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NORMAN WELLS, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1989

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Titus Allooloo, Mr. Arlooktoo, Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Hon. Tom Butters, Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, Mr. Crow, Mr. Ernerk, Mr. Gargan, Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Lewis, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Morin, Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Mr. Ningark, Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Whitford, Hon. Gordon Wray, Mr. Zoe

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Richard Nerysoo): Point of privilege, Mr. Whitford.

Point Of Privilege

MR. WHITFORD: Point of privilege, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of privilege pursuant to Rule 31, subsection (1) and subsection (2) of the Rules of the Assembly. I am raising my point of privilege as early as possible, as I now have had an opportunity to read Hansard of yesterday, and the details of events that occurred are clearly before me.

My point of privilege is that as a Member of this Assembly, I was not treated fairly and that I was denied fair and equal access to represent my constituents during question period, and was not given a fair chance to make my reply to the Commissioner's Opening Address. Yesterday in question period I attempted to get your attention by raising my hand on numerous occasions but I felt I was not being recognized by you. When I finally felt as I was being disregarded, I stood up on a point of order and said, "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, you responded that my concerns were not a point of order and that it was the prerogative of the Speaker to determine who will ask a question. I felt that at this stage that some Members were given a second opportunity to raise questions, while I had been denied an opportunity to address my first question. At this point I respected your ruling and I continued to wait patiently. Later on in question period you made a statement for the purpose of correcting the record. You stated on page 998 of the unofficial Hansard: "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." Mr. Speaker, you were in error because when you made the earlier ruling I had not yet asked the question. In fact, the third person to ask a question was Mr. Gargan.

My second point, Mr. Speaker, is that when we were on Item 8, dealing with the replies to the Commissioner's Opening Address, I was initially denied a chance to make my reply even though I had my hand up. When I finally got your attention you had advanced to Item 9, petitions. You did not give me a chance. Considering that yesterday was the last day on which Members could make their Member's reply, I felt that you should have taken more care to remind Members that this was the last day on which Members could give their replies. Instead, Mr. Speaker, the Speaker immediately went to the next agenda item, thus denying me my right to represent my constituents at that time. On my insistence you asked the House for unanimous consent to return to replies to Opening Address. Consent was granted. However, I felt that my rights were again

impaired as I required unanimous consent. Had any Member denied unanimous consent, I would not have been able to properly represent my constituents.

Then, immediately as I rose to speak and give my reply, you broke for a 15 minute coffee break. By this time, Mr. Speaker, I was frustrated and I felt thwarted in trying to take part in any of the House's proceedings to represent my constituents. When given the opportunity after the recess, the moment was lost. I had no more heart. That is my case, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: I will review the point of privilege raised by the honourable Member and provide a response at the earliest opportunity today, and will direct the House according to the rules that the honourable Member has stated, Rule 31(1) and (2), and the procedural requirements of that particular rule. I will review the point of privilege raised and will give an appropriate ruling before the conclusion of this Legislature today.

Orders of the day for November 2, 1989.

Item 2, Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Nahendeh.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Book On Visit Of Pope John Paul

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, we were very much surprised when greeted with this beautiful book, *A Promise Fulfilled, The Visit of Pope John Paul*, which we found on our desks today, and wanted to thank the government whole-heartedly. Seeing a book like this brings back good memories of this once in a lifetime occasion, and it is very touching to receive and see such a book as this. I know that Ministers have a very tough job and most of it is simply hard work, but occasionally an occasion presents itself to do some nice things and receive a little bit of glory, and I wanted to thank the Ministers, Titus Allooos and Steve Kakfwi, for their involvement in making this possible. Thank you very much, and it is very touching. They so touched me that I want to apologize for anything I have ever said...

---Laughter

...which may have in any way seemed harsh or hard. So thank you very much.

---Applause.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Member's Statement On Withdrawal Of Statement "Back Of The Bus"

MR. LEWIS: I thought perhaps since you would be making a ruling on Mr. Whitford's point of privilege that he just made, that in reviewing the transcript you will note that one voice was recorded that said something like, "Yellowknife to the back of the bus again." I would like to point out, Mr. Speaker, that I was not recognized as a speaker at that time, it was a remark that was picked up and recorded in Hansard. But you will recall that this Assembly has been many, many places. It started off in a church somewhere in the 1800s. We have been in hotel rooms, in gymnasiums, Legion buildings, and the arrangement of this place does, in fact, on occasion look like a wide-bodied vehicle, not like the one that we have back home. However, I do apologize to all Members for comparing this august body to a bus. What I should have said was "in the back of the House" or "in the back of the Assembly". So I will withdraw the word "bus", Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

Member's Statement On Appreciation To Interpreters

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the interpreters who have been helping us during this session. It is very difficult to be an interpreter in the sessions. Sometimes we use both languages, English and Inuktitut, and sometimes we speak so fast and the interpreters still keep up most of the time. The interpreters have helped us understand each other. I would like to thank the interpreters very much for helping here in the session.

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

Member's Statement On Appreciation Of Assistance From Members

MR. NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since I am a new Member, I would like to thank my colleagues and the Speaker who have been helping me when I did not know the procedures. Before the session they told me what to expect. I would like to thank you very much for that. If I did not get any help from the other Members I would not know what to do in the session. I would like to thank all of the Members, not excluding one person. If I see you again somewhere I will be able to recognize you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement On Appreciation To Sahtu Region And Legislative Assembly Staff

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Some brief thank you's, Mr. Speaker. As this will most likely be our last sitting day in Norman Wells, on behalf of myself and my colleagues, I would extend our thanks to the MLA for Sahtu, Mr. Kakfwi, and his constituents, both in Norman Wells and in the surrounding communities, for the hospitality and warm welcome we received in his constituency.

To Al Short of Esso and his staff; Mayor Bill Byrne and councillors; Dorothy Marshall and staff; the Norman Wells Chamber of Commerce; Canadian Legion and all other organizations and business enterprises, hotels, who have made our stay at Norman Wells pleasant and productive. A special thanks to Laureen Connolly, principal of the Norman Wells Territorial School, and her staff and students for allowing us to share this beautiful building and gymnasium with them.

Thanks to our Commissioner, Dan Norris, for attending with us during our debates and providing to our process the presence and dignity of the Crown. To Max Melnyk, field executive officer, and his staff and the Inuvik regional office for the arrangements made here for the use of vehicles, furnishings, in fact these table coverings for our desks which I am sure you know, Mr. Speaker, were designed and produced by the Fort McPherson canvas shop.

Last, but as always first in our expressions of gratitude, to David Hamilton and his staff; Marie Coe and her Hansard staff; our many efficient Pages, well-trained in their roles by Sergeant-at-Arms Harry Finnis; our patient interpreters, all of them; the ever watchful and ever present press corps; and the staff who indefatigably kept our coffee and donut tray filled.

Before taking my place I express my pleasure at being present at the swearing in of John Ningark, Member for Natilikmiot, and congratulate him on his patience while awaiting admission to his place and on the exemplary representation he has provided his constituents.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, my compliments to you for the knowledgeable and objective way you have presided over this House during the past two weeks. Your patience and attention to our needs bodes well for the conduct of our future sessions. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' statements. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

---Laughter

Member's Statement On Rights Of All Individuals

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Allooloo did have his hand up before me, however, I appreciate that gesture.

Mr. Speaker, in any democracy the right of the littlest person is equal to the rights of the biggest. When these rights are denied, democracy fails. In a consensus we collectively agree for the mutual benefit of all, for the smallest to the biggest. More and more, Mr. Speaker, we are moving toward a society where it is every person for himself and the rights of the individual, our smallest members, are trampled on. Big corporations swallow up the small businesses and the family farm becomes a megafarm and we see a rise of conglomerates.

Mr. Speaker, we in the Northwest Territories have already gone through some of that trauma. Pioneers, landholders of yesterday were forced to move because of expropriation and threats by the federal government. This government, however, recognizes the fundamental rights of the smallest community to be represented in all languages and in dress appropriate to this House. We are eons ahead of every province in Canada and maybe even the world. We can take pride in that. As individuals we must stand up to protect the rights of others. If the Innu or the Inuit or the Metis need help, we must all stand up to help or else their rights will be trampled forever. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

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

Member's Statement On Award Winning Film

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to congratulate one of my constituents in one of my communities. I would like to congratulate Mr. Zack Kunuk of Igloodik who is an employee of the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation. On his own, last year he made a film that impressed the world film industry, and he won an award from the National Aboriginal Communications Society for being the best drama. Also, the film was shown in New York, Tokyo, Holland, Germany, the Glenbow Museum in Calgary, and in Montreal. The film industries of these countries were very impressed at the level of quality of the film that Mr. Kunuk had made. The title of this drama is "Quggiq". I have it here with me and if the Members are interested in seeing it I will make it available at 7:00 p.m. tonight. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' statements. Members' statements. Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Returns to oral questions. The honourable Minister of Justice.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Return To Question O141-89(2): Statistics Re Violation Of Seat Belt Legislation

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Gargan on October 31, 1989, to do with violation of seat belt laws. No statistics are kept on the number of charges or convictions on violations of the seat belt law. Such statistical information may be available in future years upon implementation of a computerized justice information system. Secondly, no statistics are kept on the number of instances where persons were charged or convicted with a liquor offence rather than a seat belt offence. The police have discretion in this regard and will often only charge with one offence if this seems appropriate in the circumstances. Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O27-89(2): Student Protest At Samuel Hearne Secondary School

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, this is a response to a question asked by Mr. Gargan on October 20, 1989. During the student walkout in Inuvik last week, one of the issues identified was the combined math 30 and 33 class. There are presently nine students in math 30 and seven in

math 33, both of which share one classroom. In cases like this where student numbers are so low in the same grade and subject, one teacher should be able to effectively teach both courses in one class. In this case it appears that the math 30/33 teacher found halfway through the semester that he was unable to handle the workload. Because the program is semestered and the term is half over, an additional teacher has been temporarily hired and began work on October 20 to assist the classroom teacher in the instruction of the math 33 students.

Combined classes are a reality in small high schools all across the country because of the number of courses offered. Every one of our high schools, including our biggest, Sir John Franklin Territorial High School, has combined classes. Many subjects where student enrolment is low are combined. These include: physical education, math, English, French, typing, art and many more subjects. I have had my staff check with the Department of Education in Alberta. Math 30/33 is not an unusual or impossible combination. Alberta, whose curriculum we follow at the high school level, have this combination in some of their schools. The high school in Manning, Alberta, is one example. Many others could also be identified.

The Department of Education will be assessing the increases in student enrolment in all schools, including the Samuel Hearne Secondary School, as soon as the October 31st enrolment figures are received. With that information, and information on student enrolment in specific subjects and classes, the department will determine whether funding for an additional teacher should be provided for Samuel Hearne Secondary School this year. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Just prior to continuing with returns to oral questions, I want to recognize in our gallery His Worship, the Mayor of Norman Wells, Bill Byrne.

---Applause

Returns to oral questions. The honourable Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Further Return To Question O108-89(2): Economic Development Officers, Baffin Region

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have three returns here. My first return is to the question asked by Mr. Kilabuk with regard to economic development officers in Broughton Island.

At present, the Baffin Region has five economic development officers serving 13 communities. Broughton Island is serviced from the Pangnirtung office; Clyde River is serviced from the Pond Inlet office. Economic development officers average a visit to these communities every six to eight weeks. Decisions regarding the locations of new EDOs are based on the level of business activities in communities and the availability of government housing and office space.

At the present time, however, financial assistance under the Economic Development Agreement has been made available and, in fact, there is an economic planner position which has been funded through the Economic Development Agreement, shared between Broughton Island and Clyde River. Economic plans for each community will be completed and tabled by February of 1990. These plans will identify the economic opportunities, including arts and crafts activities in both communities. Thank you.

Further Return To Question O30-89(2): Obtaining Soapstone, Cape Dorset And Lake Harbour

I have another return, Mr. Speaker, to Mr. Arlooktoo with regard to soapstone in Cape Dorset and Lake Harbour. The current legislation regarding access to soapstone is the territorial quarrying regulations. The regulations state that any resident in the Northwest Territories may take up to 50 cu. yards of carving stone without a permit providing that the material is for personal use. Future quarrying regulations will be governed by the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut's land claims agreements.

The carving sector generates \$16 million in annual revenues across the NWT. There are an estimated 1400 carvers who require an ongoing supply of carving stone. Assistance to carvers is provided through Economic Development's carving stone policy and the arts and crafts economic development agreement.

In order to ensure that these supplies of stone are provided on a consistent basis, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism has recently formed an interdepartmental committee to co-ordinate an action plan for future quarrying initiatives in the Northwest Territories. This committee is made up of representatives from Economic Development and Tourism; Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; Safety and Public Services, as well as Indian and Northern Affairs, geological section. It is anticipated that this action plan will be completed in the near future and quarrying operations will begin in select communities in the summer of 1990.

Return To Question O133-89(2): Results Of Hydrographic Survey Near Pelly Bay

A final one, Mr. Speaker. A response to Mr. Ningark with regard to a question he asked about a hydrographic survey.

In answer to the question from the honourable Member for Natilikmiot, the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans conducted a survey of Pelly Bay in March and April of 1986. The survey took depth soundings on a two kilometre grid pattern over the entire surface area of Pelly Bay. The soundings showed only that the water is deep enough to permit navigation.

Commercial navigation to resupply the community of Pelly Bay by sea would require a thorough hydrographic survey of the bay. The navigation charts would have to identify a safe channel past several islands toward the south end of the bay, close to the community. Due to the variation in the way the sea ice melts from one year to the next, the charts would have to identify, not one, but three separate safe passages to the community. Fisheries and Oceans personnel estimate that such an extensive charting would cost in the neighbourhood of some \$500,000. This figure represents about one third of the annual budget for such surveys.

Significant increases in shipping volumes on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway systems have placed a large demand on the Department of Fisheries and Oceans hydrographic survey services. The combination of exceptionally high costs for the charting of Pelly Bay, along with the low freight tonnages to the community, makes it unlikely that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans will undertake the detailed survey necessary for the marine resupply of Pelly Bay. According to the information I have been given, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has no plans for further survey work in Pelly Bay. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Returns to oral questions. The honourable Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

Return To Question O116-89(2): Extension On CMHC Funding For Alcohol And Drug Centre Near Dettah

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, in response to Question O116-89(2) asked by the honourable Member for Tu Nede on October 27, 1989, relative to actions I might take regarding the establishment of the proposed alcohol and drug treatment centre near Dettah. At the time I responded by noting that while I had not been aware of the initiative, I believed that the Northern Addiction Services was dealing directly with CMHC and that the NWT Housing Corporation had not been involved in the process.

