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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1990

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Richard Nerysoo): Orders of the day for Tuesday, October 23, 1990. Item 2, Ministers' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 29-90(2): Western Canadian Judges' Conference

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, in June of 1991, Chief Judge Halifax of the territorial court of the Northwest Territories will be hosting a western Canadian conference of provincial and territorial court judges. At this conference, training sessions will be presented to and by judges from the western provinces and the Yukon, as well as all of the territorial court judges from the Northwest Territories. Plans are being made for major presentations on gender bias and on cross-cultural issues. This will be the third conference of judges focussing on these issues.

In September, representatives of native organizations and women's groups were invited to a planning session for the conference and asked for their ideas as to how these topics should be presented. Also participating in this planning session was Dr. Norma Wikler, who has advised the courts of several American states on gender bias issues.

We all recognize how important it is for judges to have access to regular training which will provide them with information about societal issues. I am particularly pleased that the material presented at this conference will be prepared on the advice of Northerners. The western Canada judges' conference in Yellowknife will provide an important training opportunity to judges from the Northwest Territories and their colleagues from across western Canada. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Ministers' statements. The honourable Member for Sahtu.

Ministers' Statement 30-90(2): Certification Of Aboriginal Language Specialists

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the Assembly about an initiative to certify aboriginal language teachers. This initiative will provide an avenue for individuals who are eligible, and who apply, to become teachers and members of the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association. The Department of Education is committed to developing a school system that reflects the cultures of the people it serves. Teaching children their native languages is an important way to recognize and promote the Northwest Territories' native cultures. To give aboriginal languages the status they deserve in the education system, I am proposing that people who teach aboriginal languages in schools be certified as teachers.

The regulations to certify candidates will be similar to existing

regulations for the certification of vocational specialist teachers. To be eligible for an interim aboriginal language specialist certificate, a candidate must be fluent in an aboriginal language and have either successfully completed 25 hours of pre-service training or have one year successful work experience in a classroom. A permanent certificate may be issued after two satisfactory years of teaching under an interim certificate and successful completion of an approved training program. Both the interim and permanent certificates would allow the aboriginal language specialist teacher to teach students.

A training program for aboriginal language specialist teachers will be offered through Arctic College in the spring of 1991. The program will be equivalent to one year of the teacher education program, and will emphasize language development and teaching methodology. Mr. Speaker, the development of aboriginal language programs in our schools is essential to preserve and promote the cultures of the Northwest Territories, and to increase the self-awareness and self-esteem of the students. Certifying aboriginal language specialist teachers is a positive step in this direction. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Prior to proceeding, I would like to introduce a former Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, Mr. Richard Whitford.

---Applause

And the students from the northern studies class, Sir John Franklin High School, with their teacher, George Diveky.

---Applause

Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Minister's Comments Re Transport Canada Employees

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Wednesday last, during the question period, the Hon. Gordon Wray made reference to Transport Canada as "those idiots". Mr. Speaker, in that reference he swept all of Transport Canada employees with the same broom and, needless to say, most employees of the federal department that I have had an association with do not fit that category. Mr. Speaker, I have met, and I know many Transport Canada employees, and I find them to be proud, competent workers, all of them, from the maintenance department to the firefighters, and to the local administration. True, there may be times when things do not go quite the way we want, but in general, across the North, in my opinion, it is hats off to them.

I caution the Minister that, having just tabled his new transportation strategy, he had better be mindful of how he directs his comments or else, when he gets to Ottawa to

negotiate this new deal, he may find a copy of Hansard on the bureaucrat's desk.

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

Member's Statement On Congratulations To Leonie Duffy

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to congratulate Leonie Duffy who was named Woman Entrepreneur of the Year at a banquet here in Yellowknife last night. This took place as part of the Fourth Annual Conference of Women Managing for Success. I am sure her children, Mr. Speaker, and her husband, Ron, are extremely proud of Leonie. The people of the Keewatin Region are very proud of her too because she has provided jobs for the people of Coral Harbour at Leonie's Place, as well as in the areas of arts and crafts.

Mrs. Duffy has operated a small hotel in Coral Harbour for the past four and a half years. From looking at the guest registration book, you can see that the comments from the many people who have stayed at Leonie's Place are very positive. I myself have made several comments.

Mrs. Duffy has been, and I am sure will always be, a role model for business women in Coral Harbour, as well as the Keewatin Region. She has set a fine example for women across the Northwest Territories and in the rest of Canada as well.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I hope this will be an encouragement for many other aboriginal people. I hope it proves to them that if you strive for your dreams you can achieve them, and that small business is the way to go in our northern communities. Again, Mr. Speaker, on your behalf, congratulations to Leonie. She has done a great job. Thank you very much.

---Applause

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

Member's Statement On George Diveky

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize today a member of this community, George Diveky, who is sitting with his students in the gallery. I have no prepared notes, but I remember George Diveky in 1964 when he elevated a gathering of people in Iqaluit where, after listening to the twanging sounds of Max Sutton from Charlie Crow's riding in Sanikiluaq, he picked up a guitar and suddenly elevated all the proceedings by playing tremendous flamenco Spanish music, and all of us were very, very grateful that having listened to the kind of music that Mr. Whitford loves so much, we were suddenly transported into another world by this very talented musician.

I should also like to point out that Mr. Diveky, although he was born in Hungary, spent time in Germany and Italy, and is fluent in Inuktitut. After spending many years in the bureaucracy he has now returned to the classroom to use the tremendous knowledge that he has gained over a long period of time so that these young people can learn something about the heritage of the people of the Northwest Territories. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Member's Statement On Successful Public Meeting In Kakisa

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to, at this time, make a statement recognizing some people. Mr. Speaker, on the 20th of this month, on Saturday, we had a public meeting in Kakisa. The honourable Member for Inuvik, Hon. Tom Butters, was there with some of his officials: Jake Heron, president of the NWT Housing Corporation; Al Menard, from Municipal and Community Affairs; Isadore Tourangeau, who is from Fort Smith; and Jack Conroy, who is the district manager of Housing. We met at 2:00 o'clock on Saturday, in Kakisa, and in my estimation the meeting was very successful. For this reason I would like to get up at this time to thank the Minister and his officials. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

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

Member's Statement On Absence From The House

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a courtesy I would like to inform the House that I will be absent from this House on Wednesday, October 24, 1990. I will be attending the Kitikmeot Regional Health Board meeting in Coppermine. Thank you.

