a long time, away from their family. Mr. Speaker, the NWT government should clearly understand that the Inuit's rights should be given back to the people of my region so that the women in each community could give birth in their own community, without having to go down south.

The Keewatin Inuit Association has done a study. It has been recognized by Canada and it is recognized by the University of Manitoba. We hired people from the University of Manitoba to do a study in regard to women giving birth to babies in their own home communities. As we stated before, the women have to give birth to their children in their own community. I have asked the Minister of Health numerous times what is happening in regard to setting up a birthing centre in the Keewatin Region but they keep telling me that they are still looking into it and they are still studying it. When is the study going to be finished?

We all know, as Inuit, that according to the Inuit tradition and culture it does not have to be looked into, it does not have to have a study done on it. There could be a birthing centre put in place in the Keewatin Region and the women could give birth right in the nursing stations. We know that by now. I believe in my own tradition and my own culture. I was born in an igloo, myself, with two midwives assisting my mother. That is how I was born. The honourable Members for the Nunavut region I know probably were born in igloos themselves.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that the non-native and native cultures could be put together; they could work if they could be used together. We could use our cultures together. I have been told by the health officials and others, and I also believe in what they have stated to me, that if it is going to be medically impossible for a woman to give birth in her own community then it is okay for her to be sent to Churchill or Winnipeg. That is what I believe, too. According to all the new technology coming up in the North I know that it could be done, that the women could give birth in their communities.

I probably did not state all the things that I would have liked to have said here with regard to the rights of the Inuit people and their rights as Canadians. The reason that I wanted to express that is that I want the government to clearly understand that this is very hard for us.

Preservation Of The Inuktitut Language

I also have another short statement to make with regard to our language, the Inuktitut language. Our language is Inuit and it is our only resource left for our culture in our communities. Our land used to be our own land but that has been taken by the government. Our culture was also taken away by the government. Our language is the one resource we have left as Inuit. I have asked questions during our meeting in Norman Wells as to how the government is approaching this issue of language. I tried to make it quite clear that we want the Inuktitut language to be officially recognized, equally, along with French and English. That is what I was trying to state to the government. I know that as Inuit our language in our communities is not officially recognized as the language of business or in government offices. If I phone to the government office in Rankin Inlet, even if I spoke in Inuktitut to an Inuk employee, I will get a response in English.

As Inuit, we should tell our own people not to forget our own language. They are starting to forget in some areas where the people claim they are still Inuit. That is a very sad thing to see when Inuit who consider themselves as Inuit do not know their own language. If we keep using the language for our future, I think if we recognize it officially, they will not forget it. It is the only resource left as distinctive to our culture.

I have always admired the Greenlanders. I went to see them, Members from this House have seen them, and the Member for Kitikmeot West knows them very well. The language of the government is Inuktitut and everywhere in business and offices they speak in Kallatiitut and even their children speak in their own language. I admire them for that.

The government arrived and introduced English in their offices because it was the only language officially recognized and used as a business language. Although we are Inuit, every time we go

to visit the government offices we have to speak the English language. I want this to be talked about more in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I am quite pleased that we are working hard toward having the language recognized. Just the other day we made a motion and established a working group to work on the languages, and I was appointed to this group. I am very pleased with that.

The Environment

I have a short statement to make with regard to the environment. The land that we use should be our first priority, it is obvious, at this time. The Inuit have been telling the oil and mining companies to clean it up afterwards, so that the protection of our environment can be seen. The people that use the land and the waters, people who hunt, should be more careful in protecting the environment. When I visit our communities throughout the North I can see that there is quite a bit of waste material. I am not going to say that the government is the only one responsible for cleaning up the environment. We, as people, the local governments, all the people in the North, should be more concerned about keeping the environment clean.

It is quite unpleasant to see diapers around a pond or a lake where we go fishing. You can see garbage bags and plastic bags everywhere. It is very unpleasant to see the debris in our communities. Since we use the land, we should try and keep our environment clean. Our land is very good to us. We get caribou from the land and from the lakes, rivers and oceans we get fish and seal. There are a lot of resources that we can harvest, but we have to be more careful in treating the environment so that it will not be destroyed. We do not wish to destroy our land, our environment. We live close to the land and it is very close to the hearts of a lot of people, not just for the hunters or the harvesters of the land.

Accountability Of Government

I have another short statement for the government. We only care for the individuality of the person when we are not pleased with the government. Sometimes we would like to encourage the government to represent the people more. Mr. Lewis has been talking about the accountability of the government in English quite a bit. The government in Yellowknife is too far away from the people at times, especially from Rankin. Although it is only a two hour flight now, still the way the government operates, it seems to be getting further and further away from the people. Sometimes we think, "Can you hear us; can you listen to us?" That is how we think of the government. We would like to hear more about what the government is doing and be more informed about the work they are accomplishing with regard to looking after the people. The government should be closer to the grass-roots level everywhere in the NWT. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, petitions.

Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Item 11, tabling of documents. The honourable Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 27-89(2), a document entitled "Health Research, North of 60 Workshop, Final Report", with a summary in Inuktitut.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister of Education.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 28-89(2), Annual Report, 1988, Workers' Compensation Board. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Tabling of documents. The honourable Minister of the Housing Corporation.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table on behalf of my colleague, the honourable Minister of Personnel, Tabled Document 29-89(2): Public Service Vehicles Act, draft legislation.

I also would like to table, on behalf of my colleague, the Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell, Tabled Document 30-89(2): Status of Women Council Act, draft legislation.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. The honourable Minister of Justice.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the following documents: Tabled Document 31-89(2): Report to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories on the Examination of the Accounts and Financial Transactions of the Government of the Northwest Territories for the Year Ended March 31, 1989; Tabled Document 32-89(2): Public Accounts of the Northwest Territories for the Year Ended March 31, 1989; Tabled Document 33-89(2): The Northwest Territories Law Foundation, Sixth Annual Report, for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1988; Tabled Document 34-89(2): Public Utilities Board 1988 Annual Report.

MR. SPEAKER: Tabling of documents. Item 12, notices of motion.

The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

ITEM 12: NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice Of Motion 14-89(2): To Authorize Speaker To Set Sitting Hours

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on November 3rd I will move the following motion: Now therefore, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North that the Speaker be authorized to set such sitting hours as he may consider necessary in order to ensure that the business of the House can be dealt with.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion.

Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 14, motions. The honourable Member for Tu Nede.

ITEM 14: MOTIONS

Motion 11-89(2): Low-Level Flights In The NWT

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

WHEREAS the ninth session of the 10th Assembly of the NWT on March 5, 1987 unanimously adopted a motion opposing the low-level flights over the southern NWT and calling for a full public inquiry into this matter;

AND WHEREAS the Department of National Defence conducted an environmental assessment and review of the low-level flights that did not adequately document community views and land use;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the NWT, the people of Snowdrift, Dene Nation, Metis Association, South Slave Regional Council and other groups have expressed opposition to the flights and called for public hearings on this matter;

AND WHEREAS The Minister of National Defence approved the use of the low-level military flight route IR-902 over the southern NWT on June 14, 1989;

AND WHEREAS the community of Snowdrift has decided to initiate a legal action to prevent the low-level flights and calling for public hearings on the flights;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the Member for Aivilik, that the Legislative Assembly reaffirms its opposition to the low-level flights in the NWT;

AND FURTHER that this Legislative Assembly supports the efforts through legal action by the community of Snowdrift to prevent the low-level flights;

AND FURTHER that this Legislative Assembly requests the Executive Council to immediately demand that the Minister of National Defence withdraw his approval of the low-level flights on IR-9820;

AND FURTHER that full public hearings be held on this matter.

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

Need For Full Environmental Assessment Review

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The reason I am bringing this motion forward in the House today is basically so that the Legislative Assembly will reaffirm its opposition to low-level flights. The community of Snowdrift, as well as other native leaders, have tried every avenue open to them to try to get the Department of National Defence to do a proper full environmental hearing on this low-level flight issue. The Department of National Defence has continually said no, they do not want to do that. They think they are above the law, as far as I am concerned. They just want to do what they want to do and as people know here, the only thing they do is send us notes of what they are going to do.

There is a process that the Government of Canada uses to evaluate any project that would have an impact on the environment and that is the EARP process. There is no reason why this type of project should not go through a full EARP process. We have tried, we have met with the Minister of National Defence and tried to convince him to do that. In meeting with Bill McKnight and talking with him, we would have got more satisfaction talking to the wall. He did not want to change his mind; he did not want to look at the movement of the flights. He said he may consider raising the altitude of the flights.

We in the South Slave region strongly feel that these flights are going to have a devastating effect on the community of Snowdrift. Basically what it looks like from the map they have supplied for us to review, is that the corridor that these B-52 bombers will follow just followed the migration route of the caribou. To us, that is going to cut off our access to caribou meat. We believe that the caribou will change their migration, they will not come as close to our community and basically that will cut off our way of life.

Legal Action The Only Recourse

We did not make the decision to take the federal government to court as just a quick decision. We thought long and hard about it and we realized the seriousness of it. As for the Minister of the Department of National Defence, if he would listen to people then he would not find himself in court. But there is no way they would listen to our concerns, so the only avenue left open to us was the courts. Hopefully the court will rule in our favour and stop the flights until a full public inquiry is done.

They did do an initial environmental assessment. They came into Snowdrift for three hours and they expected our people to mark all the trap lines on the map, tell them where the caribou are, tell them where the animals are, the musk-ox, for a three hour session in the middle of the winter when all our people were out on the land. There was hardly anyone in the community to even meet with them. So the initial environmental assessment that they did do is not worth the paper it is written on. This government had made commitments to work with them, to assist them to do

a proper environmental assessment on what they knew existed out there, what the animals' habitat was and such, but there was a question in the House the other day to the Renewable Resources Minister and I do not even think our own government knows basically what is happening out east of Snowdrift with the caribou. So it is a crucial issue and we have to, as leaders of the NWT, take a public stand against it and reaffirm our commitment to keeping the North basically free of this type of military action. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Just a reminder that Members should stick to the question that is being asked in terms of the arguments that are being raised. The honourable Member for Aivilik.

Effect Of Low-Level Flights On Migration Routes

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As seconder of the motion, on the "Now therefore" part and opposition to low-level flights in the NWT, I have been concerned about this. In our area the planes that fly at low level are very loud. They make a very loud noise and I have also heard from the people of Labrador, more than once, through the telephone and through television and through other forms of media that they are opposed to the low-level flights because the animals are leaving the area where there are low-level flights. We have heard this through all forms of media. One of the reasons that I seconded the motion is that in Rankin Inlet they started extending the air strip last summer and perhaps three or four years before, they put concrete on the airstrip, and they have plans of utilizing that airstrip, to use F-18 planes in the future.

I think that we should be asking the people of the Northwest Territories what kind of policies or what kind of acts there are in place for military people? What are you going to be doing about our environment and the animals, to prevent them from running away? The reason that I am using Rankin Inlet as an example, Mr. Speaker, is that Rankin Inlet is a place where the birds migrate, geese and snow geese. When we hear any form of planes that are very loud and that make a lot of noise, the birds that migrate through Rankin Inlet would hear these big, loud noises. The planes would be flying very low and they would be very loud. Perhaps the birds would migrate to a different route. If they start migrating through a different route our main way of life and food means are gone. That goes the same for caribou. Before the mining started in Rankin Inlet I heard that there used to be a lot of caribou. If they start utilizing Rankin Inlet as a base to use low-level flights perhaps the caribou too would start migrating through a different route.

Mr. Speaker, consideration of these things, that is why I seconded the motion, in opposition to low-level flights of military planes and I am not too happy about these things. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Motion 11-89(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion? Opposed to the motion? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motions. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion to allow the Speaker to extend the sitting hours.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with a motion today. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Lewis.

Motion 14-89(2): To Authorize Speaker To Set Sitting Hours, Carried

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker:

WHEREAS there are a number items of business still to be considered at this session;

AND WHEREAS the regularly scheduled sitting hours remaining may not provide sufficient time to adequately consider the business still to be dealt with;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North that the Speaker be authorized to set such sitting hours as he may consider necessary in order to ensure that the business of the House can be dealt with. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The motion is in order.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour of the motion? All those opposed to the motion? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Item 15, first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Inuvik, the Minister of Government Services.