On checking with the Housing Corporation, I received confirmation that this matter has not previously been brought to either my attention or that of my officials and the negotiations are being carried out directly between the organization sponsoring the project and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

I have two more returns in response to questions asked yesterday by Mr. Pedersen.

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

The first was relative to the heating fuel price increases. Following resupply each year the petroleum products division has adjusted fuel prices due to product price, shipping costs, distribution costs and the requirement to recover any losses. Since 1982 price adjustments for heating fuel in the Kitikmeot are as follows: December 1983, an increase of three cents per litre; July 1, 1986, a decrease of four cents per litre; November 1, 1986, a decrease of two cents per litre; November 1, 1987, an increase of two cents per litre; and November 1, 1989, an increase of five cents per litre. The net increase over seven years has been four cents per litre. The two adjustments in 1986 were due to a dramatic decrease in price. This was passed on immediately in July with a final adjustment made in November.

The substantiation for this year's increase is threefold:

- 1) The impact of last year's loss, two cents per litre increase. The loss was relative to the petroleum products revolving fund losing \$560,000 and this loss would continue if prices were not increased by two cents per litre. The loss was charged to the past profits in the petroleum products stabilization fund. The contributing factor for the loss was the increased costs associated with the distribution of heating and aviation fuels within the communities. Therefore, increase in retail price should not apply to other products.
- 2) Impact of increases for product and freight 1989 resupply, two cents per litre. The product and freight costs for the 1989 resupply increased one to 3.47 cents per litre at the various locations where the product was received in barges and ocean vessels. These increases when averaged with the lower cost product in the storage tank prior to resupply amounted to a two cents per litre increase on automotive gasoline, heating fuel, and aviation fuels.
- 3) Impact of increased community distribution costs, one cent per litre. The community distribution costs by local contractors have increased by six per cent for heating fuel and aviation fuels in 1988-89, due to increases in contractor labour and vehicle maintenance costs. This amounted to one cent per litre based on sales from November 1, 1989 to March 31, 1990. The Members will be pleased to note that there has been no increase in naphtha fuel.

In response to the honourable Member's question regarding Government Services staff being told not to release advance information on this increase: On October 30 a confidential fax was sent to regional superintendents advising that a price increase would come into effect November 1, 1989. A price list was also sent at this time. It was classified as confidential because although the Financial Management Board approved the increase on October 28 here in Norman Wells, the department had not yet been advised that approval had been given and therefore treated it as a confidential matter in case approval was not obtained prior to November 1st.

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

The return to Question O155-89(2) asked by Mr. Pedersen, November 1, 1989, regarding a subsidy program for heating fuel. I took this as notice because I just was not sure of the current status of this program.

Prior to April 1, 1987, a home heating oil subsidy program was in effect. This program was sponsored by the federal government and administered by the GNWT. It was a year to year program with a new agreement signed each year. The federal government did not renew this program effective April 1, 1987, due to participation being too low. Customers were advised by letter from the federal government. The program provided a subsidy on the first 1500 gallons of fuel -- 6829 litres -- used and was based on cost above the Yellowknife price. Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O18-89(2): Damaged Dentures

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, this is a reply to an oral question asked by Mr. Arlooktoo on October 19th regarding quality of dentures.

The Department of Health is concerned over the number of dentures that have been provided to Inuit which are not being used. It has been determined that a considerable number of these dentures do not fit. In some cases it would appear that a number of the essential steps in constructing a denture have been missed. Added to this, the time between taking the impression and inserting the denture, can be as long as two to three months because of all of the dental laboratories in southern Canada.

Consideration is being given to encourage the establishment of a dental laboratory in Yellowknife to serve the Mackenzie, Inuvik and Kitikmeot Regions. As well, the Baffin Regional Health Board is investigating the possibility of training a local person as a dental laboratory technician to serve the Keewatin and Baffin Regions. This would significantly reduce the time between taking the impression and inserting the dentures and should result in an improved service.

It must be recognized that no denture works as well as natural teeth. Many people are disappointed with their dentures because their expectations sometimes are too great. Denture materials cannot withstand the same pressures that natural teeth and the jaw bone can sustain. It takes time and perseverance to adapt to dentures and the wearer has to accept that they are a poor replacement for natural teeth. This is why it is so important that our children learn how to look after their teeth and lower their high sugar intake in order to reduce dental decay.

The provisions of dentures to native peoples is the responsibility of the federal government under non-insured services. The Government of the NWT administers the program following the federal government's guidelines which are: If a denture must be replaced prior to five years, generally the amount covered is proportioned to the age of the previous denture. For instance, if a previous denture is one year old, 20 per cent of the cost for a new denture is covered. The patient would be required to pay 80 per cent. If a previous denture is five years old, 100 per cent of the cost is covered. Repairs to dentures are covered not more than once in any 12 month period. Mr. Speaker, I will continue to bring the concerns regarding the quality of dentures to the attention of the federal agency which handles this program. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, returns to oral questions. The honourable Minister of Renewable Resources.

Return To Question O130-89(2): Pricing Structure And Categories For Sport Fishing Licences

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Lewis on October 30, 1989, respecting the pricing structure and categories for sport fishing licences. A number of changes have been recommended to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans regarding sport fishing in the NWT. These are as follows: 1) creation of special management area licence and stamp for Great Bear Lake, the licence to be \$10 and the stamp one dollar; funds generated to be used for fishery research and management; 2) reduction of catch and possession limits for trout, grayling and pike on Great Bear Lake; 3) some changes to residency definitions; 4) establishment of a special Inuvialuit settlement region stamp which would be issued to anglers in that region at no charge; 5) issuance of permits, at no charge, to anglers who wish to fish via access through Inuvialuit private lands.

There are several other minor changes recommended by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, primarily regarding catch and possession limits on specific water bodies. The process for regulation change involves the Government of the Northwest Territories making recommendations to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, which is responsible for any amendments to the NWT fisheries regulations. Before they are finalized, the recommendations will be subject to wide public consultation and publicity. My department is beginning this consultation now. The target date for implementation is April 1, 1990, unless consultation results in significant amendments

to the proposed changes. If the honourable Member would like more specific information, I will be pleased to provide it.

Mr. Speaker, I have another return if I may.

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

Mr. Speaker, I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Gargan on November 1, 1989, referring to timber permit for Patterson Enterprises. Patterson Enterprises has been cutting in the Cameron Hills, but in consultation with the Department of Renewable Resources the company wished to reduce cutting pressure in that area. In order for the business to remain viable, it must be able to supplement the Cameron Hills harvest with timber from other areas. The licence in the Jean Marie River area, and other areas along the Mackenzie highway, will provide this supplementary harvest. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O165-89(2): Expansion Of Rankin Inlet Municipal Boundary

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a question to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, and it is with regard to a request from Rankin Inlet some time ago for the expansion of the hamlet boundary. I am wondering what the present status of that request is, Mr. Speaker, through you. Thank you.

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

Return To Question O165-89(2): Expansion Of Rankin Inlet Municipal Boundary

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The request has been received, but quite frankly the Executive Council felt the request was excessive. The request of the hamlet council would have expanded the boundaries to an area larger than any other municipality boundaries in Canada. Quite frankly, we are stuck because there is no policy that exists within government in terms of community boundaries. There has never been a policy determined on what criteria we use for expansion of municipal boundaries. What has held up the request was that my department has been in the process of developing a policy. That policy is ready and it will be on the agenda for the next Executive Council meeting. Once I have the policy approved, I will be responding to the hamlet of Rankin Inlet on their request.

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

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Speaker, a different question to the same Minister.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Ernerk, second question. The honourable Member for Kitikmeot West I believe had an oral question.

Question O166-89(2): Heating Fuel Subsidy

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Government Services and relates to the reply he gave me earlier. Since the federal government discontinued their program of fuel subsidy in 1987 because of lack of applications, happily the number of homeowners in the NWT has increased dramatically through our HAP housing program. Would the Minister please consider either going back to the federal government to have this program reinstated, or consider our government instituting a heating fuel subsidy for home-owners in the high cost areas of the NWT?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

Return To Question O166-89(2): Heating Fuel Subsidy

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I should continue just to read part of my statement. The criteria for benefiting from that federal program was that people had to own or rent their homes, pay their own fuel bills or receive no fuel subsidy from their employers. As the Member has indicated, there are now more home-owners in the NWT. The program, as I recollect, was negotiated between the Department of Finance of our government and was administered by the Department of Government Services. However, if it is the responsibility of Government Services, I have no problem with approaching the federal government again. I will discuss it with my colleague, the Minister of Finance, and determine how we can approach that matter.

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

Question O167-89(2): Court Case Re Electoral Boundaries

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Justice and it concerns legal questions related to the BC court case about electoral boundaries. Mr. Minister, have you considered taking the matter as a legal question for our courts, to see if our legislation could withstand a court challenge similar to the one which took place in BC? I know that the government has the opportunity to take such questions to court just as a test, and I wonder if you have considered doing that in this particular case.

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

Return To Question O167-89(2): Court Case Re Electoral Boundaries

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, at this time neither myself nor the cabinet have discussed this matter, so at this point it would be premature for me to tell you whatever we might do in the future in this case. I do know though, Mr. Speaker, that my officials have had some meetings with the boundaries commission. I have not received any official request from the boundaries commission to this point. I know there has been some discussion, but until we actually get a request or something else that I can anticipate happens, our cabinet definitely has not taken a position on whether we are going to put a test case to the courts.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Pine Point, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O167-89(2): Court Case Re Electoral Boundaries

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the same topic, I would like to ask the Minister, just to make it clear, has he or his officials had any kind of communication with the electoral boundaries commission specifically related to the BC court case?

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

Further Return To Question O167-89(2): Court Case Re Electoral Boundaries

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: As I said, Mr. Speaker, I understand that my officials have had some low key discussions with the boundaries commission which might well have included -- I do not know how much detail they went into -- that particular topic, but nothing official has come to me from the commission to this point.

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

Question O168-89(2): Paving Roads In Eastern Arctic

MR. ERNERK: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs and it is with regard to the paving of roads. I mentioned this a couple of years ago because I know the government has a paving program in the Northwest Territories. I do not quite know how to put the question to the Minister but I am wondering as to when we can expect to see some paving of roads, especially in the larger communities like Rankin Inlet. Could you enlighten me, Mr. Minister?

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

Return To Question O168-89(2): Paving Roads In Eastern Arctic

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess it is going to be quite a while before we see paving, for two reasons. One is that the paving program we have inside municipal boundaries is a cost share program with the municipality. In other words, where we do paving the municipality generates some of the revenues. I cannot remember the exact percentages but I think it is a 50/50 split. Unfortunately, none of our hamlets have the capacity to generate that kind of revenue.

Secondly, part of the problem that we have is that it is not just paving the roads. Many of the roads were never built to take paving and so we would have to reconstruct a large portion of those roads with the right kind of gravel, but even more important is that we would have to replace existing heavy equipment because a lot of our heavy equipment is on tracks, particularly the caterpillars and, of course, we would have to exchange those for rubber tire vehicles. When I looked at it the costs were extremely prohibitive because of all of these factors.

Hopefully at some point in time we can see at least major roads paved in the communities, but recognizing that the costs are extremely prohibitive, we did embark on the dust control program with calcium chloride and calcium lignosulphonate two or three years ago, to try and bring the dust problem down in the communities where we were having major problems. I am hoping that will alleviate some of the problems for the time being. The option is always there and I guess, you know, if communities like Rankin Inlet, Baker Lake or Cambridge Bay get to the point where they can generate sufficient revenues on their own then they would become eligible for the same programs as the larger municipalities in the western Northwest Territories. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O168-89(2): Paving Roads In Eastern Arctic

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary to the Minister of MACA. I understand the problem and I think it would be good for economic development, especially from the private companies' point of view. When you have to replace the equipment you can purchase wheeled dozers for use in the winter.

I am wondering, Mr. Speaker, if the Minister is aware of the fact that forward operating locations might have some plans to assist in the paving of roads in Rankin Inlet.

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

Further Return To Question O168-89(2): Paving Roads In Eastern Arctic

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. I have no information as to the FOL initiative whatsoever. We have started purchasing wheeled dozers in some communities but we are getting very mixed reaction on their performance, particularly in our region, the Keewatin Region. There has been a question raised about their mobility or their effectiveness to push the kind of snow loads that we get. We have had major problems with a couple of them. So, the effectiveness of wheeled

dozers has not been proven yet. In fact, we have requests from some communities to go back to tracked caterpillars as opposed to wheeled caterpillars.

I am not aware of any plans of FOL. I know that it has been talked about, given that they are going to be there paving the runway, and there was some thought about trying to get them to do some work in the community. It is certainly something that I will follow up with the company and see if they are going to do this out of the kindness of their heart or whatever and just see what the status is. Thank you.

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

Question O169-89(2): Barge Into Pelly Bay

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Transportation regarding the hydrographic study that was done in Pelly Bay. If a man is able to land on the moon surely a barge should be able to be navigated into the community. Is the answer by the Minister responsible that there is no possibility of getting the barge into Pelly Bay? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister responsible for Municipal and Community Affairs.

Return To Question O169-89(2): Barge Into Pelly Bay

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. This is not really my area of expertise or mandate but my understanding is that, yes, barges can get into Pelly Bay but they will not go in until there are the proper navigational charts to use. As I gave my response in my return to oral questions, Fisheries and Oceans, who are responsible for doing hydrographic surveys in Canada, in the North, say that they are not prepared to do a hydrographic survey, they do not have the money. That is the problem as I understand it.

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

Supplementary To Question O169-89(2): Barge Into Pelly Bay

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The last time the survey was done in Pelly Bay they used the most expensive equipment to do the survey. They used the helicopters over there. As a matter of fact they used two helicopters. I am wondering if the Minister is willing to utilize the snowmobiles to do this survey in our community. Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O169-89(2): Barge Into Pelly Bay

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My department has no expertise in doing these studies. I have no staff, I have no officials, I have no people who do this. It is Fisheries and Oceans Canada who does it. I just do not have the capacity or the capability or the funding to undertake a study like this.