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

Member's Statement On Absence From The House

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be brief. Me too.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: Members' statements. Members' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Member's Statement On Richard Whitford Jr. Serving As Page

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I have a Member's statement. Mr. Speaker, I think it is appropriate today when you recognized a former colleague of ours, Richard Whitford, who was an MLA in this House. Thirteen years ago when he served in this House, a young son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Whitford. Today in this House that young son, Richard Jr., is a Page. I would like to recognize, while both of them are in the House, young Richard. Thirteen years later. There is indeed meaning after politics. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. The honourable Member for Sahtu.

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Return To Question O17-90(2): Leadership Residence Program

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to a question asked by Mr. Sibbeston on October 11, 1990, in regard to the leadership residence program. On October 18th and 19th, as the Minister of Education, I visited the leadership residences in Fort Smith to meet with the students, 16 parents who were visiting at the time, and the staff.

Three of the students living in the residences are from a larger centre. Two others are from Fort Smith and are living at home. These two students are required to take part in all program activities.

Applications for the leadership residence program were encouraged from all Western Arctic communities, not just from smaller centres or particular constituencies. The project co-ordinator visited all Western Arctic communities where grade nine academic students were enrolled and talked to both students and their parents. Seventeen candidates applied and 14 students were accepted by a review team made up of the project co-ordinator, regional superintendent of education, and the school principal. The board was not in place at that time.

Academically, all students are enrolled in the advanced diploma program at P W Kaesar High School in Fort Smith. Their mid-term marks show that a few are experiencing some difficulty, especially in mathematics and science, but they are getting extra help and support. Students attend a two-hour study hall at the school, four evenings a week plus an additional two hours of study on Sunday afternoon in the residences. Socially, the students in the program have formed a strong group who actively support each other, but are also well integrated into the school. Besides their school work, most of them are actively involved in sports, in addition to their community service responsibilities. These students have also participated in two successful camping trips so far.

The students, the parents and the staff are very pleased with the program to date. The parents would like the program to continue for at least three years and would like some sort of a commitment from us for that. They would like to see this government make a long-term commitment to leadership residences, similar to the one in Fort Smith, elsewhere in the North. According to one grade 12 student in Fort Smith, the leadership residence students have brought a new spirit to the P W Kaesar High School. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Returns to oral questions. The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O88-90(2): Status Of Negotiations On Transboundary Water Agreement

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Morin on October 16, regarding status of negotiations on the transboundary water agreement. The goal of the Northwest Territories transboundary negotiations is to protect the northern ecosystem. This includes the subsistence lifestyle of native Northerners, fish, wildlife and habitat. Other interests to be protected are drinking water supplies, tourism, navigation and future economic development opportunities in the Northwest Territories.

A document outlining this goal and the various objectives is currently under development by the Government of the Northwest Territories and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. It will be available for public distribution and comment in the next few months. As our government and the federal government are negotiating as a team, and since we have agreed with our provincial counterparts that these discussions are confidential, the actual details of negotiations with each jurisdiction cannot be released at this time. However, as negotiations with jurisdictions reach the agreement in principle stage, arrangements will be made for both sides to release these documents for public consultation. Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O18-90(2): Increase In Fuel Prices

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I have three returns. To a question asked by Mr. Pudluk on October 11, regarding the increase in fuel prices in Resolute Bay. In Resolute Bay, turbo fuels and aviation gas are sold by Esso Petroleum. They increase their prices according to southern market conditions. There are no controls over these fuel prices. Across the NWT, similar increases may be taking place where there is a private distributor. In communities where fuel is provided by the NWT government, prices are set once a year by the Financial Management Board and are determined by the product cost, freight cost, and commission paid to the local contractor. There have been no increases to GNWT prices since last fall. We are looking at the possible impact of the world situation on our fuel prices before making any price changes.

Return To Question O87-90(2): Replacement Of Low Cost Housing Units Due To Closure Of Lanky Court

My second return is to a question asked by Mr. Whitford on October 16, relative to replacement of low cost housing units due to closure of Lanky Court. In response to the honourable Member's question, I stated a belief that, upon checking with NWT Housing Corporation officials, is true if applied to Lanky Court and Forrest Manor. However, the NWT Housing Corporation had 14 units designated as social housing units in Lanky Court. The remaining 35 units were rental units for the public, which had its rental rates regulated through agreement with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The 14 units were replaced through our rent supplement program during the 1990 year. The corporation's plans for 1990 is to acquire 11 more rent supplement units in the city of Yellowknife for our social housing clients.

Further Return To Question O66-90(2): Electrical Inspection Of HAP Units, Lake Harbour

I would like to respond to the question asked by Mr. Arlooktoo last week with regard to providing contractual services in Lake Harbour for electrical wiring. As I indicated at that time, we have had difficulty in developing a contractor and bringing him together with the client. I understand that the Housing Corporation has arranged for the contractor to be in Lake Harbour tomorrow and has indicated to him that if the work is not done according to specification and requirement, that we would look at withdrawing the contract from that particular individual and making other arrangements. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Returns to oral questions. The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O82-90(2): Foxes Near Fort Providence

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I have a return to a question asked by Mr. Gargan on October 16, 1990, regarding foxes near Fort Providence. I have spoken to my staff and they are aware of the increased fox sightings in and around Fort Providence. A number of steps have been taken to minimize potential fox problems. Following a meeting with the hamlet, the hamlet has taken steps to control loose dogs. Furthermore, the school and community have been requested to inform children not to approach any foxes or other wildlife sighted in Fort Providence. If any abnormal behaviour is observed, it should be reported to the renewable resources officer. We are also requesting that any sick dogs be reported to the local renewable resources officer or RCMP.