ITEM 15: FIRST READING OF BILLS

First Reading Of Bill 28-89(2): Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Amittuq that Bill 28-89(2), Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The motion is in order.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 28-89(2) has had first reading. First reading of bills. The honourable Member for Inuvik, the Minister of Government Services.

First Reading Of Bill 15-89(2): Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu that Bill 15-89(2), An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The motion is in order.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 15-89(2) has had first reading. First reading of bills. Item 16, second reading of bills. The honourable Member for Inuvik.

ITEM 16: SECOND READING OF BILLS

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to give second reading today to Bill 28-89(2), Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The Minister is requesting unanimous consent to give second reading to Bill 28-89(2), today. Are there any nays?

---Carried

Proceed, Mr. Minister.

Second Reading Of Bill 28-89(2): Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Amittuq that Bill 28-89(2), Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to allow for allowances to Members due to the changes in pension rules.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 28-89(2) has had second reading. Mr. Clerk, Bill 28-89(2) has had second reading and is ordered into committee of the whole for today. Second reading of bills. The honourable Minister of Justice.

Second Reading Of Bill 26-89(2): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1988-89

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu that Bill 26-89(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1988-89, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to make supplementary appropriations to the Government of the Northwest Territories for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1989.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The motion is in order. To the principle of the bill?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 26-89(2) has had second reading. Mr. Clerk, Bill 26-89(2) has had second reading and is ordered into committee of the whole for today. Second reading of bills. The honourable Minister of Government Services.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, may I have unanimous consent to give second reading to Bill 15-89(2), An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Unanimous consent is being requested by the Minister to give second reading to Bill 15-89(2) today. Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Minister.

Second Reading Of Bill 15-89(2): Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that Bill 15-89(2), An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to delete the definitions of "current service" and "previous service"; to provide for mandatory contributions of nine per cent of pensionable remuneration and earnings by a Member to the fund; to provide that a Member who does not have at least six years of service when he or she ceases to be a Member shall receive a refund of his or her contributions to the fund and interest; to change the number of years service to 15 years rather than 35 years when calculating the annual allowances; to increase the percentage of the annual allowance payable to a surviving spouse to 75 per cent and to decrease it to 25 per cent for each child; and, to provide for a lump sum payment to the estate of a Member or a former Member where the Member or former Member dies and leaves no person who is entitled to the allowance.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The motion is in order, as corrected. To the principle of the bill?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 15-89(2) has had second reading. Mr. Clerk, Bill 15-89(2) has had second reading and is ordered into committee of the whole for today. Second reading of bills. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Presentations of witnesses from the Constitutional Alliance; Tabled Document 18-89(2); Report of Standing Committee on Legislation; Bill 22-89(2), Bill 10-89(2), Bill 2-89(2), Bill 19-89(2), Bill 24-89(2), Bill 15-89(2), Bill 26-89(2), Bill 28-89(2), with Mr. Gargan in the chair.

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

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER TABLED DOCUMENT 18-89(2), SEIZE THE DAY, A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES; COMMITTEE REPORT 2-89(2), REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION; BILL 22-89(2), REAL ESTATE AGENTS' LICENSING ACT; BILL 10-89(2), INSURANCE ACT; BILL 2-89(2) BUSINESS LOANS AND GUARANTEES ACT; BILL 19-89(2), MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BENEFITS ACT; BILL 24-89(2), SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED PERSONS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The committee will come to order. Yesterday in committee of the whole we were dealing with the presentations of witnesses from the Constitutional Alliance. Do the Members wish to bring in the witnesses on the Constitutional Alliance or is this matter concluded? Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I know that some members of the Constitutional Alliance have already left. This was the case today with the president of the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): What is the wish of the committee? Does committee agree this matter is concluded?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Tabled Document 18-89(2): Seize The Day

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We are now on general discussion on political and constitutional development in the NWT, Tabled Document 18-89(2). General comments. Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, I understood that the leaders of the native organizations were interested in coming back into the committee of the whole to not only answer questions but to make some statements as well, in response to some of the things that were said by each of the groups yesterday. But they all have busy schedules, I am sure, and they are off to do other business today. Having said that, for myself as a Member of the Executive, I know that I have waited for a year for this debate. It has been very short and sweet. We have done quite a bit of work on putting together discussion papers. We have put two together for the Members and I would suggest that since it would appear that there is nothing faulty or offensive in the suggestions we made to date, that the government might, with some caution, take it as consent to keep going in the general direction we have set out. We will keep our ears open for individual Members of the Legislature that may want to review the documents that were presented by the native organizations and, as well, by the Executive. They may have some further comments that they want to share and have us think about in our work in the coming year. Perhaps they may come up in the winter session of this Assembly. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Any further general comments? Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the Deputy Government Leader said, we have put a lot of time and effort into the paper over the last year and I think it is basically a sound paper. I think the presentations made by the aboriginal organizations yesterday gave us food for thought. Obviously the approach we take in the future is going to have to be flexible, but it is going to have to also be practical. But from what I have heard I think I am satisfied that the government at least is generally sort of heading in the right direction. I think over the next year -- things change so quickly -- I think we may have to make some quick changes in our approach, but between now and the budget session, if individual Members have comments or observations on our paper, we would be interested in hearing from them.

Changing Financial Realities

I do not feel I can let this moment go without at least giving a very short observation on the importance of remembering, as we embark upon political and constitutional development, that we have to do it within a practical, realistic, financial framework. Although I agree with members from the aboriginal organizations when they say that culture and heritage do not have a price, unfortunately they do have a cost at times. I think we would be doing a disservice to ourselves and our constituents if we do not recognize some of the changing financial realities in this country. In the goods and services tax proposal, I think we outlined some of the potential down sides to the goods and services tax in the North; and I think all of us recognize that when you are talking about self-government or self-determination, that implies very implicitly that you have to have the economic and financial wherewithal to achieve your goals.

So I think as we develop new models of government, as we develop new constitutional processes, I think we have to keep reminding ourselves that the world in which we live is changing rapidly. The negotiations I am having on the formula have been extremely tough. There is no doubt in my mind that not only are we going to be cut, but the approach that they are taking, if it goes through -- and as I said it is tough -- could have a very long-term detrimental economic impact on the Northwest Territories, no matter what form of government we have up here.