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

Question O170-89(2): Future Of Lanky Court, Yellowknife

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question directed to the Minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation. The question is that in light of the still high demand for affordable housing in the city of Yellowknife and that Lanky Court is sitting boarded up, can the Minister give me any indication what the future of Lanky Court is?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

Return To Question O170-89(2): Future Of Lanky Court, Yellowknife

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, the Housing Corporation placed a legal question before the territorial rental officer in September. The rental officer subsequently ruled that it was beyond his jurisdiction to deal with the application by the corporation to terminate the tenancy at Lanky Court. Given that this matter is now before the courts I believe it would be improper and in contravention of our rules to comment on the current legal situation regarding Lanky Court. However, having said that, the corporation is moving as quickly as it can to resolve the current impasse both with the partners and in the courts.

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

Question O171-89(2): Docking Facilities, Eastern Arctic

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Transportation. I know that some time ago the Department of Transportation was putting together a paper with regard to docking facilities by the Government of the Northwest Territories, as well as Northern Transportation Company Limited. I am wondering if the Minister of Transportation is planning to table or provide information with regard to the present status of docking facilities by the government and by NTCL in Nunavut.

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

Return To Question O171-89(2): Docking Facilities, Eastern Arctic

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. The studies have only been completed as far as the Keewatin is concerned and they are available and I can let the Member have a copy of those ones. We have just contracted a company to do the Baffin ones. They will be completed sometime later this year and of course that information is all available to Members. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Aivilik, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O171-89(2): Docking Facilities, Eastern Arctic

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the near future, would we be able to see the docking facilities as well as private business arrangements to be used for the fisheries docking facilities, as well as for people who have small vessels in Rankin Inlet?

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister.

Further Return To Question O171-89(2): Docking Facilities, Eastern Arctic

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. We have a small program of docks in the Department of Transportation. Unfortunately the level of funding in there only allows very small docks for things like Peterheads and that. If my memory serves me correctly, the study in Rankin Inlet showed that a major dock facility was required in Rankin because of the resupply and the NTCL load. We have been working with Fisheries and Oceans who have the mandate for small craft harbours. Unfortunately, as is the usual case nowadays, the federal government is pleading bankruptcy and are not willing to provide any funds in the North period, not just for Rankin Inlet. Those negotiations are ongoing and in terms of the completion of the overall transportation strategy, unless we are able to negotiate large amounts of dollars from the federal government, I would say the immediate future would see us continuing to just put these small docks in that we have been putting in, which are really, for a community like Rankin Inlet, not particularly adequate. Rankin is in a little bit of a different category. It is more in the category of Iqaluit which needs a major dock facility.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Question O172-89(2): Bid Bonding By NWT Power Corporation

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister to which the Power Corporation reports to this Assembly. The Edmonton Journal some time ago reported at length of the failure of a contract between the NWT Power Corporation and a company called Hundseth. I understand that one problem was that no bid bond had been required. Could the Minister explain to the House why, in fact, the corporation had not required a bond on such a large contract?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Return To Question O172-89(2): Bid Bonding By NWT Power Corporation

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the reason there was no bid bond was that a mistake was made. Fundamentally, that is the answer to that question. The issue of why it was not put in, the bid bond, is presently being investigated by the Power Corporation.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Supplementary To Question O172-89(2): Bid Bonding By NWT Power Corporation

MR. LEWIS: Since the work had to continue, Mr. Speaker, and the corporation had a chance to maximize northern benefits in the completion of that work, what steps have been taken to examine that whole contract to make sure that northern companies and suppliers will take advantage of this economic opportunity?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Minister for Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Further Return To Question O172-89(2): Bid Bonding By NWT Power Corporation

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I hope I understood the honourable Member's question properly. When we were informed that Hundseth could no longer carry out the contract, the contractor in Norman Wells was approached to see if he had the capability of continuing with that contract. A working relationship was put together with a legal firm to hold the funding and make payments as statements were in. So consequently the Yellowknife firm took over the contract, working in direct relationship with the Power Corporation. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Question O173-89(2): Feasibility Study Re Timber Cutting In Jean Marie-Redknife Area

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. The Minister gave me a reply to my question of yesterday in which Patterson Enterprises has been cutting in the Cameron Hills. To reduce cutting pressures in that area, the department has decided to grant a licence in the Jean Marie River area on the Mackenzie highway. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not his department has done a feasibility study to look at the feasibility of cutting in the Jean Marie-Redknife area?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Minister of Renewable Resources.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: I am not aware of a feasibility study. I do not know the answer. I will have to get back to the Member as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is taking the question as notice. Oral questions. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Question O174-89(2): Regional Alcohol And Drug Treatment Centres

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the acting Minister of Social Services. An intensive study was done in the Deh Cho region, which also included Fort Resolution and other communities, with regard to whether or not it would be possible to have a regional alcohol and drug treatment centre on the reserve. I would like to ask the acting Minister whether or not, based on that study, it is possible to have regional treatment centres established.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member acting as Minister of Social Services.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, although I have been fulsomely supplied with various briefing notes, I cannot find the specific answer to that specific question. I will commit to the honourable Member that I will advise the Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell on this question and try and have it answered by mail within two weeks.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member is taking the question as notice. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Question O175-89(2): Enforcement Of Seat Belt Legislation In Yellowknife

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Justice. There are 34,000 registered vehicles in the North, about half of them being in or around Yellowknife. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not there is any intention on the part of Justice to start enforcing the seat belt legislation in Yellowknife.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Justice.

Return To Question O175-89(2): Enforcement Of Seat Belt Legislation In Yellowknife

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I am quite surprised the Member would ask that. I am under the impression it has been enforced since it was passed by this House.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O175-89(2): Enforcement Of Seat Belt Legislation In Yellowknife

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, during the week I asked the Minister a question on whether or not there were any kinds of statistics to indicate whether or not the enforcement of seat belt legislation has been applied. Now the Minister could not answer me on that but has given me notice on that. So presumably, I do not know whether or not there are any indicators to say whether or not seat belts are being enforced and, for violators, if charges are being laid. That was the reason I asked whether or not that could be the direction that the Minister could take. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not he is able to get any kind of statistics.

MR. SPEAKER: Just again a reminder for the House that in asking supplementaries that there is usually no need for preambles but rather a question as a result of the original question and the answer that the Minister gave to the Member. Honourable Minister of Justice.

Return To Question O175-89(2): Enforcement Of Seat Belt Legislation In Yellowknife

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I am not sure if the Member heard. I gave a return to his question that he had asked earlier, and there is no statistical data available. The legislation has only been in place for seven months so up to this time we do not have any statistical data available.

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

Question O176-89(2): Support Services For Norpo Project

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question is directed to the honourable Minister responsible for the Power Corporation. It is concerning the power project or the re-poling project that is taking place. Under the new contractual arrangements, does the Power Corporation have any direct say over which air-lifting firm provides the lifting service for the power project?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Return To Question O176-89(2): Support Services For Norpo Project

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, generally when contracts are given out and a contractor has received a contract, the contractor is generally the lead agency to hire the necessary support systems they require to carry out their contract obligations. In this regard, because there is some split arrangement that is being worked out, I cannot tell you at this time whether the Power Corporation is directing the use of flight services. It is an unusual or a little different arrangement because the first stage was certainly under the old contractor that went broke and then went back to Norpo. The second stage, I am not quite sure whether the corporation is directing that or the contractor themselves are bringing in the suppliers of support service. I can advise once I get that information.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Supplementary, the honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Supplementary To Question O176-89(2): Support Services For Norpo Project

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, is the Power Corporation directly involved in any of the tendering processes that take place under the new contractual arrangements?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I cannot specifically answer that question at this time because I do not know.

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

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, am I to understand then the Minister has taken this as notice and will get back to me on it?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, my apology. I just normally assume when I do not have the information that honourable Members are asking that I will get to them at another time and take it as notice. Thank you.

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

Question O177-89(2): Assistance For Study Of Proposed Low-Level Flights

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources. In Hansard, Tuesday, March 5, 1987, the then Minister of Renewable Resources, Mr. Red Pedersen, made a commitment on behalf of the department: "We will assist communities and native organizations in their review and in understanding the project and we will also provide advice as required to the Executive Council...." That is on a question regarding the study of proposed low-level military flights. Mr. Minister, is your department still willing to stand on this commitment? Thank you.

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

Return To Question O177-89(2): Assistance For Study Of Proposed Low-Level Flights

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Tu Nede, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O177-89(2): Assistance For Study Of Proposed Low-Level Flights

MR. MORIN: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Minister, do you have an application form available, or how do we apply for this assistance through your department?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Renewable Resources.

Further Return To Question O177-89(2): Assistance For Study Of Proposed Low-Level Flights

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, honourable Members could write directly to me requesting assistance.

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

Question O178-89(2): Haunted House, Chesterfield Inlet

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation. I have waited patiently for a reply with regard to the issue of a haunted house in Chesterfield Inlet. I even waited for a small whisper. But since I have not got a reply, I would like to ask the following question to the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation. There is a haunted house that his officials looked at in Chesterfield Inlet on October 12, with the idea of moving it to another location. I wonder what is the present status of moving that house.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, it is a very serious matter in the community. When the president of the corporation and I were in Chesterfield Inlet with the honourable Member some six weeks ago, the community brought to our attention and did show to us a house in which manifestations were reported to have occurred and which was now unoccupied because of the undesirability of living there. I did instruct a member of the corporation to visit the community. I did not know it was October 12th -- the Member has more up-to-date information than I do. I have not had the benefit of that report. But the honourable Member also knows that it is a very small community and the equipment required to move such a large unit, which is a three-bedroom dwelling, is not present in the community. My instructions to the official visiting Chesterfield Inlet were to look at the house and look at the equipment available and see what might be done in reasonable haste. But I have no direct answer regarding what is being proposed, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: So you are taking that portion of the question as notice. Thank you. The Minister is taking the question as notice.

Oral questions. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Question O179-89(2): Lighting At Fort Providence Airport

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. First of all I would like to thank the Minister for not considering Fort Providence for a new airport. We have one already and building another one beside it, there is no rationale for that. However, Mr. Speaker, there is a question of the lighting in Fort Providence in which a person is called out to switch a light on every time there is an emergency or there is a plane coming in. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not it is possible to have a radio frequency that will be able to switch those lights on automatically if there is a plane within

distance of that frequency, rather than going to the cost of having someone available to switch those lights on every time there is an emergency or there are planes landing.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the honourable Minister of Transportation.

Return To Question O179-89(2): Lighting At Fort Providence Airport

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the Member's information we were not planning on a new airport in Fort Providence; it was only to improve the existing one but, as I said yesterday, the federal government will not go for that one either.

I am surprised to hear, actually, that the system they have in Fort Providence requires people to switch the lights on because at most of the smaller airports in the North the system we do have, in fact, is the one where the pilots can switch it on themselves by calling it up on a frequency. I do not know if the system in Fort Providence is compatible with that type of system -- perhaps it is the cost that is prohibitive, in terms of converting it -- or what the problem is there but I will certainly take a look at the issue and I can get back to the Member on just why we do not have that kind of a system and whether or not it would be possible. Thank you.

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

Question O180-89(2): Barren Land Grizzly, Protected Species

MR. LEWIS: I ask this question on behalf of several people in the sport hunting business, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister responsible for Renewable Resources whether the barren land grizzly is a protected species.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Minister responsible for Renewable Resources.

Return To Question O180-89(2): Barren Land Grizzly, Protected Species

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, the barren land grizzly is a protected species under a CITES agreement. I believe it is in the appendix 2 of the act. Mr. Speaker, it is harvested in some places through a quota system. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O180-89(2): Barren Land Grizzly, Protected Species

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, since this animal is hunted in the Northwest Territories and there is a quota system, could the Minister tell me whether there has even been a survey done of the barren land grizzly to find out how many animals we really have on the Barren Lands?

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

Further Return To Question O180-89(2): Barren Land Grizzly, Protected Species

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, there have been studies done in the Mackenzie Delta region for grizzly bear. Also, there has been a study done in the Repulse Bay area. There have been a few studies done in the Northwest Territories, especially in those two regions. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O180-89(2): Barren Land Grizzly, Protected Species

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker, I am told that in the area east of Yellowknife many mining people have indicated that there are large numbers of barren land grizzly. Would the Minister indicate how

a quota could be set for that area if they do not have survey data to indicate the number of animals that could be safely hunted at a territorial level?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Minister of Renewable Resources.

Further Return To Question O180-89(2): Barren Land Grizzly, Protected Species

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I stand to be corrected. The study that was conducted in the Mackenzie Delta region resulted in some quota system being established for the people in that region. The study that was conducted in the Repulse Bay region which, I believe, is east of Yellowknife, northeast, did not result in the quota system being established in that area. I have asked my department to come back to me with some recommendation as to what the status is of the grizzly bear in that area. They have not come back to me with the information. Thank you.

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

Question O181-89(2): Barren Land Grizzly, Snowdrift

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question to the honourable Minister of Renewable Resources. Mr. Minister, if you are doing any type of study on the barren land grizzly east of Yellowknife that is in the Snowdrift area, would your department continue to have basically the same type of closer working relationship with the Snowdrift people, the same basic process they used to study the musk-ox last year, where you have complete participation by the people of Snowdrift as well as the guarantee of first harvest rights? Thank you.

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

Return To Question O181-89(2): Barren Land Grizzly, Snowdrift

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O182-89(2): Pulp Mill Hearings, Fort McMurray

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources and it concerns the pulp mill issue in Alberta. I understand that there was some communication between the Hon. Lucien Bouchard, from the federal government, and the provincial environment Minister yesterday. I wonder if our Minister has any information, and could he make it available to the House?

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

Return To Question O182-89(2): Pulp Mill Hearings, Fort McMurray

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker. At the pulp mill hearings in Fort McMurray on Tuesday of this week, Environment Canada announced that there is insufficient information at this time to assess fully the environmental impacts and cumulative impacts resulting from the proposed and existing development on the Peace and Athabasca River systems.

It is also the view expressed by other intervenors over the past two days of hearings. This might present a dilemma to the panel as it was agreed by Environment Canada, the Alberta environment department and the panel that sufficient information was available to proceed initially with the public hearing process. In our opinion, the panel now has two options: One, postpone the hearings until the major information deficiencies are adequately dealt with, or continue the hearings to obtain public input and identify possible additional information deficiencies, but delay a decision on the Alberta Pacific pulp mill development until these information gaps are addressed.