The departmental officials will also be in the community to discuss this issue. There is a general trend in the South

Slave region toward a higher fox population. Foxes have been observed, especially around Fort Resolution, Hay River and Yellowknife. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Returns to oral questions. The honourable Member for Nunakput.

Further Return To Question O149-90(2): Investigation On Dr. Clemmy

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, a further return to a question asked yesterday by Mr. Lewis, regarding the question about the investigation of Dr. Clemmy. Further details are now necessary to clarify this situation. While there was a report that one claimant withdrew the charges, the inquiry is continuing. The hearing was held October 15th and 18th and the board is meeting now to determine its findings. If the findings include improper conduct the board will then again reconvene in November to hear arguments on the penalty. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Returns to oral questions. Prior to proceeding I wish to introduce the president of the Metis Association of the Northwest Territories, Mr. Gary Bohnet.

---Applause

Also, let me introduce a distinguished visitor in the House, Mr. Max Inhelder, the Swiss Consul General.

---Applause

Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Tu Nede.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O163-90(2): Metis Health Benefits

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Government Leader. Mr. Government Leader, yesterday during question period the Minister of Health, in answering the honourable Member for Nahendeh's question, stated on the issue of equal health care benefits for Metis people, "We are certainly willing to explore more for Metis but I am afraid I cannot say that I will do that in absence of the provision of services to other people in the Northwest Territories." Mr. Government Leader, is it government policy that you cannot recognize Metis people for the same health benefits as treaty Indian and Inuit people, or is that your Minister's personal preference?

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

Return To Question O163-90(2): Metis Health Benefits

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, during the negotiations to transfer the funding from federal to territorial responsibility, there was no provision for Metis people in terms of "Metis". The funds were transferred with regard to all non-insured benefits. The non-insured benefits are a bill-back provision which we have for aboriginal status Indian, Inuit and Dene people. Therefore, I made the statement that in looking at any benefits, whether for Metis or otherwise, the total health dollar would have to be looked at to see if we could accommodate those requests. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O163-90(2): Metis Health Benefits

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, supplementary. Madam Minister, last year in this House there was a specific motion regarding health benefits for aboriginal Metis people, to be equal to health benefits of status Indian and Inuit people. Why can you not address that? Why can you not specifically identify money to meet the health benefits of Metis people?

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

Further Return To Question O163-90(2): Metis Health Benefits

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, in part we have done that. When we looked at the question of individual situations we did take in the category of "others" as well as Metis, but when the transfer took place there was no identification of specific funds for Metis people. We have gone a long way in providing the services that were requested. Granted, we did not do it for Metis only, but we took into consideration that there were a lot of other people who are not very well off and had the same requirements. We did take a look at the different services we provide, in terms of the overall dollars that were provided to the Northwest Territories for services to all people of the NWT. There was no specific money handed over to the NWT for Metis alone that was equivalent to the special arrangement that the territorial government has with the federal government to recognize Inuit and status Dene.

We are trying the best we can, within the overall dollars that were provided to the Northwest Territories for all people of the NWT, to accommodate the special request that has been put forward for Metis only. Mr. Speaker, I think we have come a long way with that. As I said, we are willing to continue to explore that issue within the overall dollars that were made available, not specifically for a group, because the federal government was not willing to recognize that there should be specific dollars for non-status native people. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O163-90(2): Metis Health Benefits

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, supplementary. I guess we are no better off with the territorial government than we were with the federal government. That is one of the reasons probably why the Metis did not support the health transfer.

Madam Minister, you must have done some research, your department must have done some gathering of information. Would you make available to us the meetings that took place between the Metis Association and your department in the past year on this issue, as well as the projected costs? Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O163-90(2): Metis Health Benefits

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, yes, I will provide the breakdown of the costs of what was presented before. I

will also provide the additional extended benefits that have been identified for Metis people since the transfer of the health delivery system. Mr. Speaker, I believe this will be of prime interest to the Metis people because these benefits were not available when the federal government was handling the health delivery system. Thank you.

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

Question O164-90(2): Renewed Action To Provide Metis Health Benefits

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, just a follow-up question to the Minister of Health. I think it is generally recognized that there were no moneys in the federal government that were identified for Metis people, and that is not the issue. I think the challenge that is before this government is to see if our government can do better than the federal government can, and therein lies the challenge.

Can this government take renewed steps and actions to see if they can provide the same health benefits that the Dene and Inuit people get in the North? Oftentimes in the small communities, Dene and Metis are exactly the same type of people; they are related and they are in the same economically poor situation. I just see it as a challenge to government, and yesterday Ms. Cournoyea's attitude was very negative, saying that the government could not do it, that is not what we are about. It just seems to me that we ought to see the problem as a challenge and see what the government can do and that is what I would like to see. That is the kind of attitude I would like to see. I would like to see if the Minister can give us some new hope, new life, that indeed this government..

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Nahendeh, question please. Pose your question. The honourable Member for Nahendeh, pose your question please.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, my question is whether the government or the Minister can take a renewed action, not the negative, impossible, cannot attitude that she displayed yesterday and approach this subject in fresh. There is a year and some left in the Minister's mandate and during that time surely the Minister can do something.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. SIBBESTON: Can we have some renewed action and new spirit?

MR. SPEAKER: I am not really sure whether or not we can ask the honourable Member to be renewed.

---Laughter

Return To Question O164-90(2): Renewed Action To Provide Metis Health Benefits

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I feel dismayed that my response appeared negative yesterday. I was only trying to apprise the honourable Members that we have a severe budget problem. I did say that we would continue the efforts to continue to provide better and better health services. However, if it was implied that I was negative and I was not going to continue to pursue more services that were indicated by Members of the Legislative Assembly, to Metis, then let me clarify, I was only trying to bring to the attention of this Legislative Assembly that there are a number of dollars that are available.