I think we have in some ways to dampen some of the expectations of the people of the North. It is going to be harder and harder to be able to pay for improved programs. As I said, as we get involved in very exciting and very important discussions on political and constitutional development we have to remember that a lot of people out there are looking at jobs, they are looking at business opportunities and they are looking at education for their children, and we have to make sure we know where we are going to get the money to pay for those.

Mr. Chairman, I thought I would interject that into the debate, and I appreciate Members' patience in listening. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. General comments. Does the committee agree that Tabled Document 18-89(2), Seize The Day, A Report to the Legislative Assembly on Political and Constitutional Development in the Northwest Territories, is completed? Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The people who have spoken with regard to Tabled Document 18-89(2) -- this is not the first time that we have discussed political and constitutional development in the NWT in this House. The Constitutional Alliance has dealt with this topic before and they had made a presentation to us with respect to constitutional development. I do not have any comments at this time with regard to the paper, but I will be waiting to hear from the people that are negotiating land claims from the TFN and Dene/Metis. I will be waiting for the boundary line to be agreed upon, to create Nunavut.

The Constitutional Alliance and other people are working on the boundary issue at this time, and until the boundary line is drawn I do not think we can talk about it very much at this time. The people that made the presentation yesterday were clearly telling us that they do not have anything agreed upon at this time. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. General comments. Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Mr. Chairman, we received yesterday all the native organizations' papers. They are quite lengthy, and I am wondering if we can continue this in the budget session as well. I understood that the native organizations that were present yesterday were going to be invited back into the House today for a question and answer period and to clarify some positions in the papers they presented. As they all had previous commitments and planes to catch earlier today, I think it would be good to continue this discussion in the budget session.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Morin. The first item we dealt with dealt with the presentations of witnesses from the Constitutional Alliance, and you are correct that all members of the Constitutional Alliance, with the exception of the Members here, have left, and the matter has been concluded. We are now dealing with Tabled Document 18-89(2), Seize The Day, A Report to the Legislative Assembly on Political and Constitutional Development in the Northwest Territories, by the government of the day. That is what we are discussing now. If you wish to make comments on it at this time, you can do so. Are there any further general comments regarding this tabled document?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): We are talking about Tabled Document 18-89(2). General comments. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I wanted to make a short statement on the political and constitutional development that is happening here in the NWT. We are now in a situation where, as far as the land claims process is concerned, the federal government has taken a position of not discussing aboriginal self-government as part of the negotiating process. One of the reasons for that would be because of third party interests being represented by this government.

The other difficulty that I see with regard to political and constitutional development is that we are also in a situation where we have to cut our budget from what it is now by \$30 to \$40 million a year. The best way of perhaps addressing those cuts is that the government has to come up, not only with a process for political and constitutional development, but the government also has to come up with a position on what they see they could devolve to the communities. In other words, more control of budgets for their education, social service programs, health programs, renewable resources programs. They have to also reinforce the renewable resource sector of the program so that more people are encouraged to go back on the land, if there is no kind of job creation incentive by this government.

Aboriginal Self-Government Supported

The other thing I see, too, is that right now as far as the political and constitutional development goes, the government has already established a position on the prime body concept. They cannot support an ethnic type government. The difficulty I find with that is that in cases like my own communities of Fort Providence, Kakisa and the Hay River Reserve, 90 per cent of the people there are aboriginal people with very little non-native population. In situations like that, where it has always been, since those communities were created, the aboriginal people that are being neglected, I do not see any difficulty in having some form of aboriginal self-government in these communities. Not only that, but if this government was to support a form of aboriginal self-government and express that support for such a body at the local level, then the federal government perhaps might not be so reluctant to discuss aboriginal self-government, but in fact encourage and support it. This is not the case at this point in time. The situation of a lack of money on the territorial government's part -- perhaps it is more appropriate to negotiate aboriginal self-government through the negotiating process in which the federal government will then be able to support the development through that process, which is not the case right now.

I know during the last few years the Members in this House have expressed a concern about this prime body concept. It is a concept that is legislated by this House and so it does not get the kind of cloud that an aboriginal self-government would have. For this reason, Mr. Chairman, I thought I would bring it up, just to remind the Members that perhaps there are some compromises and in those kinds of compromises it might not be a costly process if we look at the three forums that are here, the one forum being the aboriginal self-government, this territorial government forum and the federal government forum. And perhaps we could send a message to the federal government to say that we do support the concept of aboriginal self-government, which has not been defined through the constitutional process or the Charter of Rights, and we wish to work on it. A forum that we establish here could be a model for the rest of the country. Right now, although maybe the aboriginal people are still the majority, it will not take long for that majority to no longer exist.

We could again refer this to the winter session. We could refer it to the 12th Assembly and while we are referring and not establishing a position as a government to support aboriginal self-government, we are slowly losing our ground to establish a position. The only other concept I would think the government is looking at is the prime body concept, which I still do not support. And the only acceptable compromise for myself is that we take a position to support the aboriginal self-government concept and see if it might be able to work where the aboriginal people in the communities still constitute a majority. After all, Mr. Chairman, that is the price you pay for democracy. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Thank you. Any further general comments? Mr. Arlooktoo.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I feel at this time I will not be able to deal with this issue, especially for the Inuit Members because it is not translated and we have not had a chance to look at it in detail in Inuktitut. So I would refer this document to the winter session. Somebody explained the document and I am just starting to understand it now. But I wish to defer it to the winter session.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): Does this committee wish to defer this? Mr. Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Tabled Document 18-89(2) has been translated already. Perhaps the Inuit Members did not get the translation yet.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Would you like to receive an Inuktitut copy before we resume discussions?

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Yes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Pudluk): (Translation) Perhaps we will take a two or three minute break.

---SHORT RECESS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We are dealing with the Political and Constitutional Development in the Northwest Territories, Tabled Document 18-89(2). Mr. Allooloo was correct that the discussion paper has already been translated but it was not distributed. I just want to apologize for that to the Inuit Members. What is the wish of the committee with regard to this document? Mr. Pedersen.