With respect to dealing with the possibly cumulative effects on the Northwest Territories, it is our opinion that the environment impact assessment report is totally deficient. However, while we will point this fact out in our intervention, this government should not be deterred from making a position statement at the hearings. We feel we have a strong case to request, through the panel, that the Alberta and federal governments initiate a monitoring program to detect any detrimental changes to our water quality and fish before they reach the NWT. We would also request that a contingency program be developed to ensure that the contaminants do not extend to North of 60. Qujannamiik.

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

Supplementary To Question O182-89(2): Pulp Mill Hearings, Fort McMurray

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I feel a little bit like the Minister's lead person, you know. Mr. Speaker, what I was getting at was that my understanding was that Minister Bouchard had said "No." He had backed up one of his staff who had said "No" to this development in Alberta, and the Minister responsible in Alberta was now fighting, or having a tiff, as it were, over this issue with Minister Bouchard. Can the Minister confirm that Minister Bouchard backed his staff yesterday and said "No" to this development?

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

Further Return To Question O182-89(2): Pulp Mill Hearings, Fort McMurray

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

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

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, a return to Question W3-89(2), asked by Mr. Pedersen to the Minister of Personnel, concerning vacancy rate in the public service.

Return To Question W3-89(2): Vacancy Rate In The Public Service

Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell's return to Question W3-89(2), asked by Mr. Pedersen on October 23, regarding vacancy rate in the public service. Mr. Speaker, as of September 1, 1989, 15 per cent of the government's positions were vacant. This number fluctuates significantly during the year, and our budgeting system takes this into account when money for positions is provided to departments. Departments are not provided with full funding for each position but are given a certain number of person years to fund their positions, which is based on the average amount of time positions have historically been vacant during the year. In this way departments do not lapse large amounts of funding when vacancies occur. Standing committee on finance Members have previously received detailed briefings on the difference between positions and person years, and such briefings are available for other Members should they wish more information.

The average time involved in filling a position, from the point where Personnel receives the staffing request to when the job offer is made, is 41 working days, from a low of 25 to a high of 66. Factors impacting on the average turnaround time to complete a staffing action include such variables as the time required to: process a classification request; undertake consultation with managers on the area of the competition; obtain advertising approval; obtain translation where necessary; meet the publication dates of newspapers; actually advertise the position; arrange and conduct the interviews; and contact the references. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Returns to written questions.

Item 8, petitions. Item 9, reports of standing and special committees. The honourable Member for Pine Point.

ITEM 9: REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report Of Standing Committee On Rules, Procedures And Privileges

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The standing committee on rules, procedures and privileges, under the authority given to it by this House, continues to review the Rules of the Legislative Assembly on matters brought to its attention by various Members.

The standing committee presented its first report to the Legislative Assembly in November of 1988. It contained recommendations which dealt with items such as a time limit on oral question period, returns to written questions, the Budget Address, questions of confidence, alternate committee Members, Ministers' statements and translation services. Since that report, your committee has monitored the effectiveness of the rule changes. The committee has received correspondence from Mr. Speaker Nerysoo, former Speaker Pedersen, Government House Leader Ballantyne, and a further number of Members. They have outlined matters of concern that they have with the rules and procedures of the Assembly.

The standing committee has met while here in Norman Wells and is pleased to report on its discussions and outline some recommendations in the following areas:

Sessional Schedules

The committee Members discussed some concerns that they had relating to our sessional schedules, particularly the budget session. According to our Rules of the Legislative Assembly, the fall session must begin on the first Wednesday in October and the winter budget session must begin on the second Wednesday in February. Some Members feel that they are scheduled too closely together. Problems often arise because the fall session does not usually conclude until sometime in November; the finance committee reviews the estimates in November-December; and the winter session begins shortly into the new year.

The main areas of concern with the budget session were the commencement day, a possible two week adjournment, and the Easter break. The committee was informed that all standing committee chairmen have been holding meetings recently in an attempt to come up with a schedule or calendar for a complete year so that sitting days and committee days could be planned and known by ordinary Members and the government alike.

The committee discussed the need to have the budget approved prior to March 31st, and some Members felt that it was unnecessary to have Members rush consideration of the budget to the detriment of other House business such as bills and ordinary Members' concerns. As we are all aware, the government did bring in an interim supply bill and it appeared not to cause any major problems. The chairman of the standing committee on finance felt that we should not begin the winter session any earlier than we do now as his committee's workload is already quite heavy and time-consuming.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, the committee is not recommending any change to the commencement date for the winter session. It should remain in the Rules as the second Wednesday in February.

The question of the need to set a specific time for a spring adjournment during the winter session was examined by the standing committee. It has been the practice over the past few years to try and schedule a break in the middle of the winter session due to the long sitting days when the budget is being examined in committee of the whole. Problems have also arisen as Members would like to return to their homes and constituencies during the Easter holiday. The committee

discussed the option of setting both a two week break and an Easter break during the winter session.

Members were concerned about including a specific adjournment time in our Rules. They felt that such a rule might constantly be waived in an attempt to accommodate the will of the House. It was felt that if you formalize an adjournment rule, it can still be waived by the House by formal resolution or by unanimous consent. Some Members mentioned the importance of the Easter celebration in their communities, and that because of the difficulties inherent in northern travel it would be difficult to make it home for Easter. The present Rules prevent the House from sitting on Good Friday and Easter Monday. It was felt that this desire to be home for Easter should be taken into consideration when the Assembly discusses future spring adjournments.

Discussion by the committee also covered the possibility of designating one day a week during the session as an ordinary Members' day, whereby the designated day would not be used to review the budget. It was also suggested that one day a week might be set aside to examine other bills only. The committee was in support of the concept of designating days for specific business but had a concern about formalizing it in the Rules. This topic will be discussed again by the committee and will be reported to the House in due course. It is the opinion of the standing committee that the House may, under the existing rules, adjourn or recess the House to accommodate spring adjournments and Easter breaks. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, the committee does not recommend any changes to the Rules.

One Session Per Year

On the matter of one session per year, this has been a concern to both government and ordinary Members for some time. This topic is tied to the discussion the standing committee had on commencement days and adjournment during the winter session. The Clerk of the Assembly advised the committee that the Northwest Territories Act requires that there be two sessions in each calendar year. It was explained that this could easily be accomplished by proroguing a session in the morning and then opening a new session in the afternoon.

It was felt that when we prorogue a session, certain items on the orders of the day are listed but are not scheduled for discussion until the next session. If there were one session per year, there would be no requirement to reintroduce bills and documents into the House in order to get them back into committee of the whole. The fact that a scheduled spring session seems to be a thing of the past is also a factor in considering the average length of our budget sessions.

Some Members explained that they have long been proponents of the concept of holding just one session per year. It was felt that the main advantage of holding just one session per year would be to allow the committees more flexibility. The standing committees on finance and legislation, in particular, would likely work better.

One session per year would allow the government to introduce and give first reading to all bills. They would then be available to the public. This would allow the public to have more input into them before they are finally dealt with through second reading and consideration in committee of the whole. It was felt that if sessions were simply adjourned rather than prorogued, the prerogative to recall the House would be held by the Speaker and the House itself. The Government House Leader advised the committee that the government could see some of the advantages of having just one session per year and it was worth exploring further to see if it could be accomplished in 1990. It was felt that one session per year would give the Assembly far more flexibility in terms of committee work, public input into bills, and numerous other items. The will of the House could accomplish this.

The standing committee is recommending that the Legislative Assembly consider implementing one session per year and that the standing committee work out the procedures to be followed, with the assistance of government, for possible implementation in 1990 and to report on the matter during the sixth session.

Length Of Oral Question Period

The standing committee recommended during the third session, and the House subsequently adopted, the one hour time limit on oral question period. The standing committee has been monitoring the question period to see how this new rule has been working in practice. The total number of questions asked during the budget session in 1989 totalled 545. On average, about 19 questions were asked each day. The time required to ask these questions and have them answered, or taken as notice, averaged about 59 minutes per day. Simply put, each question took about three minutes to ask and have answered.

Our system allows question period to be extended which, of course, is the prerogative of the House. The committee was divided as to whether we should even have a time limit and, if so, how long it should be. This item was before the committee as a result of a request by the ajuqtit committee. The committee will discuss, at a future meeting, the feasibility and practicality of implementing a set starting time for oral question period. The committee is of the opinion that a set starting time for oral question period would assist all Members, the government, and members of the public who wish to listen to oral question period. The committee felt that the oral question period should be for one hour as this is time enough to concentrate on important issues and try to get answers. The committee feels that if it was longer it would prove not to be as effective.

The standing committee is recommending that there be no change to the present rule for the time limit on oral question period.

Time Limit On Members' Statements

The topic was brought to the standing committee's attention by the ordinary Members' committee as they felt that, due to interpretation, two minutes was not sufficient time to allow Members to make a statement. The committee was advised that the impression that Inuktitut sentences are structured differently and take longer to get an idea or point across is not necessarily so. The information the committee received was that Members can get most points across as well in Inuktitut as they can in English. The difficulty seems to be that many times the issue is a technical one and that the interpreters are not always aware of the issues being presented. As well, some Members seem compelled to repeat themselves several times which, of course, takes up extra time. The committee felt that this is a problem no matter what language is being spoken and that interpretation goes both ways if you are talking about potential delays. It was felt that with very little effort ahead of time Members could make notes to structure their ideas, perhaps even inform the interpreters in advance and make better use of their time.

The committee observed that since the introduction of Members' statements the use of replies to the Opening Address has greatly diminished. The committee discussed the benefit of using a timing mechanism on either side of the House so Members could see how much time they have left on Members' statements, debate on motions and question period. This topic was referred to the Clerk for review and appropriate action. Nonetheless, the committee felt that an extra 30 seconds would not be overly time-consuming and would allow Members a little more time to fully express their ideas or comments.

Therefore, the standing committee recommends that: Rule 23(3)(a) be amended to read: "shall not exceed two and one half minutes."

Written Questions, Position On The Order Paper

The concern your committee examined in this area dealt with the positioning of written questions on the orders of the day. A Member indicated a desire to see written questions placed lower on the order paper to allow more time to write up any written questions that may arise as a result of the oral question period. The committee feels that written questions are often very technical in nature and responses to them often take many days to prepare. The committee feels that if

Members are unable to write up their questions quickly enough, they can always wait until the next sitting day to give it to the appropriate Minister.

Therefore, the committee recommends that written questions remain in the same position on the orders of the day.

Time Limit For Responses To Oral Questions

The committee examined this issue in response to a request from Mr. Speaker Nerysoo. He indicated to the committee that some Members had expressed to him their concerns about unanswered oral questions. The Government House Leader felt that the Executive Council has not been performing badly in this area and that perhaps Members should examine the response times during this session to determine if such a time limit is required. Some committee Members indicated that part of the onus should also be on the Members asking the questions. Members awaiting a response to a question can ask the Minister a new oral question, asking them when they will be answering their original question. The committee also realizes that placing a time limit on responses to oral questions would likely mean that the Speaker would have to enforce, much more rigorously, the rule on what constitutes a written question and what does not. The Speaker would have to judge whether or not a Minister readily has available the information that is being asked for.

Therefore the committee recommends that a time limit for responding to oral questions not be considered at this time.

Time Period For Ministers' Statements

Now we come to the meat of it. The committee discussed this topic at some length. Some Members of the committee felt that a majority of Ministers' statements are not adhering to our Rules, which call for them to be short, factual statements of government policy. Oftentimes they are not matters of policy but are simply information items. It was suggested that the government should be allowed 20 minutes each day to make statements on items of their own choosing. This would allow the government to make information items available to the Members, as well as to make statements on government policy. This would also allow the government an opportunity to provide information to ordinary Members on a daily basis. Daily updates on Ministerial travel and ongoing government initiatives are examples. The committee realizes that all rules may be waived by unanimous consent. If emergency situations arise where Ministers' statements are of great significance and all Members wish to hear them, the time limit can, of course, be removed.

Therefore, the committee recommends: That Rule 21(1) be deleted and the following substituted therefor: "A Minister may make a factual announcement or statement of government policy." Further that Rule 21 be amended to include the following new rule: "The time allotted for Ministers' statements shall not exceed 20 minutes."

Motion To Move Report Of Standing Committee On Rules, Procedures And Privileges To Committee Of The Whole, Carried

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kitikmeot West, that the second report of the standing committee on rules, procedures and privileges be received by this Assembly and moved into committee of the whole for discussion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Your motion is in order. To the motion. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Reports of standing and special committees. Reports of standing and special committees. Item 10, tabling of documents. The honourable Minister of Education.

ITEM 10: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table two documents, Tabled Document 35-89(2), Report of the Workers' Compensation Review Panel of April 16, 1989; and Tabled Document 36-89(2), Arctic College Annual Report for 1988-89. Thank you.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 37-89(2), A Promise Fulfilled, Pope John Paul's Second Visit to Fort Simpson.

---Applause

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a number of documents I would like to table. The first is Tabled Document 38-89(2), List of Funds Transferred Exceeding \$250,000 for the Period February 1, 1989, to October 15, 1989, for tabling pursuant to section 32, subsection 3, of the Financial Administration Act.