Sometimes it would be very easy for a Minister to say, "Yes,

we will do all of these things." I think that we have gone a long way and overcome some of the priority areas that had been identified and this will continue. I do not think we have to renew it, but we will just continue to try and address those issues. I am committed to that. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O164-90(2): Renewed Action To Provide Metis Health Benefits

MR. SIBBESTON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am certainly not going to in any way put down the Minister by suggesting that I am trying to flog a dead horse. I do not see Ms. Cournoyea as being a dead horse or that it is impossible to achieve what we want. I was a bit concerned, Mr. Speaker, because Ms. Cournoyea's statement yesterday was: We are certainly willing to explore more for Metis but I am afraid I cannot say that I will do that in absence of a provision of services to other people in the North. I was a bit concerned that she was saying that she cannot do anything for the Metis alone but we can do it for Metis and other people. I was trying to make the distinction and differentiation that the Metis people are unique people in the North, along with the Dene and Inuit people, aboriginal people, who are in the process of getting land claims...

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I just want to remind the honourable Member, all Members, that the supplementary question should have a short preamble rather than a statement. Could I ask the honourable Member for Nahendeh to pose the question please?

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Minister said that she could not do anything for the Metis in the absence of doing something else for other people. Can she today state in the Assembly that she recognizes the Metis people have unique medical problems and that she is prepared to do something for them, apart from the rest of the people in the North?

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

Further Return To Question O164-90(2): Renewed Action To Provide Metis Health Benefits

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, the issue that I was trying to address was that if we are to do something special for the Metis people in the North, we would have to take into consideration that we have a budget and the budget is serving all people in the Northwest Territories. We would have to take into consideration that we do have a budget and where would we take it from if we are going to provide these special provisions for Metis only? That is the issue that I was attempting to address and that is really what I was attempting to say. It is not that we cannot do whatever we want to do, but the whole problem is that when funds were transferred from the federal to the territorial government there was a special arrangement with status native people and the other funds came over for others, Metis included. If we were going to do a special program we would have to consider it in light of the budget restraints. That is all I was saying. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O164-90(2): Renewed Action To Provide Metis Health Benefits

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister would recognize that there are ways where services can be

provided to the Metis people. When a dentist goes into a small community, or when a specialist goes into a small community, when pills and medicine are provided from a health clinic, these can be provided very cheaply to the rest of the people apart from the Dene and Inuit people. That is the sort of thing that I talk about. When a dentist goes to a community, while he sees the status Dene and Inuit, he can also see the Metis at no great extra expense...

MR. SPEAKER: Order. Order. I will again remind the honourable Members about the preambles. It is becoming difficult in terms of monitoring the questioning, particularly since the original question is supposed to clearly identify the issue to which the supplementary questions are supposed to relate. So I ask Members that when you are asking a supplementary, deal with your original question that you asked. If you have a new question, that is another issue. The honourable Member for Nahendeh.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I just posed that question and I stated that was a supplementary and a supplementary is whether the Minister can, in her renewed attempts, consider inexpensive ways that the Metis people can also get services from the government.

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

Further Return To Question O164-90(2): Renewed Action To Provide Metis Health Benefits

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, as the Minister responsible for that department, we are always exploring that. It seems to me that there is some misunderstanding about the fact that when a specialist goes into a community he does see everybody. He does not just see status people but he is available to see everybody that the station has advised needs any particular attention.

As I said earlier, I will provide a breakdown of what those benefits are and what the difference is between the various paid-for activities so that maybe that can clarify to the honourable Member what is available and what is not. Mr. Speaker, I would like to clarify again that when a specialist goes into a community he sees everybody, not just particular people. Thank you.

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

Question O165-90(2): Eligibility For Home-Ownership Assistance Program

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of the Housing Corporation. I will make my question short and maybe he can briefly answer me with regard to the home-ownership assistance program. Can you clarify what this is all about? Thank you.

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

Return To Question O165-90(2): Eligibility For Home-Ownership Assistance Program

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Not briefly, Mr. Speaker. The program has been in place for many, many years. I expect that the Member is talking about the HAP program. We have had a number of discussions on the allocation of houses and how the need is developed and how the houses are provided to individuals as a result of community consultation. I do not know how much the Member would wish to hear, but possibly

if there are some items in the supps in which this item can be discussed we could use that opportunity to discuss the matter at greater length.

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

Supplementary To Question O165-90(2): Eligibility For Home-Ownership Assistance Program

MR. ERNERK: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. What I wanted to ask the Minister responsible for Housing was to tell me and to tell the House what kind of people, what kind of individuals are qualified to receive HAP housing program.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Inuvik.

Further Return To Question O165-90(2): Eligibility For Home-Ownership Assistance Program

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, the home-ownership assistance program is provided jointly by this government and the federal government for social housing needs. The people identified as eligible for such housing are those individuals who are not thought to be able to provide their own housing, themselves. They fall within a core need identified as a result of examination of living costs associated with each community. However, these individuals do fall into the category of people who can build a unit, can provide a certain amount of financing if that is required, and can conclude a contract with our government in a stipulated period of time. Key also to their eligibility is the expectation and understanding that these individuals would be able to continue to maintain that house once it is up and there would be no further costs for us associated with the unit.

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

Supplementary To Question O165-90(2): Eligibility For Home-Ownership Assistance Program

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Final supplementary, for now. I wonder if the criteria, if the procedure in the communities is being monitored very closely.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Inuvik.

Further Return To Question O165-90(2): Eligibility For Home-Ownership Assistance Program

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I would hope that it is being monitored very closely. It is a concern that both the president of the corporation and I have, especially as we have devolved the selection process to the communities themselves. However, in so saying, I recognize, there has been a number of clients who have felt that the allocation has not been fair. On receipt of such concerns, we have investigated, ourselves, the applications that the various committees have received to determine and identify that the decision and recommendation made by them to the corporation has been proper within the criteria laid down. I do agree with the Member that they have to be monitored. The decisions and the recommendations have to be monitored very closely. It is expected that the senior housing official in any region would be sitting in at the home-ownership selection meetings and would, on those occasions, ensure that the allocations and recommendations made by the selection committee did fall within the criteria.