Motion That Tabled Document 18-89(2) Be Deferred To Winter Session, Carried

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It seems to be the wish of a number of Members, and I would agree with it, they are very weighty documents that we are looking at. I would move that we defer the papers presented to us by the native organizations yesterday and the political development paper, to the February session.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. There is a motion in the House to defer the tabled document, as well as the presentations done by the native organizations. The motion is in order. The documents could be reintroduced, retabled again during the winter session for discussion if the Members chose to do so. To the motion?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Question is being called. We do not have a quorum yet. The Chair recognizes a quorum. Question is being called. All those in favour of deferring? All those opposed? The motion is carried to defer these documents.

---Carried

What is the wish of the government? Mr. Allooloo.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The government would like to proceed with Bill 22-89(2), Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act; followed by Bill 10-89(2), Insurance Act; Bill 2-89(2), Business Loans and Guarantees Act; Bill 19-89(2), Municipal Employees Benefits Act; Bill 24-89(2), Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act; and Bill 26-89(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1988-89. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Allooloo. The order of bills that are being requested by the government is Bill 22-89(2), Bill 10-89(2), Bill 2-89(2), Bill 19-89(2), Bill 24-89(2), Bill 26-89(2), in that order. Does the committee agree with that order?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Bill 22-89(2): Real Estates Agents' Licensing Act

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We will deal with Bill 22-89(2), Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act, with Mr. Kakfwi. We have already gone up to clause 4. We are now on clause 5. Does the committee agree that the Minister brings in his witnesses? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Mr. Kakfwi, for the record would you please introduce your witnesses?

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Giuseppa Bentivegna, from the legislation division.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. We are dealing with clause 5, eligibility for licence as agent. Clause 5. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 6, application for licence as agent. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 7, application in name of agent. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 8, representative. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 9, eligibility for licence as salesperson. Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: It has been so long since we dealt with this matter. In clause 9(c) of that clause it is talking about training. Did we discuss that and decide that the rules and regulations are going to be drawn up dealing with the training and the examination for salespeople? I wondered if this training that is going to be required is going to be made available to people interested in becoming real estate agents and salespeople -- whether it would be made available and through what forum it would be made available? Would it be Arctic College or through the school system or through correspondence or something? Can I get that information?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, under 9(c) the intent now, I guess, is to have programs made available to interested students or persons that want to study and meet the requirements that would be laid out in the regulations by doing self-study or a correspondence course and, perhaps, to make available, courses and programs that are presently available in Alberta. That is currently what we have going in discussions about how to meet each requirement.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The regulations then are being drawn up now and in consultation with the industry?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, the regulations are not easily drawn up until after the act is passed. So once the act is passed then the people who are responsible start drawing up the regulations and I think they are always done in consultation with all affected parties. So I do not think industry would be left out of this.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 9, eligibility for licence as salesperson. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 10, application for licence as salesperson. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 11, issuance of licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 12, expiry of licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 13, renewal of licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 14, duties of agent. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 15, information. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 16, change in partnership. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 17, temporary licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 18, cancellation or suspension of licence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 19, cancellation or suspension of licence of agent. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 20, salesperson not to trade. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 21, notice of intention. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 22, notice of hearing. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 23, examination of evidence. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 24, written reasons. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 25, appeal. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 26, interim suspension. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 27, forfeiture of bond. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 28, money paid out. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 29, further judgments. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 30, payment to superintendent. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 31, liability of surety. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 32, inspection. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 33, investigation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 34, powers upon investigation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 35, documents. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 36, production of documents upon demand. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 37, appointment of receiver. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 38, procedure. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 39, books of agent. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 40, trust ledger. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 41, trust money. Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Trust money. The question I had here is if a buyer puts a substantial amount of money down, to an agent and that money is deposited in trust, what happens to the interest that is accrued on those moneys while it is in trust? Who gets this money?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Ms Bentivegna.

MS BENTIVEGNA: Mr. Chairperson, under section 44 if the parties have an agreement as to who the interest goes to, then a separate trust account can be set up and the interest on that money will either go to the purchaser or the vendor, as agreed between the parties. If not, then it goes to the consolidated revenue fund. The reason being that it was not worth having to set up, especially for small amounts, separate trust accounts for every client.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Whitford.

Disposition Of Interest On Trust Account

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, if I were to contract a real estate agent to buy some properties, in Yellowknife, for example, 10 per cent of \$250,000 is a lot of money and in a few days, in a daily savings account that can pick up a couple of dollars and more. If there is a problem at all in negotiating the contract to buy some properties and it takes a little longer, it can accrue and that is my money that is there. Why can the client not be given the money rather than have it go to the territorial government? Unless I am reading this wrong. I know that when real estate people take money, it does not have much to do with the government, why should the government be getting this money? Am I missing something here, other than interest?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Ms Bentivegna.

MS BENTIVEGNA: Mr. Chairman, the money only goes to the government if there is no agreement, if, when the money is put in trust, the parties have not agreed as to who the interest goes to. So it is to avoid that the agent would keep the money. So if they agree, then it goes to the person they have agreed to, either the purchaser or the vendor. If there is no agreement and no separate trust account, if it is all put in the general trust account, then the interest goes to the government. Because otherwise there would have to be a complicated auditing procedure put into place to verify each time that the money was being handed out by the agent, where there is no agreement. So if there is an agreement, there is no problem. If there is no agreement then the money would get remitted, let us say every four or six months, to the government, whenever there was enough to remit.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Would we have any way in determining the amount of money this would be gaining over a period of time? Because if the Real Estate Agents' Act is passed then this becomes law and people do follow this. The territorial government could at any time stand to have a lot of money sitting around in the trust accounts and could be getting money through the

consolidated revenue fund. There would be a considerable amount of money being made in a year's time, I would imagine. I wonder if there is any way we can plan to be able to track that kind of money through. I think that an individual would feel rather bad if money stayed for a long period of time in a trust account, where that money could have been working for them, even on a daily savings basis. You know a few dollars here and there certainly adds up. It is not a very big issue but it is something that has been asked by the industry.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, I do not know if we are understanding each other. This is like accounts you set up when someone is going to buy a house, you get that money available and it sits there until the deal is made and there is a transaction of money. I think it is the interest on that while it is sitting, that the Member is talking about. It just seems to me, when you give money to your agent to put into your account to pay for a house, then you have to make sure you do not put it in there months ahead of time. You borrow it and you pay interest on it as well. I think that is what the agents advise you on.