MR. SPEAKER: Sorry, could I have order in the House please. Proceed, Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to table the following document: Tabled Document 39-89(2), Formula Financing, Fiscal Capacity and Fiscal Effort in the Northwest Territories, October 1989, commonly known as the Bird Report; Tabled Document 40-89(2), Baffin Custodial Suicide Committee Report, July 18, 1989; Tabled Document 41-89(2), Statutory Instruments Register for Instruments Numbered SI-003-89 through SI-043-89; Tabled Document 42-89(2), Regulations Register for Regulations Numbered R-010-89 through R-053-89. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. Tabling of documents. The Honourable Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table four documents: Tabled Document 43-89(2), Canada/USSR Arctic Sciences Exchange Program, Theme III, Northern Construction; Tabled Document 44-89(2), Summary of Northwest Territories Haemophilus Influenzae B, HIB Meningitis, Immunization Project; Tabled Document 45-89(2), Environmental Contaminants; Tabled Document 46-89(2), AIDS Program in the Northwest Territories, Update. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. The honourable Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 47-89(2), Investing in our Future, Working Together, A Review of Equal Employment of the Government of the Northwest Territories, 1988-89.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. Tabling of documents. I wish to inform the House that, in accordance with section 22(1)(c) of the Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act, I wish to table Tabled Document 48-89(2): Report to the Chairman, Management and Services Board, on the Examination of the Accounts and Financial Transactions of the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Fund, Northwest Territories, for the Year Ended March 31, 1989, prepared by the Auditor General of Canada. Tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Nahendeh.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a very important document, Tabled Document 49-89(2), an article from the Edmonton Journal of Sunday, October 29, 1989, which headlines

"Devine's Wife Urges Help For Moms". It is an article about the importance of mothers and parents staying home and raising their own children and it is a must for everybody here.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. Tabling of documents. Item 11, notices of motion. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I rise and seek unanimous consent of the House to return to Item 8 on yesterday's orders of the day; that is, replies to Opening Address.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Whitford, you are seeking unanimous consent to add an item, not to change the item of business today. You must seek unanimous consent to add the item of replies to Opening Address. Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, could you, for the record, seek unanimous consent to add an item, replies to Opening Address.

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to add an item to today, which is replies to Opening Address.

MR. SPEAKER: Unanimous consent is being requested to add an item, replies to Opening Address. Are there any nays? There are no nays. The item of replies to Opening Address will be added now. To the item, replies to Opening Address. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

REPLIES TO OPENING ADDRESS

Mr. Whitford's Reply

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I am not clear as to what I should do now. Should I deliver my remarks, which are very short, now or later after the coffee break?

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MR. SPEAKER: To the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, are you suggesting that we have a coffee break?

MR. WHITFORD: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you then, proceed.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reply to the Commissioner's Opening Address but first off I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your Speakership. It is officially belated but heartfelt and I wish you the very best in maintaining the decorum and the credibility of this House, under your direction, over the next two years and more.

To the new Commissioner: I have already expressed my congratulations on your appointment to the position and I have every confidence that you will distinguish yourself in directing this government into the future. Commissioner Norris, your role is important. Just as important as the role of Stu Hodgson, John Parker and Charles Camsell in the years before you and I know that you look forward to the challenge and I look forward to working with you.

To the good people of the Sahtu and the MLA whose constituency this is, I wish to recognize your hospitality in every area in which I participated and I believe, sir, that I participated fully in every event that you had put forward to us, with the exception of the Ducks Unlimited dinner the other night, but as was the case I was busy with committee work.

To Mr. Ningark, who has already left, I welcome you to the House and with your swearing in, sir, on Monday last I can now move out of the category as the new boy on the block.

Mr. Speaker, we are facing difficult times in the years ahead. We are not only faced with the encroachment on our sovereignty but we are threatened by environmental impacts such as we have never experienced before. We face not only airborne contamination from southern Canada and from the United States, but the pulp mills in Northern Alberta are on our doorstep, threatening our very existence.

In spite of the appearance of calm, the undercurrents of social problems are still with us. Unemployment is as high as 50 per cent or more in some of the smaller communities and there exists very little in the foreseeable future by way of opportunity to remedy the situation without very serious government interventions.

Suicide rates are still a concern yet we are unable, as a government, to combat this major problem. Alcohol and substance abuse follow close in hand.

Day-Care In The NWT

Mr. Speaker, we have not addressed the issue of day-care enough during this session. The issue has not gone away and must be kept a priority just as health and education have. Last year the federal government conveniently backed out of its election promises by shelving the program until, I suspect, the next election. Since that time I appreciate how hard the Minister of Social Services has worked in trying to meet the demands for start-up funds, but child care in many communities must not be allowed to be dropped. Because the department is unable to meet all of the demands, maybe it is possible to seek assistance from the other departments within this government such as the NWT Housing Corporation and Public Works. Efforts must be made to plan for the future rather than to react to demands on an ad hoc basis. Knowing the demands for child care in the work place, all future plans for government buildings should have a built in child care unit.

As well, we must take advantage of any moneys that are available to this government, such as Secretary of State, Employment and Immigration, training and skill enhancement programs. We must take advantage of any federal money that is being offered. Most importantly, we must continue to encourage, without further delay, encourage this government to develop its long awaited, long-term child care policy which will guide us into the 1990s.

I fully appreciate the tightening of our financial belts over the next year's budget as the Minister of Finance has instructed us, but not only must we watch our budgets but we must also fight GST which will not only make matters worse but increase the personal hardships to northern residents.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. WHITFORD: We will still need new nursing stations, health programs, social assistance and schools but maybe we can cut back on some of the travel; maybe we can cut back on some of the last minute spending that governments do.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. WHITFORD: We must introduce some form of incentive to government departments to save money and maybe we can meet our financial commitments into the next few years.

Militarization

On militarization I, like anyone else, oppose war. I oppose acts of aggression and I work for peace; not only in the Northwest Territories but whenever I can throughout the world, wherever I can. I also believe in a true North strong and free. I used to belong to the rangers, in the late 1950s, and later to the militia. I had attained the rank of corporal in the 49th Royal Edmonton Regiment. Our geographic location in the North makes us vulnerable, regardless of our position on militarization. Mr. Speaker, we are, in the case of war, just in the wrong place. The North Warning System has been in place for the past 25 years in the form of the DEWline. In spite of

some social problems that it has caused because of the influx of Americans, the influx of southern Canadians, the influx of lots of money and certainly some PCBs, that program has benefited the North. It has opened up communications; it has opened up transportation links and transportation systems that would never have taken place without it. There will always be someone interested in protection of the North. If it is not the Canadians it will be the Americans. If not the Americans it will be the Soviet Union or some other country. Someone will come in to protect us and, Mr. Speaker, I prefer the Canadians. The Americans have been trying to move in and establish themselves in Canada, especially in the Arctic, over the last few years. I was going to say that they stole the Alaska panhandle from us but I cannot use words like that. They question our sovereignty in the Manhattan and in the Polar Sea incidents. We reacted and we assisted them and we welcomed them but that does not mean that we have given them the keys to our homeland. We felt their influence and their dominance in the 1940s, in the early 1940s, with the building of the Alaska Highway and with the building of the Canol. Norman Wells exists perhaps because of that influence. They came; there was nothing we could do; fortunately they left; and we still own the North.

Now the testing of cruise and navigation techniques over the North again threaten us. Although we will not be able to stop them completely because of our commitments with NATO, we must demand and we must receive consideration for our concerns. Negotiations on the routes, the altitudes and the seasonal restrictions must be in order.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I thank you for this opportunity to have been able to express some of the points of view of my constituents in this Assembly. I would like to point out a couple of personal items. We are saddened in Yellowknife by the passing of Mr. Woolgar, a long time pioneer and prospector in the Yellowknife area. We are also saddened to learn of the passing of Milo Rosenbrier who was a traveller, a carpenter and a business person and very well known to many people. Mr. Rosenbrier, among his many community activities, provided a very interesting and informative newspaper column on gourmet cooking a few years ago. To his family, my condolences. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Replies to Opening Address. The honourable Member for Inuvik.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Point of privilege, Mr. Speaker. The Member's speech was well worth...(mike turned off)

MR. PEDERSEN: Point of opinion.

MR. SPEAKER: The former Speaker is correct. That was a point of opinion and not a point of privilege. Nonetheless it was a good point of opinion. Replies to Opening Address. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Mr. Ballantyne's Reply

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Following the lead of my colleague for Yellowknife Centre, I have decided to synthesize my reply using the letters...

---Laughter

...found in "Welcome" to Norman Wells Territorial School, as well as the "Exit" sign. Thank you very much for allowing me to give my reply.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I would suggest that I just call notice on Item 11, notices of motion, at which time I will suggest that we take a 15 minute coffee break.

---SHORT RECESS

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I would like to call the House back to order. Item 11, notices of motion.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of order, Mr. Wray, the honourable Member for Kivallivik.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Speaker, we do not have a quorum.

MR. SPEAKER: The point of order raised by the honourable Member for Kivallivik is correct. Mr. Clerk, would you ring the bell? Thank you. The Chair recognizes a quorum. To the orders.

Item 11, notices of motion. Notices of motion.

Item 12, notices of motion for first reading of bills. Notices of motion for first reading of bills.

Item 13, motions. Motion 13-89(2), Mr. Morin.

ITEM 13: MOTIONS

Motion 13-89(2): Policy On Militarization Of The NWT

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

WHEREAS the Government of the Northwest Territories announced its intention to prepare a policy on militarization of the Northwest Territories in the Commissioner's Opening Address to this session of the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Department of National Defence has plans for low-level flights, the North Warning System, forward operating locations, cruise missile testing, an Arctic training centre at Nanisivik and other projects for the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly has passed motions opposing cruise missile testing and low-level flights and declaring the Northwest Territories as a nuclear weapons-free zone;

AND WHEREAS the people of the Northwest Territories have had little or no input into military projects and policies and there is need for a comprehensive northern policy on militarization;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the Member for Nahendeh that this House declare its support for the creation of a comprehensive policy on militarization of the Northwest Territories;

AND FURTHER, that this policy be created with full participation of all Members and the people of the Northwest Territories;

AND FURTHER, that a draft policy be tabled by the Executive Council at the sixth session of the Legislative Assembly;

AND FURTHER, that any policy approved by the Legislative Assembly, becomes the position of the Government of the Northwest Territories regarding military proposals and that this policy be communicated directly to the Minister of National Defence. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I would like to ask the honourable Member who is seconding the motion. Could you indicate the seconder? The honourable Member for Nahendeh? Thank you very much. The motion is in order. To the motion, Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The main reason I put this motion on the floor is to make sure that ordinary Members do have the opportunity to participate in the drawing up of this policy. I realize that at this time the military has just started to operate in the NWT on a bigger scale. I

realize that in the past we did have what they called the early warning system in place. There are some things that come out of military people being in the North that may have some economic benefits to Northerners but there are also some things that would have a devastating effect on northern people. Especially, we are talking about low-level flights where it would have an effect on the caribou; it would have an effect on the people being able to carry out their way of life in my area. I believe that policy or direction for this government is a must, especially with the possibility in the future of an increased military activity. The sooner we have this type of policy the better off all parties will be, to know exactly where the GNWT stands. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Nahendeh as seconder. To the motion. To the motion. Is the mover ready for last reply?

MR. MORIN: I have said enough on this already.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion 13-89(2), Carried

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

---Carried

Motions. Item 14, first reading of bills. First reading of bills. The honourable Minister of Finance.

ITEM 14: FIRST READING OF BILLS

First Reading Of Bill 27-89(2): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1989-90

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 27-89(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1989-90, be read for the first time.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 27-89(2) has had first reading. Item 15, second reading of bills. Honourable Minister of Finance.

ITEM 15: SECOND READING OF BILLS

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed to second reading of Bill 27-89(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1989-90.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The Minister has requested unanimous consent to give second reading to Bill 27-89(2). Are there any nays? Proceed, Mr. Minister.

Second Reading Of Bill 27-89(2): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1989-90

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that Bill 27-89(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1989-90, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to make supplementary appropriations for the Government of the Northwest Territories for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1990.

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 27-89(2) has had second reading. Mr. Clerk, Bill 27-89(2) has had second reading and is ordered into committee of the whole for today. Item 16, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: report of the standing committee on legislation; Bill 28-89(2), Bill 26-89(2), Bill 15-89(2), Bill 27-89(2); second report of the standing committee on rules, procedures and privileges, with Mr. Gargan in the Chair, and I would indicate that the House report at the conclusion of all its business.

ITEM 16: CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF BILLS AND OTHER MATTERS

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO CONSIDER COMMITTEE REPORT 2-89(2), REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION; BILL 28-89(2), SUPPLEMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES ACT; BILL 26-89(2), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT, NO. 4, 1988-89; BILL 15-89(2), LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RETIRING ALLOWANCES ACT; BILL 27-89(2), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT, NO. 1, 1989-90; REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES, PROCEDURES AND PRIVILEGES

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The committee will now come to order. Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, with the concurrence of the committee, if we could go with Bill 26-89(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1988-89; then if Mr. McLaughlin is ready to do his business, the report of the standing committee on rules, procedures and privileges; then we could go to Bill 28-89(2), Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act; Bill 15-89(2), Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act; then we could finish off with Bill 27-89(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1989-90. I am easy.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Does the committee agree that we deal with Bill 26-89(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1988-89, followed by rules, procedures and privileges; then Bills 28-89(2), 15-89(2) and 27-89(2)? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We will deal with Bill 26-89(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1988-89, with Mr. Ballantyne.

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

Minister's Opening Comments

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Supplementary Appropriation No. 4 for 1988-89 requests an appropriation authority increase of \$395,000 for the Department of Personnel. This appropriation increase is required to fund a 1988-89 year end cost overrun for non-controllable employee benefits. Section 36(2) of the Financial Administration Act deems an overexpenditure at year end to be an interim appropriation requiring the presentation of a supplementary appropriation request to the Legislative Assembly at the next session. The total budget in the employee benefits area is approximately \$18 million. This overexpenditure represents a variance of 2.2 per cent. Non-controllable employee benefits include vacation travel, medical travel, removal costs and some recruitment costs. These costs are highly variable as they are directly affected by the rate of employee turnover, the changing size of employees' families and the rate of medical referrals. The Department of Personnel monitors these costs very closely. However, in the fourth quarter of 1988-89 they exceeded their estimates by the amount being requested. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Ballantyne. Chairman of the standing committee on finance, Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the standing committee on finance has reviewed this bill and recommends it to the House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. General comments. Does the committee agree that we go to the details of the bill? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Personnel, Regional Operations Directorate, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Page four, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1988-89, Personnel, operations and maintenance, regional operations directorate, \$395,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$395,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): In your green binders, tab 26. Does the committee agree we go clause by clause on Bill 26-89(2)? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2, supplementary appropriation for 1988-89. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 3, purpose of expenditures. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 4, lapse of appropriation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 6, commencement. 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 26-89(2) is now ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. We will move now to the report on rules, privilege and procedures. Mr. McLaughlin.