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

Question O166-90(2): Time Frame For Publishing, Department Of Education

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education. In 1976 a former director of the Department of Education was assigned to a job in Ottawa and he was responsible for the Ottawa office. His name was Norm Macpherson. One third of his time for a period of five years was dedicated to writing a history of education in the Northwest Territories. That history was completed, I believe, about seven years ago, maybe even more than that. My question to the Minister is, is this an indication of the speed at which things are published in his department?

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

Return To Question O166-90(2): Time Frame For Publishing, Department Of Education

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, the question, as I understand it, asks if somebody started working on a book about education in the North in 1976 and it is now 1990, is that an indication of the speed with which we go about publishing books? I would say it is not an indication at all of the speed with which we publish books, memoirs, pamphlets, notes, scribbles, anything of that sort. It might speak to the priority which is assigned to writings and notes like this by governments previous to the one sitting in this House now.

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

Supplementary To Question O166-90(2): Time Frame For Publishing, Department Of Education

MR. LEWIS: I would like to ask the Minister then, since the government has invested an incredible amount of time and resources to that particular history of the Northwest Territories written by a very well respected northern educator, does the department intend to publish that book?

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

Further Return To Question O166-90(2): Time Frame For Publishing, Department Of Education

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, we are presently trying to decide what to do with this particular piece of work and where the money should come from within government, if any at all, to put it into final printed form. Thank you.

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

Question O167-90(2): Availability Of Rate Structure Review Document

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister responsible for the Public Utilities Board, Mr. Speaker. There is a rate structure review document being prepared by the Public Utilities Board and I was wondering if the Minister could advise the House when it is going to be available. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Return To Question O167-90(2): Availability Of Rate Structure Review Document

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As

Members know, the Public Utilities Board held pretty intensive hearings through the North and they are presently finalizing their report. I had hoped to get it by the end of the month. As soon as I do get it and our staff has a chance to review it, I am prepared to make it available to this House.

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

Question O168-90(2): Treatment Of Dene/Metis At Hay River Health Facilities

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Health. Madam Minister, back on October 9, 1990, you received a letter from Gary Bohnet, president of the Metis Association, raising some concerns that Dene/Metis people are not being treated fairly at the H H Williams Memorial Hospital and the Woodland Manor in Hay River. At that time, Mr. Bohnet requested that an independent committee be immediately formed to do an inquiry into the above concerns and general hospital services as provided by the hospital in Hay River. Madam Minister, have you taken action yet to form this committee and start an independent inquiry?

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

Return To Question O168-90(2): Treatment Of Dene/Metis At Hay River Health Facilities

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, not yet.

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

Supplementary To Question O168-90(2): Treatment Of Dene/Metis At Hay River Health Facilities

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary, Madam Minister. What year do you think you would be able to start this?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Nunakput.

Further Return To Question O168-90(2): Treatment Of Dene/Metis At Hay River Health Facilities

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I just received the letter not too long ago and I have not sat down with the officials on the course of action. I know the first course of action that I intended was that I would be going down to meet with the board in Hay River. I cannot really tell you what the plan of action is, or if it can be resolved without going through an investigation. I hope it can be resolved. I will do it as quickly as I can to try and resolve that particular situation.

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

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Madam Minister, supplementary. It was also brought to my attention that the equal treatment policy of the government where they treat "others" the same as they treat aboriginals in health care is coming into effect in this place, especially in the manner where the staff get medication from the drug store under treaty numbers and then disperse it to all people living there, including the non-treaty and non-aboriginal people.

MR. SPEAKER: There was not a question there; there was a statement. Oral questions, the honourable Member for Tu Nede.

Supplementary To Question O168-90(2): Treatment Of Dene/Metis At Hay River Health Facilities

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, a question. Would you make sure to pay specific attention to those allegations that have been brought to my attention? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Nunakput.

Further Return To Question O168-90(2): Treatment Of Dene/Metis At Hay River Health Facilities

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, most certainly.

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

Question O169-90(2): Resignation Of Keewatin Superintendent Of Economic Development

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker, a question to the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Can the Minister state if the executive employee in the Keewatin is resigning as of November? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

Return To Question O169-90(2): Resignation Of Keewatin Superintendent Of Economic Development

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The translation came through as "the executive member", but I presume the Member is talking about the superintendent of Economic Development, and yes, he is resigning as of November.

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

Supplementary To Question O169-90(2): Resignation Of Keewatin Superintendent Of Economic Development

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

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

Further Return To Question O169-90(2): Resignation Of Keewatin Superintendent Of Economic Development

HON. GORDON WRAY: Those are his reasons and not for disclosure to the Member.

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

Supplementary To Question O169-90(2): Resignation Of Keewatin Superintendent Of Economic Development

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Mr. Minister. Mr. Speaker, my final supplementary is this, would the Minister consider identifying an aboriginal person under the affirmative action program to replace this superintendent?

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

Further Return To Question O169-90(2): Resignation Of Keewatin Superintendent Of Economic Development

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I most certainly will not. Positions in my department go out for competition, people apply for those positions and if there is an

applicant who qualifies under the affirmative action program then that applicant will be dealt with in that manner.

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

Question O170-90(2): Clarification Of Statement On Transport Canada

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. While we have Mr. Wray's feist up, I will ask him a question. Mr. Speaker, would the Minister of Transportation clarify for the record just who he was referring to in his statement about Transport Canada last Wednesday.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

Return To Question O170-90(2): Clarification Of Statement On Transport Canada

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. I suppose I should eat a little bit of humble pie.

AN HON. MEMBER: You should apologize.