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

MR. POLLARD: I may be being a little slow today, Mr. Chairman, but here we have a situation where there is an arrangement made with an agent to purchase a house and I am understanding that if there is no agreement between the agent and the person who is putting up the money on what will be done with the interest, then any interest that accrues – I am not understanding whether if the deal falls down there is any interest – the person just gets back their original dollars and anything left over goes to the Minister by way of the consolidated revenue fund; or, if there is no agreement between the parties on how the interest will be disbursed, there is money left sitting in the account that will eventually accrue to the government. Like Mr. Whitford, I have a concern here that the government is going to get money for doing nothing, and it is not going to be money that they are entitled to.

That would be my question and the other part, so that it can all be handled at once – Ms Bentivegna is of the legal profession and I wonder if she could draw a parallel on what lawyers do with the interest they get on their trust accounts so that we can get a measure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Ms Bentivegna.

MS BENTIVEGNA: Mr. Chairman, if I am not mistaken, normally the interest on lawyers' trust accounts goes to the Law Foundation. In some provinces it goes back to the law society to run the programs. In this act there is no such board, so if the government was actually running the program, if they do get any kind of small benefit from this, it is put towards running that program. It is the interest on the money that is in the trust account that goes to the government. In your example, even if the deal falls through, the people get back their money if there is no agreement as to what happens to that interest, and the interest for that whole trust account goes to the government. If there is an agreement, then it goes to whoever it was decided upon. It is up to the parties really how long that money stays in there, the amount, if they are willing to set up a separate trust account because it is such an amount that it is worth it.

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

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I understand now, sir. This question again is through you, sir, to the Minister. I understood Ms Bentivegna to say that moneys accruing to the government, to the consolidated revenue fund, by way of interest, would go to help to run the program, or words to that effect. Can the Minister tell me how they are going to keep track of these moneys and where it is going to be kept, and under what account, so that we can be sure it is being spent on this program? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

Interest Goes To General Government Programs

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, as I understand it as well, if you borrow a large sum of money and you put it into a trust account, it is for the purpose of doing a specific business. If you have a good adviser, he would tell you for one thing, do not borrow it and let it sit there because it is not going to do you any good; you take it out of the bank only when you actually need it and try to transact it as fast as you can. Whatever the case is, you are faced with the question of paying interest to whoever lends you the money in the first place, or provides you with the mortgage. You have the problem of trying to figure out what to do with the money if it sits in an account for a while. Sometimes people are in that situation and that is what they are talking about here. Usually people ask you about what you want to do with the interest in the account. You say, "I would like to have it." Whoever you are selling to might also have some ideas about it as well. I do not think it is something that people forget about. In those cases where they do not have it in writing, then it goes to the government. The government provides legislation and regulations governing a business like this. As far as I know, there is not really any particular program. When Ms Bentivegna was suggesting that it should go back to programs, it is just general government programs. It goes back into general government revenues and that is what that statement meant. We were not suggesting that there were any specific government programs for real estate agents and salespersons.

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

MR. POLLARD: Last question, Mr. Chairman. I do not know what kind of society realtors have, but if interest on trust accounts gathered by lawyers goes to the law society, and there is no society of that nature in the NWT with respect to realtors, would the Minister consider in future, if there ever was something like that, redirecting these funds to that society the same as the legal profession does? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: I am hoping that the North will not grow so fast and we do not have everybody turning into real estate agents and salespersons over the next few years; but if it does happen and I am still the Minister responsible, I would have to look at it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 41. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 42, auditor's report. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 43, retention of records. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 44, deposit of trust money. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: When we say "on deposit in the Territories", could that be construed as the Yukon Territory as well, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Kakfwi.

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Ms Bentivegna says absolutely not.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 44. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 45, guaranteed sale agreement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 46, disposition of deposit. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 47, commission not payable on purchase. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 48, salesperson. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 49, undertaking by agent. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 50, advertising. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 51, use of name by agent. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 52, disclosure of interest. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 53, purchase by agent or salesperson. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 54, employment of salesperson of another agent. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 55, payment of commission. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 56, duties of salesperson. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 57, commission. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 58, prohibited arrangement for commission. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 59, agreement to list real estate. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 60, copy of offer or acceptance of offer. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 61, prospectus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 62, duties of vendor and rights of purchaser. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 63, rescission of contract. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 64, contents of prospectus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 65, inquiry by superintendent. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 66, acceptance of prospectus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 67, order to cease trading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 68, amended or new prospectus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 69, expiry of prospectus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 70, superintendent. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 71, service of notice. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 72, liability. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 73, false statement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 74, offences and penalties. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 75, return of commission. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 76, burden of proof. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 77, limitation period. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 78, regulations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 79, coming into force. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree that Bill 22-89(2), Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act, is now ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Bill 10-89(2): Insurance Act

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. We will now proceed to Bill 10-89(2), An Act to Amend the Insurance Act, with Mr. Kakfwi. Would you like to make your opening statement?

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Chairman, the Insurance Act was amended in 1987 to require insurance companies to become members of compensation associations designated by the Minister. This is achieved by making membership a condition of licensing. To date, one compensation association has been designated by the Minister, and the Government of the Northwest Territories has entered into an agreement with that association to participate in a consumer protection plan which will compensate policy holders and eligible claimants of a property and casualty insurance company, which become insolvent.

A similar plan is being developed by the life insurance industry and all the governments of each jurisdiction of Canada. The life compensation plan will cover policy holders and eligible claimants of a life insurance company which becomes insolvent. In order for the Northwest Territories to participate in the life plan an amendment to the insurance act is required. This bill sets out the specific classes of insurance which will be covered in a life plan, namely life, accident and sickness insurance.

The new "Part IX.1" contained in this bill will provide for the licensing of reciprocal insurance exchanges in the Territories. A reciprocal insurance exchange is established by a group of companies or organizations of a similar or like nature; for example, universities, health care facilities, oil companies. Rather than buying insurance from an insurance company each member or subscriber of the exchange, exchanges contracts of inter-insurance with each other. The Northwest Territories is the only jurisdiction that does not presently license reciprocal insurance exchanges. There are approximately seven exchanges licensed in some or all of the provinces and three exchanges have requested to be licensed in the Northwest Territories in order to carry on business here.