Second Report Of The Standing Committee On Rules, Procedures And Privileges

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee's report was just given and the full text was read so I would recommend that we allow Members to make any general comments they want -- which I will not do because I just read it in its entirety before the Speaker -- and that after general comments are made we move directly to the recommendations that are being made which require us to approve the rule changes or other actions.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. General comments. Are there any general comments? Does the committee agree that we go to the recommendations? Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If that is the wish, to move to the place that we have made recommendations for changes, the first place that we do that in the report is at the bottom of page four. The recommendation is there is not a change in rule, it is to work out a procedure, the committee and the government to work out a procedure for the possibility of doing this in 1990. Members will be made aware of exactly how we will do that, if we think it is feasible, when we reconvene in February, in Yellowknife.

Motion To Consider Implementing One Session Per Year, Carried

The recommendation there is: I move that the Legislative Assembly consider implementing one session per year and that procedures to be followed, with the assistance of government, for possible implementation in 1990 and report on the matter during the sixth session.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. The recommendation is on page four. Mr. McLaughlin has made a motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried. Mr. McLaughlin.

---Carried

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, the next place in the report where there is a recommendation for rule change is at the bottom of page six. It deals with the length of Members' statements and the intent is to change the length of Members' statements, for an individual Member's statement, from two minutes to two and a half minutes.

Motion To Amend Rule 23(3)(a), Length Of Members' Statements, Carried

To get the debate going, Mr. Chairman, I move that Rule 23(3)(a) be amended to read: Shall not exceed two and one half minutes.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed? This motion is carried. Mr. McLaughlin.

---Carried

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, the next place where there is a rule change is in regard to Ministers' statements. The objective of the rule change and the motion that I will make will be to allow the government a total period of 20 minutes each day, maximum, that they can use to make the type of Ministers' statements which they are making right now in which, as you realize, all of us do not explicitly follow the existing rules. It has always been the wish of this Assembly that Ministers, whenever possible, especially when the House is sitting, inform us of important events or items that are occurring in government, rather than issuing a press release in the morning, for example, and us finding out sometime later in the day. To meet both the desire of Members to be informed first and also to make sure that what is actually happening during Ministers' statements follows the rules, the committee is recommending that, and I will make this a motion:

Motion To Amend Rule 21, Length Of Ministers' Statements, Carried

That Rule 21(1) be deleted and the following substituted therefor: "A Minister may make a factual announcement or statement of government policy"; and further, that Rule 21 be amended to

include the following new rule: "The time allotted for Ministers' statements shall not exceed 20 minutes." Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Mr. McLaughlin, is there anything further?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, that concludes the areas where we are recommending rule changes or action in the report. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Tabled Document 4-89(2), the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges, Second Report. Does the committee agree that the matter is concluded?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): We will proceed now to Bill 28-89(2). Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, one thing that I would like to say is that I would like to thank the clerk of the committee, Mr. Schauerte and the Clerk of the House, Mr. Hamilton, for the work that they did. A lot of these meetings were held during the session here in Norman Wells and I know that both Mr. Hamilton and the committee clerk were in their office until midnight last night to make sure that this report was prepared for us on a timely basis. I would also like to thank the interpreters who worked from first thing this morning until 1:00 to make sure that this report could be made available to the House today. Thank you.

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Do we require the Speaker to be present, to deal with Bill 28-89(2)? Also the Clerk of the House? Does the committee agree that the Speaker bring in his witness? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): You have to go by the rules of the committee now. We are dealing with Bill 28-89(2), Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act, with the Speaker. Would you like to make your opening remarks? For the record, could you introduce your witness?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I apologize if I abused my status and abused your rules in the committee of the whole. Firstly, Mr. Chairman, let me introduce the witness on my right, Giuseppa Bentivegna, legal counsel. If there are any additional questions about the details of the bill I am prepared to allow Ms Bentivegna to answer those particular questions.

Speaker's Opening Remarks

Mr. Chairman, in my role as chairman of the Management and Services Board, I am pleased to provide a brief comment on the purpose of Bill 28-89(2). Mr. Chairman, this bill is required to allow for allowances to Members due to the changes in the pension rules by the Government of Canada.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Are there any general comments? Do we have a report from the standing committee on legislation? No. Do we have a report from the standing committee on finance? No. Are there any general comments? Does the committee agree we go clause by clause? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2, duration of Legislative Assembly. Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Richard Nerysoo.

Motion To Amend Clause 2, Bill 28-89(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill 28-89(2), Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act, be amended by adding "the" after "at" in clause 2(2)(b).

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Okay. We have a motion that Bill 28-89(2), Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act, be amended by adding "the" after "at" in clause 2(2)(b). Your motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Clause 2, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 4, calculation of annual allowance of Member. Mr. Speaker.

Motion To Amend Clause 4, Bill 28-89(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that Bill 28-89(2), Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act, be amended by adding "annual" after "average" in clause 4(b).

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your motion is in order. This is to add, in clause 4(b), "three per cent of the average annual pensionable remuneration..." To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

--Carried

Clause 4, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 5, allowances based on earnings. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 6, allowance on death. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 7, payment to estate. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 8, supplementary retirement benefit. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 9, election to receive allowance. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 10, Member retires after 55. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 11, consolidated revenue fund. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 12, regulations. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 13. 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 28-89(2), Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act, is now ready for third reading. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. We will go now to Bill 15-89(2), An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act, with Mr. Speaker.

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

Speaker's Opening Remarks

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to present and make a few remarks concerning Bill 15-89(2) in my role as chairman of the Management and Services Board. This bill, Mr. Chairman, amends the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act. The main purpose of the amendment is to provide that all Members will now be required to make mandatory contributions of nine per cent of pensionable remuneration and earnings to the fund. The amendment also provides for refund to Members who contribute and do not have at least six years of service when he or she ceases to be a Member. The amendments provide for an increase to 75 per cent to a surviving spouse and to decrease it to 25 per cent for each child.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the bill. Does the committee agree that we go clause by clause? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 6, refund of contribution. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 9. Mr. Speaker.

Motion To Amend Clause 9, Bill 15-89(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 15-89(2), An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act, be amended by adding after paragraph (a) in clause 9 the following: (a)(1) adding "annual" after "average" in paragraph (1)(b).

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Clause 9, as amended. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 10. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 13. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 14. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 16. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 17. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree that Bill 15-89(2), An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act is now ready for third reading as amended?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, it would be remiss of me not to recognize the contribution of the former Speaker who has sought amendments to the acts that you have agreed are ready for third reading; and also to recognize the work of the other Members of the previous Management and Services Board. So, I just want to pay my respects to the former Speaker for work that I consider to have been well done in recognizing the need for changes in this particular act. I also, of course, want to recognize the work of the Clerk and Bill Johnston who provided the research and the advice to us. So, I just wanted to put those remarks on record so that there is recognition for those people and the work that they have done. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to thank the witness, Ms Bentivegna.

Bill 27-89(2): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1989-90

We are now on Bill 27-89(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1989-90, with Mr. Ballantyne. Mr. Ballantyne, would you like to give your opening remarks?

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1989-90, requests \$46,324,200 of additional operations and maintenance appropriation authority and \$14,773,800 of additional capital appropriation authority. These appropriation authority requests are offset by an additional \$5.6 million of revenue. The net cost of the supplementary appropriation is \$55 million which does exceed our established supplementary reserves by approximately eight million dollars.

The committee will recall the government anticipated a high level of supplementary appropriations in 1989-90 and established supplementary reserves of some \$47 million. These higher supplementary requirements were established with three purposes.

The first purpose was to fund the 1989-90 cost of collective agreement changes that were intentionally omitted from the budget as negotiations were in progress. Secondly, to fund forced inflationary growth and non-salary expenditures that the FMB decided not to automatically include in departmental budgets. Thirdly, to fund forced expenditure growth due to volume increases that departments were not able to adequately substantiate in developing the 1989-90 budget. This approach was taken by the Financial Management Board to ensure that only funding for actual cost increases was being provided to departments. This forced departments to look to their existing funding before making demands for new money. The board feels that this approach has been highly successful in instituting restraint in departments.

Even with this conservative approach, Mr. Chairman, the supplementary reserves have been exceeded by some eight million dollars. Primarily, this is due to three items that were not provided for: The first, Mr. Chairman, is additional capital carryovers of some four million dollars. The second major item is the fire suppression cost overruns of \$7.5 million. This, though, is

offset by \$3.7 million in additional federal funding. Thirdly, the Workers' Compensation Board provision for hunters and trappers of \$1.2 million.

As a result of these additional costs, the forecasted 1989-90 deficit has climbed to \$19.3 million, an increase of approximately eight million. The effect of this increased deficit on our accumulated surplus is mitigated by the increased 1988-89 surplus of six million dollars over the forecast provided in last February's budget. This increased surplus was attributable to a high level of capital project carry-overs. Overall, our accumulated surplus of the end of 1989-90 should be around \$43 million, a decline of \$4.4 million from February's budget projections.

As the committee moves through this supplementary appropriation document, they will see frequent reference to the cost of negotiated collective agreement changes. These adjustments total \$14.2 million. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Comments from the standing committee on finance. Mr. Pollard.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Finance

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps I could just say that the standing committee on finance appreciates the work of the interpreters that interpreted this huge, technical document and translated it into Inuktitut in one day. We would like to express our appreciation for that.

---Applause

With regard to the supp I think the committee would like to note that it would appear that the Minister of Finance's method of attacking the way the departments ask for inflationary increases is working. He did advise us in advance that it was going to happen. It seems to be working through the supp but I would serve notice on the Minister that the standing committee on finance will be paying more attention to that in the future. This is the first time that we have seen it, Mr. Chairman. We were also advised about the wage and salary increases because of the new contract and we anticipated that. It looks like a large supp but a lot of it we were warned of in advance.

There will be numerous questions throughout, and I would just like to ask what the procedure will be as we may wish to talk to the Finance Minister at the same time as talking to the Minister responsible for the department because the Finance Minister was the one who appeared in committee with us. I would like to know, first of all, will that option be open to Members of this committee?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Yes, Mr. Pollard, it will be. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee on finance has reviewed supp No. 1 and recommends it to the House for deliberation. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Mr. Ballantyne, do you have any preference on which department goes first or do we just go from page five?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, with the concurrence of the chairman and committee we will go through it in the same order as we went through it in the standing committee on finance meetings. Again, with the concurrence of the committee, if I could bring in a witness and sit at the witness table, the Ministers will then be available to answer any specific questions according to their departments.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Is that agreeable?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. We are dealing with Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1989-90. Page five, Legislative Assembly, operation and maintenance. Mr. Ballantyne, for the record, your witness.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before I do that I would like to add to the chairman of the standing committee on finance's comments, the cabinet's gratitude to the interpreters for doing a tremendous job in translating this document in a very short time. I must say that I have watched over the years their skill in dealing with very technical documents increase dramatically. We cannot give them enough thanks for their contribution to this process.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to introduce Lew Voytilla. Lew is the deputy secretary to the Financial Management Board.

Legislative Assembly, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. We are on page five. Legislative Assembly, operations and maintenance, not previously authorized, \$2,538,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$2,538,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Executive

Commissioner's Office, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Executive, operations and maintenance, Commissioner's Office, not previously authorized, \$5000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Ministers' Offices, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Ministers' Offices, special warrants, \$25,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Ministers' Offices, not previously authorized, \$84,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Executive Council Secretariat, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Executive Council Secretariat, not previously authorized, \$130,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Aboriginal Rights And Constitutional Development, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Executive, operations and maintenance, Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, not previously authorized, \$206,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Audit Bureau, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Audit Bureau, not previously authorized, \$42,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Regional Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Regional operations, not previously authorized, \$140,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Priorities And Planning Secretariat, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Executive, operations and maintenance, Priorities and Planning Secretariat, not previously authorized, \$25,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Women's Secretariat, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Women's Secretariat, not previously authorized, \$9000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Office Of Devolution, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Office of devolution, not previously authorized, \$5000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Affairs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Public affairs, not previously authorized, \$11,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Executive, operations and maintenance, Highway Transport Board/Public Utilities Board, not previously authorized, \$10,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Executive, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$25,000, not previously authorized, \$649,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): NWT Housing Corporation, operations and maintenance, NWT Housing Corporation not previously authorized, \$1,382,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$1,382,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): NWT Housing Corporation, capital, special warrants, \$1,429,000. Agreed? Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we reviewed this item in the standing committee on finance I asked the Minister, and he gave me his assurance. I would like to get it into Hansard, though, that this amount -- and this is an additional amount -- this amount plus the original amount for these houses, which were staff housing units, would be removed from the statistical information of the NWT Housing Corporation so that we, down the road, do not run into a situation when we look at expenditures for the Housing Corporation, which is normally for public housing, etc., and see an inflated figure that really should not be in there. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Yes, I will give that assurance. I think it is a valid point. We will make the necessary changes.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Just to add that, the Housing Corporation is involved because of the urgency. It had contracts going in a number of communities and was asked to do the job to carry out the erection.

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

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We appreciated that in the committee. It was just for statistical purposes. I just would like to ask the Minister of Housing, are there any other projects that are not related to the provision of houses for the general population, but rather to the preservation of buildings for our own government, that are being carried out by the Housing Corporation and showing up in your budget, sir?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge, this is a very unique situation. I do not think we will be getting into it again.

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

MR. POLLARD: I may be mistaken, but I thought I understood the Minister of Finance at the standing committee on finance review to say that the Housing Corporation did work on behalf of other people besides just this special project. I think we should clarify that, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I will clarify that. Technically, the Housing Corporation actually looks after the building of the houses, but it is not in their budget. It is in the Department of Personnel's budget, for staff housing. They co-ordinate it, but it is not part of their appropriation. Does that make sense?

Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. NWT Housing Corporation, special warrants, \$1,429,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$1,429,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Finance

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Finance, operations and maintenance, directorate, not previously authorized, \$58,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Revenue And Asset Management, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Revenue and asset management, \$34,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Government Accounting, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Government accounting, \$279,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Fiscal Policy, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Fiscal policy, special warrants, \$50,000. Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: For Members' information, I tabled today that report and a summary in Inuktitut.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Fiscal policy, special warrants, \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Not previously authorized, \$149,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Tax Administration, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Tax administration, not previously authorized, \$13,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Management Accounting Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Management accounting services, not previously authorized, \$51,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Financial Management Board Secretariat, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Financial Management Board Secretariat, not previously authorized, \$170,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Finance, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$50,000; not previously authorized, \$754,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Culture And Communications

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Culture and Communications, directorate, not previously authorized, \$67,400. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Publications And Production, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Publications and production, not previously authorized, \$29,700. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Language Bureau, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Language bureau, not previously authorized, \$65,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Museums/Heritage, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Museums/heritage, not previously authorized, \$200,200. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Library Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Library services, not previously authorized, \$31,400. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Cultural Affairs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Cultural affairs, not previously authorized, \$5,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Culture And Communications, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$400,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Culture And Communications, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Culture and Communications, capital, museum/heritage, not previously authorized, \$125,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$125,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Equal Employment Directorate

Directorate, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Equal Employment Directorate, operations and maintenance, equal employment directorate, special warrants, \$140,000. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: There was a question by the committee on this issue of the \$140,000 special warrant. We did want to question the Minister on that. However, the Minister is not in the House. I will ask the surrogate Minister then, through you, Mr. Chairman, if there could be an explanation of the \$140,000, special warrants.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am advised that in February 1989 the Executive Council approved the comprehensive affirmative action policy to replace the native employment policy which had been in effect since 1985. The requirements of this new policy expanded the scope of the affirmative action measures targeting indigenous aboriginal persons, women, handicapped persons and indigenous non-aboriginal persons for preference in appointments and career development. It was this expansion that the two extra positions were justified on, and the Executive Council on receiving this substantiation agreed with the Minister and provided the two positions required by way of special warrant.

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Equal Employment Directorate, special warrants, \$140,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Not previously authorized, \$31,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Equal Employment Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$140,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Not previously authorized, \$31,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Personnel

Directorate, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Personnel, operations and maintenance, directorate, not previously authorized, \$187,000. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: The acting Minister of Social Services did so well the last time, Mr. Chairman, that I wonder if he could fill in for Personnel and answer on the \$170,000 for the human resource information system; some more details, please.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: The first one was a lucky swing. I am not too familiar -- maybe if I could ask the Minister of Finance, he probably has it right at his fingertips, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: I think the standing committee on finance has heard from Mr. Ballantyne and we were wanting to hear something from the departmental Minister. However, for the benefit of the House, perhaps we could hear Mr. Ballantyne. I would ask you though, sir, if you could transmit to the Minister the fact that we would like some more information on that \$170,000, even if it is at a later date. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The chairman of the standing committee on finance is correct. I think I gave a commitment that more detailed information would be provided to his committee. For the record, if I could give you at least a brief explanation of this

particular item. The human resource information system was designed to provide an accurate source of information on GNWT employees to enable the government to respond to queries from the Legislative Assembly regarding the public service establishment. For example, the ongoing saga of person years versus positions, the number of vacant positions at any period, how long positions have been vacant, to assess the success of the affirmative action plan, to carry out effective human resources planning, and a very important one, to provide a data base for collective bargaining purposes. I concur with the chairman. I have asked for more information and will make sure you get a complete brief on this particular system. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Mr. Butters, you will provide Members of the finance committee with further details on the human resource information system; you will convey that to the Minister.

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

Directorate, not previously authorized, \$187,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Finance And Administration, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Finance and administration, not previously authorized, \$9000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Staffing And Classification, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Staffing and classification, not previously authorized, \$269,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Human Resource Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Human resource planning, not previously authorized, \$9000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Staff Relations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Staff relations, not previously authorized, \$1,024,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Regional Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Regional Operations, not previously authorized, \$2,123,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Personnel, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$3,621,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Personnel, Staff Relations, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Personnel, capital, staff relations, special warrants, \$340,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Not previously authorized, \$34,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Personnel, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$340,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Not previously authorized, \$34,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Justice

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Department of Justice, operations and maintenance, directorate, special warrants, \$20,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Not previously authorized, \$121,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Police Services Agreement, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Police services agreement, not previously authorized, \$1,515,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Legal Aid, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Legal Aid, not previously authorized, \$230,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Lawyer Support Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Justice, lawyer support services, not previously authorized, \$552,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Court Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Court services, not previously authorized, \$1,138,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Legal Registries, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Legal registries, not previously authorized, \$21,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Justice, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$20,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Not previously authorized, \$3,577,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Safety And Public Services

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Safety and public services, operations and maintenance, directorate, not previously authorized, \$19,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Consumer Affairs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Consumer affairs, not previously authorized, \$19,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Safety And Fire Safety, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Safety and fire safety, not previously authorized, \$60,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Mining Inspection Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mining inspection services, special warrants, \$100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Not previously authorized, \$19,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Labour Board And Labour Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Labour board and labour services, special warrants, \$80,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Not previously authorized, \$8000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Safety And Public Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$180,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Not previously authorized, \$125,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Government Services

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Directorate, not previously authorized, \$101,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Systems And Computer Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Systems and computer services, \$58,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Supply Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Supply services, \$65,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Government Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$94,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Government Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Government services, capital, petroleum products, special warrants, \$464,500. Agreed? Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, when these amounts are carried forward it seems strange that they are the exact dollar figures. Is there no inflation taken into consideration? How is that handled? I know that prices do go up if you lapse or if you do not do the construction the first year. I wonder if someone could explain that to us please, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: In most cases it is fixed by contracts that are carried over within the contract.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Petroleum products, total department, special warrants, \$464,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Works

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Public works, operations and maintenance, directorate, not previously authorized, \$238,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Project Management, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Project management, \$210,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Accommodation Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Accommodation services, special warrants, \$32,000. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: The funding for the lease of one staff house unit for an economic development officer in Pangnirtung, \$37,000. Could we get some explanation on that, please, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, on the unit that is leased in Pangnirtung, it is a one-bedroom apartment on lot 352, hamlet of Pangnirtung and the owner is Arctic Venture.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Madam Minister. Project management. Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I presume that \$37,000 is for lease for one year? I would like that confirmed. Also, I take it, then, that the apartment is occupied, is that correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, the housing for that officer -- I should stand corrected here because I got two questions and I think one is in relation to that. Just to correct my previous statement, the unit for the economic development officer in Pangnirtung is a three-bedroom detached house which is furnished and the cost on that is \$2350 a month, gross rent.

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

MR. POLLARD: That house, Mr. Chairman, is it or was it a HAP home? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I have not got the answer to the question of whether it was a HAP home, although I know it was previously owned by an individual who had moved elsewhere.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Madam Minister. Accommodation services. Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I think I heard the Minister right when she said it was \$2300 per month lease. In that case it does not come out to \$37,000 for a year. There seems to be a discrepancy there.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, that does not add up to \$37,000 and I do not have the information that takes into account the additional money that is stated.

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

MR. PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I did not get an answer to my question either, is the unit occupied by the economic development officer in Pangnirtung?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge and the information that I have presently, it is occupied by the economic development officer. As well, the additional cost outside of the lease is the utility cost of \$8470.

Accommodation Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Madam Minister. Accommodation services, special warrants, \$32,000, not previously authorized, \$1,189,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Buildings And Works, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Buildings and works, special warrants, \$31,000, not previously authorized, \$311,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Vehicles And Equipment, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Vehicles and equipment, not previously authorized, \$57,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Utilities, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Utilities, special warrants, \$50,000, not previously authorized, \$582,200 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Operations, not previously authorized, \$44,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Works, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$113,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$1,466,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Works

Accommodation Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Public works, capital, accommodation services, special warrants, \$44,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Accommodation services, not previously authorized, \$626,000. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, I think the Minister of Finance clarified for us last night that \$204,000 was for Fort Smith and not for the Fort Smith Region. Am I correct, Mr. Minister?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: That is right. It is in the community of Fort Smith.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Accommodation services, not previously authorized, \$626,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Buildings And Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Buildings and works, special warrants, \$1,045,000. Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, the Finance Minister explained to us, last night, that the special warrant for Stringer Hall was a demolition charge, and broke down what was a demolition charge and what was the reconstruction of the utilidor in Inuvik. We were wondering if we could get some indication of the length of the utilidor that had to be reconstructed. I believe it was \$420,000 in feet or metres or whatever.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, the total length was 145 metres, or 476 feet. The new line contains only the water main. The other services did not have to be replaced. The length of the utilidor was extended to provide for maximum future development opportunities. The town wishes to locate a new recreation centre on this land and requested that the utilidor be placed on the perimeter of the lot. The new length of the line is 745 metres or 804 feet. The cost per foot of the new line was \$390. The water line was buried according to the department's standards. An above ground replacement project in another part of town cost approximately \$480 per foot, just for comparison's sake.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Madam Minister. Buildings and works, special warrants, \$1,045,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Public Works, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$1,089,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$626,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Transportation

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Transportation, directorate, not previously authorized, \$56,200. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Transportation Engineering, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Transportation engineering, \$51,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Marine Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Marine operations, \$24,900. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Highway Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Highway operations, \$405,700. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is fitting that we are in Norman Wells. My question is with regard to the \$175,000 for the Norman Wells to Fort Good Hope winter road. Is the Minister considering doing that again this winter? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Highway operations, not previously authorized, \$405,700. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Arctic Airports, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Arctic airports, \$16,600. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Motor Vehicles, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Motor vehicles, \$21,100. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Transportation, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$575,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Transportation

Transportation Engineering, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Transportation, capital, transportation engineering, special warrants, \$1,437,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Marine Operations, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Marine operations, \$37,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Highway Operations, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Highway operations, special warrants, \$200,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Transportation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$1,674,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Renewable Resources

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Renewable Resources, operations and maintenance, directorate, not previously authorized, \$111,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Wildlife Management, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Wildlife management, \$150,400. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Conservation education/resource development, \$1,485,700. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Policy And Planning, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Policy and planning, special warrants, \$140,000. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, of the \$195,000 item, the inland fisheries transfer from the federal government and the development of a territorial inland fisheries management program, how much of the money have we spent and what stage are the negotiations at? Could I have those details, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, I do not have the numbers on the money we have spent so far but the negotiations, at this point, are still quite a bit apart. The officials in the department, officials from the federal government, are still talking and I have to come to the Ministerial meetings, probably after Christmas. If we do not agree then we will have to change our priorities.

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

MR. POLLARD: If the Minister does not know how much we have spent so far on this project I hope the Minister is not indicating that he might have spent some of this \$195,000 already, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: No, Mr. Chairman.

Policy And Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Policy and planning, special warrants, \$140,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Policy and planning, not previously authorized, \$227,100. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Pollution Control, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Pollution control, not previously authorized, \$23,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Field Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Field operations, special warrants, \$300,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Field operations, not previously authorized, \$235,600. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Regional Land Use Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Regional land use planning, \$29,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Fire Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Fire operations, special warrants, \$7,200,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Fire operations, not previously authorized, \$509,700. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Forest Management, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Forest management, \$13,700. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Renewable Resources, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$7,640,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$2,727,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, could we just go back to that last one, you lost some of us on this side I think. To your "not previously authorized" amount, the last one.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, renewable resources, operations and maintenance, total department, special warrants, \$7,640,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$2,727,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Renewable Resources, Fire Operations, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Renewable resources, capital, fire operations, special warrants, \$796,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$796,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Municipal And Community Affairs

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Municipal and Community Affairs, operations and maintenance, directorate, special warrants, \$899,500. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the \$899,500, could we get a breakdown of those communities, the amounts that went to each community please?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I had it but it has disappeared into that great garburator in the sky, I cannot find it on my desk. Fort Liard received \$454,000 and I cannot remember the split between the other two communities to be quite honest with you. Just keep going, I will find it eventually, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Is that okay, Mr. Pollard? Municipal and Community Affairs, directorate, special warrants, \$899,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Directorate, not previously authorized, \$105,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Community Works And Capital Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Community works and capital planning, not previously authorized, \$39,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Community Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Community planning, \$37,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Surveys And Mapping, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Surveys and mapping, not previously authorized, \$14,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Sport And Recreation, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Sport and recreation, special warrants, \$132,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Sport and recreation, not previously authorized, \$33,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Municipal Affairs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Municipal affairs, \$176,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Lands, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Lands, \$28,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Whitford?

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you. I just wanted to know what type of emergency repairs -- back to sport and recreation -- to the arena hall complex at Coppermine? What was the nature of these repairs?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. Roof failure, the roof from the original construction was failing pretty badly and there was some rotting taking place so we had to reroof the arena.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The roof, would this still be under warranty of anything like that? Is it an older building?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, it was not under warranty, it was an older building. It was an arena that was originally constructed by the community itself. It was not a government-built arena.

Municipal And Community Affairs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Municipal and Community Affairs, total department, special warrants, \$1,031,500. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$432,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Municipal And Community Affairs

Community Works And Capital Planning, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Municipal and Community Affairs, capital, community works and capital planning, special warrants, \$1,511,000. Agreed? Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, the moneys that were appropriated for the treated water reservoir in Yellowknife, is this the total cost or is this a cost shared item? Is this something new and is it a cost shared basis, \$350,000 seems -- I wonder if the amount is a full amount or cost shared?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Minister.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I could not swear to it but I am pretty sure it is cost shared.

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

MR. WHITFORD: You would not know offhand what proportions it is cost shared.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: I think it is 60-40. I can give the Member a list of our funding programs that we have with tax base and the breakdown in terms of how we do different programs.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Is that satisfactory, Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Mr. Chairman, I found Mr. Pollard's information. I was slightly wrong. To Fort Liard, it is \$446,484.89. To Fort Simpson, \$161,310.48. To Hay River, \$23,046.09. These figures do not include the damage to the government facilities, and I still have some outstanding claims for Fort Liard that I have to deal with.