HON. GORDON WRAY: No, I am not going to apologize. The last thing I am going to do is apologize. I was a little bit intemperate inasmuch as the Member is correct, I did sort of tarnish all Transport Canada employees with the same brush. Obviously I did not mean the people who work for Transport Canada at the community level. They have very little or nothing to do with the setting of policy or the design of these facilities.

I was referring mainly to the people in Ottawa, Edmonton, Quebec, Montreal or Winnipeg who make these types of decisions. The Member must understand that I was a little bit frustrated -- this was the same day I had learned that they were cancelling weather service in Franklin, weather service in Reliance, they just told us they were not willing to extend the CARS, Community Aerodrome Radio Station, for weather in all the communities. It is just a record of no, no, no with this department.

If I have to worry about being penalized when I go to Ottawa to negotiate something, because I have expressed frustration with a federal department then I think things are in a sad state. I cannot apologize for what I consider to be major problems with that department. I cannot apologize for what I consider to be major incompetence of that department at their regional and headquarters level, and I certainly do not intend to start now.

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

Question O171-90(2): Nuisance Polar Bears In Pelly Bay

MR. NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. I am not sure of the date, but I think it might have been about two years ago, there was a nuisance polar bear in my community. Are you aware of that incident? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O171-90(2): Nuisance Polar Bears In Pelly Bay

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Mr. Speaker. I am not aware of the nuisance bear in that community.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Natilikmiot. Supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O171-90(2): Nuisance Polar Bears In Pelly Bay

MR. NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker, a supplementary. I had informed the Member that there was another incident about two days ago within my community. Is he aware from his officials that these two polar bears had to be killed? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O171-90(2): Nuisance Polar Bears In Pelly Bay

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, as of yet I have not received any information to that effect. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O171-90(2): Nuisance Polar Bears In Pelly Bay

MR. NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary. When these polar bears come into the community it can become very dangerous and sometimes we have to kill these polar bears. Would I have approval for that, or what is his standing on that?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O171-90(2): Nuisance Polar Bears In Pelly Bay

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Presently the government has a policy concerning bears that are a nuisance to the human population or to private property that takes care of that problem. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The honourable Member for High Arctic.

Question O172-90(2): Status Of House 32-200, Resolute Bay

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs or the NWT Housing Corporation could respond. Last year you were in my constituency and the people of Resolute Bay had a concern about house 32-200. They had a request for that house but they had to wait for the government's approval. I just wondered what has happened; have you decided with regard to the disposal of that house? That big long house in Resolute Bay has 10 rooms. What have you done so far to date? Thank you.

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

Return To Question O172-90(2): Status Of House 32-200, Resolute Bay

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, when I visited Resolute Bay with the Member in November last year we did look at the possibility of rehabilitating that building since I am advised there are at least nine habitable units in the structure. In the ensuing months there has been a further re-examination by DPW and, I believe, the NWT Housing Corporation of the projected costs of rehabilitating those units. The costs as

identified by our departments are something in the order of \$1.3 million or \$1.15 million. I think there were two reports which varied between those amounts. When I visited the community with the Member three weeks ago, I indicated to the hamlet council, the mayor and those members of the housing association that were present, that I would make available to them the reports developed by our government so that they could examine the documents and that I would await their recommendations.

So there has been some progress made; however, the cost identified for rehabilitating the building was much greater than I had anticipated. I expect there has been or will be a meeting with the interested parties in Resolute Bay regarding that structure and once that meeting has occurred and I get some recommendations from the community and from my own officials in Iqaluit, then I will determine how we will approach resolving that particular question.

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

Question O173-90(2): Lowering Taxes On Natural Gas Products

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Finance concerning petroleum taxes in the NWT. There are different kinds of petroleum products available for home heating and for mobile fuel for vehicles and for diesel power plants. In Edmonton, for example, natural gas is used to fuel their electric power generators for the city. I would like to ask the Minister a question: Since our current legislation has what is called an ad valorem tax and the high prices that are presently being achieved at the pumps because of the Iraq situation are causing extra money to roll into the treasury, I would like to ask him, considering this, would he and his colleagues look at the possibility of decreasing the taxes on the types of fuels such as natural gas and propane which do not harm the environment as much and which are more readily available and are a lot less subject to price fluctuation caused by world crises, since the natural gas is available in Canada?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Return To Question O173-90(2): Lowering Taxes On Natural Gas Products

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am having my officials now review taxation in its total sense; what is the revenue potential and what areas are there within our taxation where we can be creative and innovative? Obviously there is a financial bottom line and we can do a lot of things with tax, recognizing that we will have less revenue, we will have to pick up revenue in other areas, and also in the context of the impact changes to our taxation with the formula financing agreement. With those two criteria I can assure the Member that we are looking at these areas to see if there is any creative way that we can provide some relief to Northerners.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Honourable Member for Pine Point, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O173-90(2): Lowering Taxes On Natural Gas Products

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In doing this, I would like to ask the Minister if he would consult with his colleague, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and other officials in the government, so that when this is done it also takes into consideration the possibility of a lower price for these fuels, resulting in the development of natural gas in the

NWT. For example, a natural gas line that may be built in the Cameron Hills area into Hay River or natural gas lines that could run off the future gas line that may run from the Arctic Coast down to Alberta. There could be side runs into communities so it could possibly be advantageous if we lowered or eliminated taxes on natural gas products. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Further Return To Question O173-90(2): Lowering Taxes On Natural Gas Products

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will consult with my colleague.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Tu Nede.

Question O174-90(2): Mr. Speaker's Access To Cabinet

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Government Leader. It has been approximately a year now since we, as a Legislature, changed Speakers. Mr. Nerysoo has been the Speaker since the fall session in Norman Wells. Mr. Government Leader, being a Speaker in this House is a very difficult job, I am well aware of that. Also you have to give up your voice in this House and the ability to ask questions. Has there been any agreement made with the Speaker to give him priority access to the cabinet to address his constituency concerns?