This bill sets out the basic procedures for obtaining a licence. The subscribers of an exchange appoint an attorney who is authorized to act for the subscribers and be responsible for the filing of all documents required for licensing. The final section of this bill provides that reciprocal insurance exchanges pay the premium tax that all insurance companies are required to pay which is two per cent of gross premiums written, less dividends.

This bill has been reviewed by legal counsel to the Insurance Bureau of Canada and the sole comment received has been taken into consideration in the drafting of this bill. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Ernerk, chairman of the standing committee on legislation.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. The standing committee on legislation report on An Act to Amend the Insurance Act. The purpose of the bill is to amend the Insurance Act to allow for the designation of compensation associations for accident, life and sickness insurance and to allow for the operation of reciprocal or inter-insurance exchanges in the Northwest Territories.

The Minister, Mr. Kakfwi, presented the bill for review before the standing committee on legislation on September 28, 1989, in Yellowknife. The Minister remarked that the Insurance Act was amended in 1987 to require insurance companies, as a condition for licensing, to become members of any compensation association designated by the Minister.

Another amendment allows the Minister to enter into agreements with designated compensation associations, respecting plans to compensate policy holders or eligible claimants of insolvent insurers. One compensation association has been designated for specific classes of property and casualty insurance.

The Minister explained that on August 31, 1988 he had entered into an agreement to join a property and casualty insurance plan. The Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association is an

association representing the majority of all life and health insurance companies in Canada. This association has requested an amendment to allow for the participation of the Northwest Territories in a life insurance compensation plan. This plan will provide compensation to policy holders and eligible claimants of insolvent life and health insurance companies. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2, idem. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 3, application. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree that Bill 10-89(2), An Act to Amend the Insurance Act is now ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. I would like to thank the Minister and his witness. Mahsi cho.

Bill 2-89(2): Business Loans And Guarantees Act

We are on Bill 2-89(2), An Act to Amend the Business Loans and Guarantees Act, with Mr. Wray. Mr. Wray, would you like to make your opening statement?

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Department of Economic Development and Tourism is seeking approval from the Legislature to increase the capital of the business loan and guarantees fund from its present limit of \$16 million to a proposed limit of \$20 million.

Loans and guarantees are made to finance the purchase, installation, renovations, improvement of equipment, inventory or premises used in the course of operating a business. In addition, loans and guarantees may be made to provide working capital for the acquisition of current assets.

In terms of funding the Business Loans and Guarantees Fund has grown from its original five million dollars in 1977, by way of seven legislative amendments, to \$16 million in 1987. The level of bad debts for this lender of last resort has approximated five per cent of loans issued. The current business loan free balance as of September 30, 1989, is \$757,000, and outstanding loan applications total \$1.479 million. It is clear that the capital of the Business Loans and Guarantees Fund has not kept pace with the issuance of new loans. It should be noted that interest generated from loans is not retained within the fund but is paid into the general revenues account of the GNWT.

The steady growth of business coupled with the inherent need for capital have all drained the fund. For many reasons financial institutions are reluctant to lend money in areas other than regional centres and even then, as a rule, only for well-established businesses. Projections of potential loans required for the remainder of this fiscal year indicate a need for an additional four million dollars at this time. The overall performance of the Business Loans and Guarantees Fund has been good. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. The chairman of the standing committee on legislation, Mr. Ernerk.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. The purpose of this bill is to amend the Business Loans and Guarantees Act. This act provides for the establishing of territorial business loans boards made up of the department head as the chairperson and consisting of appointed members who serve for a term not to exceed two years. The act allows for six regional business loans boards, each consisting of a chairperson and three other members. The chairperson is appointed by the Minister. This person must be a member of the public service and live in the region. Loans are provided to business enterprises who would not likely be able to receive a loan from a financial institution "on reasonable terms and conditions".

The Minister, Mr. Wray, presented the bill to the standing committee on legislation on September 28, 1989. He explained that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism is seeking to revise schedule B, the maximum aggregate of principal amounts outstanding in respect of all loans and guarantees from \$16 million to \$20 million. He explained that the loans and guarantees are made to finance the purchase, installation, renovation, improvement of equipment, inventory or premises used in the course of operating a business. In addition, loans and guarantees may be made to provide working capital for the acquisition of current assets and a security in lieu of bonding for specified construction projects. The capital of the business loan fund has not kept

pace with the issuance of new loans. Interest from the fund is not retained in the fund but paid into the general revenue account of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

A Member asked the Minister who is eligible for loans from this fund. The Minister replied that all residents of the NWT, subject to the criteria, can apply to this loan fund. The chairperson asked if the Minister could indicate the number of loans that are in default, late payment and non-payment. The Minister explained that approximately 15 per cent of the loans are in default. Some loans are in the process of write-off; some have been sent to credit and collections; some are being rescheduled. Since there are a large number of loans outstanding, the committee will be provided with this information. The chairperson noted that this bill may also be reviewed by the standing committee on finance during the Norman Wells session.

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

Comments From The Standing Committee On Finance

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have reviewed Bill 2-89(2) and recommend it to the House. One question for the Minister: We realize he does not have the information immediately to hand, but could he at some time or other advise the standing committee on finance the amount of interest that the government generates from the funds that he administers? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree that Bill 2-89(2), An Act to Amend the Business Loans and Guarantees Act, is now ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 19-89(2): Municipal Employees Benefits Act

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Bill 19-89(2), An Act to Amend the Municipal Employees Benefits Act, with Mr. Wray. Mr. Wray, would you like to make your opening statements?

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Chairman, the Municipal Employees Benefits Act is amended to make the employees of settlement corporations eligible under the act; to delete a paragraph allowing the Commissioner to make regulations and adding a section allowing the Commissioner, up to December 31, 1989, to remedy deficiencies in the act on the Minister's recommendation and to

make regulations that have a retroactive effect. These are necessary to bring the Municipal Employees Benefits Act plan in line with federal legislation, Pension Benefits Standards Act of Canada.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. The chairman of the standing committee on legislation.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. The report of the standing committee on legislation, An Act to Amend the Municipal Employees Benefits Act. The Municipal Employees Benefits Act, otherwise known as An Act Respecting Retirement, Death and Disability Benefits for Employees of Municipalities, is a program administered by the Commissioner to provide a program for retirement, death and disability benefit plans for employees of municipalities. The bill was assented to in 1975 and proclaimed into force in October 1978. Any municipality may apply to the Commissioner to bring its employees under the program.