Community Works And Capital Planning, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Municipal and Community Affairs, capital, community works and capital planning, special warrants, \$1,511,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Community Planning, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Community planning, special warrants, \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Sport And Recreation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Sport and recreation, special warrants, \$1,522,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Sport and recreation, not previously authorized, \$105,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Municipal And Community Affairs, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$3,083,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could ask the indulgence of the committee to go back to page 47.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Does the committee agree we go back to page 47? Go ahead, Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: The difference in those two numbers, the \$1,071,000 and \$1,511,000; I wonder if we could get an explanation of that please, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: The \$1,071,000 and over on page 48 the \$440,000, together they total \$1,511,000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Total department, special warrants, \$3,083,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$105,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Health

Administration, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Department of Health, operations and maintenance, administration, special warrants, \$125,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Administration, not previously authorized, \$500,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, not previously authorized, \$2,512,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Health, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$125,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$3,012,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Health, Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Department of Health, capital, Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, special warrants, \$1,064,800. Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital completion, could the Minister tell us what the total cost is of this territorial facility now?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I do not have that information with me, but I will be pleased to provide it to the Member at a later time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Madam Minister. Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, \$1,064,800. Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just for the record, the item called "replacement of signage", was that on the takeover of health services, signs at nursing stations and other health facilities changed from federal to territorial?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, special warrants, \$1,064,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$1,064,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Social Services

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Department of Social Services, operations and maintenance, directorate, not previously authorized, \$671,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Family and children's services, not previously authorized, \$278,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Corrections Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Corrections services, not previously authorized, \$864,300. Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: For information please, where is this Mingutuo Lodge located?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I am advised that it is in the vicinity of Iqaluit.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Corrections services, not previously authorized, \$864,300. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Alcohol, drugs and community mental health services, special warrants, \$500,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Not previously authorized, \$63,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Community And Family Support Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Community and family support services, special warrants, \$750,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Not previously authorized, \$2,334,000. Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The \$200,000 amount for wood fuel programs for seniors, we had a Minister's statement on that as well that advised us that there would be a supplementary appropriation for that. Does the Minister have any plans of instituting a similar program for seniors who own their own houses, but who do not enjoy the benefit of living in an area of the NWT where trees grow and where wood is available?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I know the matter was discussed at the Executive when this particular program was brought forward. I cannot remember the outcome of those discussions. I might ask the Finance Minister if he has any better recollection of that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I think the discussion was inconclusive. I think yesterday I gave a commitment to the committee that we would have a close look at some kind of a program for seniors living in their own homes in areas above the tree line.

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

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think it is very important that we are perceived as treating all our citizens fairly. I will watch very closely that we get something from the government by the February session. If not, you will have a motion to do so.

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

MR. WHITFORD: Just a reminder, I suppose that you do have seniors living south of the tree line that do not rely on wood, that are not capable, because of their age or health. They do not have wood but they do depend on fuel. I wondered if rather than equating this to dollars that we look at gallons or litres or whatever it is and appropriate it in the same proportions -- and it would be equal in the East and the West.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Your point is well taken. Community and family support services, not previously authorized, \$2,334,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Social Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$1,250,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$4,210,600. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Social Services

Corrections Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Social Services, capital, corrections services, special warrants, \$1,460,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Community And Family Support Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Community and family support services, special warrants, \$395,000. Agreed? Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, the \$50,000 item, the renovations to the kitchen in the group home in Iqaluit, how many clients can this group home accommodate at a time?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Chairman, I am looking for it. I wonder if our witnesses might have it at hand.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: No, we do not have it handy. We could get the information to the Member.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The Member will be provided with that information. Community and family support services, special warrants, \$395,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Social Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$1,855,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Energy, Mines And Petroleum Resources, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, operations and maintenance, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, special warrants, \$1,265,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Not previously authorized, \$700,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$1,265,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$700,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Economic Development And Tourism

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Department of Economic Development and Tourism, operations and maintenance, directorate, not previously authorized, \$60,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Policy And Planning, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Policy and planning, \$20,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Tourism And Parks, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Tourism and parks, \$75,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Business Development, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Business development, \$775,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Economic Development Agreement, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Economic development agreement, \$1,400,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Finance And Administration, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Finance and administration, \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Economic Development And Tourism, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$420,000, surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Economic Development And Tourism, Tourism And Parks, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Economic Development and Tourism, capital. Tourism and parks, special warrants, \$100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, \$100,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Education

Directorate And Administration, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Education, operations and maintenance, directorate and administration, not previously authorized, \$128,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Advanced Education, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Advanced education, special warrants, \$204,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Advanced education, not previously authorized, \$1,687,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Schools, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Schools, special warrants, \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Schools, not previously authorized, \$5,013,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Arctic College, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Arctic College, special warrants, \$35,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Arctic College, not previously authorized, \$1,461,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Education, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$289,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$8,289,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Education

Schools, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Education, capital, schools, special warrants, \$1,119,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Schools, not previously authorized, \$732,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Arctic College, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Arctic College, special warrants, \$137,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Education, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, special warrants, \$1,256,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total department, not previously authorized, \$732,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): I would like to thank the Finance Minister and the witness. I would like to thank the Members for agreeing, too. We will now go to Bill 27-89(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1989-90, clauses. Does the committee agree we go clause by clause?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you. Clause 1, application. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 2, supplementary appropriation for 1988-89. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 3, reduction of appropriation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 4, purpose of expenditures. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 5, lapse of appropriation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Clause 7, commencement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Schedule, operations and maintenance, total operations and maintenance, \$46,324,200. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Capital, total capital, \$14,773,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Total appropriation, \$61,098,000. 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 27-89(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1989-90 is now ready for third reading?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you very much. Does this conclude all the business in committee?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call the House back to order. Mr. Gargan.

ITEM 17: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF COMMITTEE REPORT 2-89(2), REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION; BILL 28-89(2), SUPPLEMENTARY RETIRING ALLOWANCES ACT; BILL 26-89(2), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT, NO. 4, 1988-89; BILL 15-89(2), LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RETIRING ALLOWANCES ACT; BILL 27-89(2), SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION ACT, NO. 1, 1989-90; REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES, PROCEDURES AND PRIVILEGES

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, your committee has been considering Bill 26-89(2); report of the standing committee on rules, procedures and privileges; Bills 28-89(2), 15-89(2) and 27-89(2), and

wish to report that the report of the standing committee on rules, procedures and privileges is concluded; that Bills 26-89(2) and 27-89(2) are now ready for third reading; and that Bills 28-89(2) and 15-89(2) are ready for third reading, as amended.

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

Speaker's Ruling

Prior to proceeding with third reading of bills, I wish to provide to the House my ruling on the point of privilege raised by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South. Mr. Whitford raised this point of privilege under Rule 31(1) and (2). I find that the Member did raise the matter at the earliest opportunity. Upon reviewing the Hansard today, I noted that the Member's stated point of privilege was that he was not treated fairly, was denied fair and equal access to represent his constituents during question period and was not given a fair chance to make his reply to the Commissioner's Opening Address.

I have also reviewed the Hansard from November 1st and admit that I did make an error on page 998 of the unedited transcript when I indicated that the honourable Member for Yellowknife South should note that he was the third Member to ask a question in this question period. For this error, I apologize to the honourable Member. I must note, however, that the Member was able to ask two questions during yesterday's question period. Therefore, the Member was able to represent his constituents during question period.

On the point raised concerning replies to the Opening Address, upon my calling Item 8, replies to the Opening Address, the Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell made a reply. I note in the Hansard that it does not show the Speaker calling the item again after the Member for Slave River had completed her reply. I have since listened to the tapes and find that there is a 13 second gap and I do recall calling the item again. It was at that point that Item 9, petitions, was what was then called, and if the Member did raise his hand I unfortunately did not see it. The item was then by unanimous consent returned to, and the honourable Member declined to make his reply at that time. I note also that Mr. Ernerk made a reply after I called the item again.

I must uphold the Rules of this House and find that, although errors of sight and understanding were involved, the Member's right to speak on behalf of his constituents was not denied. Any comments that I made yesterday were not made to challenge the honourable Member for Yellowknife South. I wish to ask the forgiveness of this House, and in particular I wish to apologize to Mr. Whitford for any error on my part that has offended him.

It is my duty to enforce the rules, procedures and privileges of this House. I have tried to be fair during question period, and when applying the Rules I wish to be as fair and reasonable a Speaker as possible in applying your Rules. Again, my apologies to the honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

---Applause

Honourable Member for Hay River.

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would seek unanimous consent of the House to waive Rule 3(1)(a) in order that this House can sit Wednesday, February 7, 1990, in Yellowknife, as opposed to the rule stating that it would be February 14, 1990, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The point raised by the honourable Member is in order. Do I have unanimous consent? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Unanimous consent has been given to set the new date for the sitting of the Legislative Assembly. Item 18, third reading of bills. Honourable Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

ITEM 18: THIRD READING OF BILLS

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that Bill 2-89(2), An Act to Amend the Business Loans and Guarantees Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: 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 2-89(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Honourable Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Amittuq, that Bill 19-89(2), An Act to Amend the Municipal Employees Benefits Act, be read for the third 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 19-89(2) has had third reading. Honourable Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife North, that Bill 24-89(2), Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act, be read for the third 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 24-89(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Third reading of bills. Honourable Deputy Government Leader.

Third Reading Of Bill 10-89(2): Insurance Act

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 10-89(2), An Act to Amend the Insurance Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: 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 10-89(2) has had third reading. Honourable Deputy Government Leader.

Third Reading Of Bill 22-89(2): Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 22-89(2), Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed?

--Carried

Bill 22-89(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. The honourable Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

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

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, 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 third time.

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

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 third reading. Third reading of bills. The Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

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

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

MR. SPEAKER: The motion is in order. To the motion.

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 third reading. Third reading of bills. The honourable Minister of Finance.

Third Reading Of Bill 27-89(2): Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1989-90

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that Bill 27-89(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 1, 1989-90, be read for the third time.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 27-89(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. The honourable Minister of Justice.

Third Reading of Bill 23-89(2): Regulations Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 23-89(2), An Act to Amend the Regulations Act, be read for the third time.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 23-89(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. The honourable Minister of Finance.

Third 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 Nunakput, that Bill 26-89(2), Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1988-89, be read for the third time.

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

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 third reading. Third reading of bills. The honourable Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Third Reading Of Bill 20-89(2): Northwest Territories Power Corporation Act

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kivallivik, that Bill 20-89(2), An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Power Corporation Act, be read for the third time.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed?

---Carried

Bill 20-89(2) has had third reading. Third reading of bills. Third reading of bills. Thank you.

Appreciation To All Who Provided Services During Norman Wells Session

I was just waiting to have all of the Pages in the Assembly because I wanted to name the Pages that are now serving us from Norman Wells: Eric Johnston; Clay Ness; Adam Hurst; Joseph Bond; Charlene Jegen; Chris Sexsmith; Jennifer Duncan; Rhea Ann McDonald; June Pope; Joey Culley; Trinity Plummer; Lisa Ann Duncan. I want to indicate to all these Pages that have served us so well during this week, how much we appreciate their time and their effort in the services that they have provided to Members of this Legislature. I wish to thank the Pages on behalf of all Members and express our appreciation for that service.

---Applause

Prior to inviting the Commissioner to enter this House I wanted to make a few closing remarks as Speaker. Firstly, I wanted to publicly indicate all Members' appreciation and gratitude for the type of service that we have received from the people of Norman Wells. I think that they are to be commended for the time that they have taken to ensure that we have received adequate accommodation, adequate service and certainly an adequate welcome that is above and beyond the call that we usually make on people in the Northwest Territories.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: I also wanted to give credit to the principal, Lauren Connolly; to the staff of Norman Wells Territorial School; to all the students for the time that we have taken away from them in parts of their building. We really appreciate the efforts that they have made in accommodating this Legislative Assembly and all Members of this Legislative Assembly. We appreciate your efforts.

I also wanted to express our appreciation to the staff that continued to provide wonderful service to us, despite our high expectations in many instances. Nonetheless they continued to provide us with more than adequate service. Sometimes it was beyond their abilities to respond to us but they tried to do everything possible to accommodate all Members. I want to indicate to those that have been with us for many years and to those that have been recruited to provide a service

to us during this session in Norman Wells, how much we appreciate the service they have provided to all of us during this session.

---Applause

I wanted to also have an opportunity to express, on behalf of Members of this Assembly, our appreciation to Esso. To the workers that are usually resident in Mackenzie House, to the people that provided our food -- I know how much we all enjoyed the food that was provided to us -- I wanted to indicate our appreciation and our thanks because it takes some sacrifices, and we appreciate their efforts and the sacrifices they made for us. So, thank you to them.

---Applause

Finally, one last remark -- two last remarks before I leave. I know that I already stated to you how much I appreciate your confidence in me, despite the fact that we may have had a few little problems. Nonetheless I appreciate the confidence that you have placed in me, after I have served in this Assembly for 10 years, by giving me the onerous role of Speaker, not only as your representative but as representative on your behalf and the people of the Northwest Territories, as it applies to the Legislature. I will indicate to you that you have my utmost support no matter what you do and my utmost service in the kinds of requests that you make, not only in applying the Rules but in providing the services that you require and raising those concerns whenever it is necessary on your behalf.

Since I have not had the opportunity in this Assembly to express my congratulations to Mr. Dan Norris -- I have not done it publicly because I have taken a role in which I have not been able to express my personal congratulations -- but I just wanted to take this time to congratulate Dan Norris and, in particular, his family for taking on the responsibility, totally, in representing us as the Queen's representative in the Northwest Territories. Mr. Clerk, can you ascertain if the Commissioner is prepared to assent to bills and prorogue the Assembly?

Commissioner's Closing Remarks

COMMISSIONER NORRIS: Please be seated. Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, as your new Commissioner this is the first opportunity I have had to sit and observe a full Legislative Assembly in action during an entire session. I must say it was impressive. The speeches were eloquently delivered and the debates interesting and lively. There is little doubt in my mind, that the government is in good hands and I will be delivering this type of message to the Hon. Pierre Cadieux, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, at the first opportunity.

While it was with much regret I saw Mr. Red Pedersen step down from the Speaker's chair, I do not think the Assembly could have found a more capable replacement than Mr. Richard Nerysoo, to whom I extend my congratulations.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the very professional job performed by your Sergeant-at-Arms, Harry Finnis, and especially the Pages who served you with distinction. These young people are from the area and I understand they had very little time to train. I also am aware that our Speaker named them personally just a few minutes ago.

I would also like to add my congratulations to Mayor Byrne and to the Norman Wells people for the effective manner in which they handled this very major event. In terms of my own position, I look forward to working with all of you in a very co-operative manner during the coming months to attain our mutual goals.

ITEM 19: ASSENT TO BILLS

By the authority vested in me by the Northwest Territories Act, and as Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, I hereby assent to Bills 2-89(2), 3-89(2), 4-89(2), 5-89(2), 6-89(2), 7-89(2), 8-89(2), 9-89(2), 10-89(2), 11-89(2), 13-89(2), 14-89(2), 15-89(2), 16-89(2), 17-89(2), 18-89(2), 19-89(2), 20-89(2), 21-89(2), 22-89(2), 23-89(2), 24-89(2), 25-89(2), 27-89(2) and 28-89(2).

It is my pleasure to announce that the sixth session of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories will convene in Yellowknife on Wednesday, February 7, 1990. As Commissioner, I prorogue this fifth session of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. Thank you.

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