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

Return To Question O174-90(2): Mr. Speaker's Access To Cabinet

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I do acknowledge the special position of the Speaker and the handicap of the Speaker not being able to participate publicly in this Legislature and for that matter, its committees, in pursuing constituency interests. I am pleased to inform the honourable Member that I have discussed this matter with the Speaker, I have discussed the matter with my cabinet colleagues and I have arrived at an approach which will allow the Speaker, through myself, to have access regularly to Ministers to deal with constituency items. I have offered the Speaker my full co-operation and my good offices to ensure that the Speaker has access to Ministers to deal with constituency concerns on a priority basis. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O174-90(2): Mr. Speaker's Access To Cabinet

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It has been a year since Mr. Nerysoo has been the Speaker. How many meetings has he had with cabinet?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Iqaluit.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: I am sorry I do not understand the Member's question, Mr. Speaker. How many meetings have we had in cabinet?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Tu Nede.

MR. MORIN: Mr. Government Leader, how many times has the Speaker met with yourself as Leader and Members of your cabinet?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Further Return To Question O174-90(2): Mr. Speaker's Access To Cabinet

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, before I answer that question I should explain that I have arranged with the Speaker that through my offices I would arrange for the Speaker to meet with Ministers or myself, where appropriate, to deal with constituency concerns relating to different portfolios held by the Ministers. I have not offered the Speaker, nor do I think it is appropriate that the Speaker be offered, unless it is on Legislative Assembly business, access to cabinet. It is not in keeping with the doctrine of cabinet secrecy that any MLA, even the Speaker, should have access to cabinet meetings, as such. However, I believe that the Speaker should, in view of his office, have access to Ministers and should have my co-operation in arranging access to Ministers to deal with constituency concerns.

So the answer to the Member's question, Mr. Speaker, is that there were no meetings with cabinet, for the reasons I outlined. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O174-90(2): Mr. Speaker's Access To Cabinet

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Government Leader, I for one, realize how difficult the Speaker's job is so he must be getting prompt response to any letters he does write to your Ministers or yourself. Mr. Government Leader, you must have some sort of communication on file regarding this. Have you written a letter of some sort to the Speaker confirming the arrangements that you have, or laying out the process of how he can adjust his constituent problems with your cabinet Members and yourself?

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

Further Return to Supplementary O174-90(2): Mr. Speaker's Access To Cabinet

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I had written to the Speaker in January of 1990 suggesting a protocol or an arrangement which would allow the Speaker to meet with myself or Ministers to discuss constituency business. I would not have any difficulty tabling that letter. Perhaps more appropriate, Mr. Speaker, I will undertake to make it available to Members.

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

Question O175-90(2): Request For Increased Polar Bear Quotas

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. It has been about two years now since I have discussed my community's request for an increased quota. This was discussed by myself and other Members. The response that I got from the government two years ago was that they had to do a study on the number of polar bears before they can give us an increased quota. I have been waiting for a long time and I am still waiting today. I wonder if the Minister has done a study on the number of polar bears? Have the numbers increased? Have you finished the study? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return To Question O175-90(2): Request For Increased Polar Bear Quotas

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My staff did some studies on the number of polar bears. Officials of my department will be visiting the Baffin communities to discuss the polar bear management plan which is the result of these polar bear studies. I am hoping that communities will have been visited by Christmastime. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The honourable Member for Baffin Central, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O175-90(2): Request For Increased Polar Bear Quotas

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When this management group finishes visiting the communities, will we be having an increase in the quota? Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O175-90(2): Request For Increased Polar Bear Quotas

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When we go and visit the Member's constituency we will be talking about the open season on polar bears, the closing of the season on polar bear hunting, harvesting, and general management of polar bears. We will be talking about the quota system and talking to them about whether we are going to give them an increase in the quota and how many polar bears there have to be. All those things will be talked about in the community when we visit; the increase in the quota or the decrease in the quota of the polar bears. So those are the kinds of discussions that we are going to have with the communities when we go and visit before Christmas with regard to polar bear management. We will be meeting with the HTAs and interested people. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The honourable Member for Baffin South.

Question O176-90(2): Involvement Of Inuit People In Polar Bear Study

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to raise a question on the polar bear study. It is obvious that there were some Inuit people who were involved and it is obvious that it is most likely that some quotas will be decreased or increased. Were there any Inuit people involved in this study? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O176-90(2): Involvement Of Inuit People In Polar Bear Study

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When they do studies on the polar bears they usually contact the hunters and trappers association. For example, in Foxe Basin, if they do a study, the people who live around Foxe Basin are advised before they do the actual study of the polar bears. I am sure that the hunters from the communities were involved in the studies but I am not sure exactly how many communities were involved or who they were. Thank you.

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

Question O177-90(2): Boundaries For Polar Bear Hunting

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary to the question raised by my colleagues, will the maps they will be making have boundaries showing how far they can go?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Mr. Minister.

Return To Question O177-90(2): Boundaries For Polar Bear Hunting

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we all probably know, especially in the High Arctic and Baffin, the Greenland people, especially the people who live around Qanaaq, would like to hunt polar bears, especially on Ellesmere Island. During our visit to Greenland we were advised by the Greenland government that this was a concern of theirs. During the Inuit Circumpolar Conference in Sisimiut the Canadians were also told about the Greenland concerns, that they would like to hunt polar bears around Ellesmere Island. This summer when my honourable colleague, Mr. Wray, was in Greenland, he was also advised of this. We had an agreement with Greenland people called "Protocol on Wildlife Management". I believe in the future we will be able to discuss polar bear management between our government and Greenland. The polar bear management plan that we are talking about only applies to Canada and the Greenland people will not be involved at this time but it is clear we will have to have discussions with the Greenland government in respect to High Arctic polar bear management. Thank you.

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

MR. GARGAN: I would like to direct my question to the Government Leader. But before I do, I would like to request unanimous consent to extend question period.