The Minister, Mr. Wray, introduced the bill before the standing committee on legislation on September 28, 1989 and noted that these were primarily housekeeping amendments to the act. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ernerk. The chairman of the standing committee on finance, Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee on finance has reviewed Bill 19-89(2), and recommends it to the House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 3. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 4, retroactive regulations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree that Bill 19-89(2), An Act to Amend the Municipal Employees Benefits Act, is now ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Bill 24-89(2): Senior Citizens And Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We will now proceed to Bill 24-89(2), Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act, with Mr. Wray.

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Chairman, I am introducing the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act, a new act, in response to a motion made by the Member for Rae-Lac la Martre and carried in the committee of the whole on February 29, 1988. The motion requested the government to implement a system of property tax rebates for disabled persons, similar to the relief available to senior citizens. The request was also raised by the NWT Association of Municipalities in 1987.

The main purpose of the act is as follows. To extend the property tax relief to senior citizens owning and residing in mobile homes sited on land not owned by the senior citizens; to provide for property tax relief for home-owners on disability pensions in the same manner as for senior citizens. With regard to extending property tax relief already being provided to most senior citizen home-owners, the provisions have been broadened so that property tax relief may be provided for a senior citizen who owns and resides in a mobile home sited on land not owned by that senior citizen. This corrects an inequity of the treatment of senior citizens who own mobile homes.

I wish to emphasize that property tax relief for senior citizens and for disabled persons who are home-owners would be a responsibility shared, in municipalities which are municipal taxing authorities, by the Government of the Northwest Territories and by municipal governments. The option and the responsibility is on the municipal council by by-law to exempt eligible property from property tax. The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs would then pay 50 per cent of the foregone taxes to the municipal corporation.

During the review of the standing committee on legislation I was asked if owners of condominium units would be eligible for property tax relief under this proposed act. I wish to confirm that all condominium unit owners who are senior citizens or disabled persons, as defined in this act, would be eligible for coverage again, if the municipal government chooses to exempt eligible property in the municipality.

In the development of this legislation, consultations were held with representatives from the NWT Council for Disabled Persons. Unfortunately the council officials advised us that at present they do not have estimates on the number of disabled persons who are also home-owners in the NWT. Neither was data of this type available from the Bureau of Statistics. Nevertheless the number of affected residents is considered to be small. For the 1990-91 main estimates we will be proposing funding of \$10,000 for property tax relief for disabled persons. If the legislation is enacted, my department, in consultation with the NWT Council for Disabled Persons, will develop data for long-term use in monitoring and evaluating the senior citizens and disabled persons property tax relief program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The chairman of the standing committee on legislation. Mr. Ernerk.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Legislation

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Chairperson. The purpose of this bill is to provide property tax relief for senior citizens and disabled persons who own "eligible property" by providing an exemption of all or part of taxes. This bill will also repeal the existing Senior Citizens Land Tax Relief Act.

The Minister, Mr. Wray, introduced the bill to the standing committee on legislation on September 28, 1989. The Minister explained that the request to include disabled people under the act was proposed by several Members in the past. The government, in co-operation with the NWT Council for Disabled Persons, has had a difficult time coming up with a suitable definition of "disabled". A further difficulty is the lack of verifiable documentation on the number of people in the NWT who are disabled. Consequently the government is uncertain as to the number of people who would now be eligible for tax relief. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Standing committee on finance chairman, Mr. Pollard.

Motion To Extend Sitting Hours, Carried

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, I would move that we extend sitting hours to complete Bill 24-89(2).

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree to extend hours? All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. Pollard.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Finance

MR. POLLARD: The standing committee on finance has reviewed Bill 24-89(2) and compliments the Minister for bringing this bill forward and was pleased to recommend it to the House. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): General comments. Does the committee wish to go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2, exemption from tax. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 3, payment of taxes. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 4, exemption in general taxation area. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 5, regulations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 6, repeal. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree that Bill 24-89(2) is ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): I will now rise and report progress.

MR. SPEAKER: I will call the House back to order. Report of the committee of the whole. Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF TABLED DOCUMENT 18-89(2), SEIZE THE DAY, A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES; COMMITTEE REPORT 2-89(2), REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION; BILL 22-89(2), REAL ESTATE AGENTS' LICENSING ACT; BILL 10-89(2), INSURANCE ACT; BILL 2-89(2), BUSINESS LOANS AND GUARANTEES ACT; BILL 19-89(2), MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BENEFITS ACT; BILL 24-89(2), SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED PERSONS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering the presentations of witnesses from the Constitutional Alliance; Tabled Document 18-89(2); Bills 22-89(2), 10-89(2), 2-89(2), 19-89(2) and 24-89(2), and wishes to report that the presentations of witnesses from the Constitutional Alliance are concluded; that Tabled Document 18-89(2) is deferred; that Bills 22-89(2), 19-89(2), 2-89(2), 19-89(2) and 24-89(2) are now ready for third reading.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. You have heard the report of the chairman of the committee of the whole. Are you agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Announcements, Mr. Speaker, meeting of the standing committee on finance at 6:00 p.m. this evening. At 9:00 tomorrow morning a meeting of ajauqtit.

ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Thursday, November 2nd.

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- 3. Members' Statements**
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- 5. Oral Questions**
- 6. Written Questions**
- 7. Returns to Written Questions**
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- 9. Petitions**
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- 11. Tabling of Documents**
- 12. Notices of Motion**
- 13. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills**
- 14. Motions**
- 15. First Reading of Bills**
- 16. Second Reading of Bills**
- 17. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Report of the Standing Committee on Legislation; Bills 28-89(2), 26-89(2) and 15-89(2)**
- 18. Report of Committee of the Whole**
- 19. Third Reading of Bills**
- 20. Assent to Bills**
- 21. Prorogation**

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:00 p.m., November 2, 1989.

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