MR. SPEAKER: I hear a nay. Unanimous consent is not given. The honourable Member for Deh Cho, oral questions.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will ask my question tomorrow then.

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

Question O178-90(2): Sewage Problem, Coral Harbour

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. We were in Coral Harbour this last winter. You are probably aware of the sewage problem. It is hazardous to the land and the plants and birds that are there. That is not very good for the environment. Can the Minister find any funding in 1991 or 1992 or 1993 to clean this up?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Time period has expired for questions.

Item 6, written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions.

Item 8, replies to Opening Address.

Item 9, petitions.

Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Item 11, tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Nunakput.

ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table Tabled Document 29-90(2): The Department of Public Works and Highways Annual Report, 1987-88.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of Documents. The honourable Member for Inuvik.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I wish to table Tabled Document 30-90(2): 36th Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Liquor Commission, for the period April 1, 1989 to March 31, 1990.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. Honourable Member for Aivilik.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to table Tabled Document 31-90(2): A letter from the hamlet of Coral Harbour, dated October 9, 1990, directed to Inspector Bob Swan of the RCMP in Yellowknife from the mayor of Coral Harbour, Raymond Ningeocheak, in regard to his concern about drugs.

MR. SPEAKER: Tabling of documents.

Item 12, notices of motion. Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Nunakput.

ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 15: Legislative Assembly Building Loan Authorization Act

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, October 25, 1990, I shall move that Bill 15, Legislative Assembly Building Loan Authorization Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 14, motions. Motion 5-90(2), the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

ITEM 14: MOTIONS

Motion 5-90(2): Tabled Document 13-90(2) Moved To Committee Of The Whole, Carried

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Speaker:

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that Tabled Document 13-90(2) entitled, "The SCONE Report: Building Our Economic Future", be moved into committee of the whole for consideration.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The SCONE committee worked for a year and a half and tabled this report in Norman Wells. We found that the government examined it in some detail and several of the recommendations were reflected in the budget of last February. However, I should remind Members, Mr. Speaker, that when we began this work it was very clear that we were not developing some kind of economic strategy just for this budget or this year. What we were trying to do was develop some kind of economic plan for the future, beyond the year 2000. Although we welcomed

and appreciated the initiative that the government took in including some of the issues that we raised in this current year's budget, our mandate went far beyond that. It is for that reason that we should now consider this in committee of the whole, because many of the issues raised in the report cannot just simply be dealt with by one department's strategy. It has to be something that a government takes a position on so it can develop its priorities for the benefit of our people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, final argument. Thank you. Question has been called. All those in favour? Opposed, if any? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motion 6-90(2), the honourable Member for Tu Nede.

Motion 6-90(2): Compensation Claim

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

WHEREAS on September 21, 1959, Mr. Wilfred Giroux and a fellow worker were cutting wood for the local school in Rocher River under employment for the federal government;

AND WHEREAS a serious accident occurred which resulted in Wilfred Giroux losing his right arm below the elbow and the death of his co-worker;

AND WHEREAS application was made by Mr. Giroux to the administrator of the Mackenzie for the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources and to the Workmen's Compensation Board of Alberta for compensation;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Giroux was unable at the time to further address his claim for compensation as there was no legal aid in the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS subsequent support for his claim has been received from various levels of the federal government, the territorial Minister of Justice and the former Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board of the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS after 31 years Mr. Giroux's claim should once and for all be reviewed and duly settled;

NOW THEREFORE, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Nahendeh, that this Legislative Assembly by this resolution express its support to Mr. Wilfred Giroux in this 30 years of efforts to receive a just settlement to his compensation claim;

AND FURTHER, request that the Executive Council continue its efforts with the federal government and the Northwest Territories Workers' Compensation Board to bring this claim to a satisfactory conclusion.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Motion is in order. To the motion. The honourable Member for Tu Nede.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to start

off by recognizing Mr. and Mrs. Giroux, who are sitting in the gallery in the far corner.

---Applause

I have had them come up to Yellowknife to listen to the motion being presented in this House. I would like to also start off by thanking the Minister of Justice and his department for the work they have done on behalf of Mr. Giroux. Mr. Speaker, back in 1959, September 21, 1959, about 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon in the community of Rocher River in the Northwest Territories, Mr. Giroux, with a co-worker was cutting wood for the teacher who was an employee of the federal government. Mr. Giroux was getting paid by a food voucher at the local store. That was the way the federal government paid aboriginal people that worked for them at that time. Mr. Giroux is a Dene person who does not speak or write English, does not understand or read English. An accident occurred where a blade shattered, killing Mr. Giroux's co-worker and cutting off Mr. Giroux's arm. At that time he was medivaced to Yellowknife, I believe, and shortly after that tried to get a claim for his disability.

I think the best way to present this claim is to actually read into the record, Mr. Speaker, if I am allowed, a letter from Mr. Giroux just to make everything clear:

"Nineteen fifty-two, this is the year I got married. Nineteen fifty-nine, I had four kids to support and on September 21, 1959, at 1:00 o'clock p.m. I had an accident and lost my right arm. And my other partner that was working with me had his head cut off. His name is Louis Sanderson. We were both sawing wood for the school at Rocher River in the school yard. The teacher that had hired us, his name is Tom Gauthier, who was a teacher there at the time. He was living there with his son, by the name of Arnold, 14 years old. At that time, the school was heated by wood furnace. So the teacher, Tom Gauthier had hired me to cut 20 cords of wood and those 20 cords of wood was in the school yard. And I had cut them in blocks. And while I was cutting it into blocks, that's when the accident happened. So they had used that wood for the school that year. But I ended up with nothing but suffering. So they shipped me to the hospital in Yellowknife at Stanton hospital. There they treated me for my lost arm. A week later they shipped me to Edmonton at the Charles Camsell Hospital. They gave me an artificial arm. And I came home to Rocher River, NWT, on November 1959. I never got paid in full for the 20 cords of wood that I brought to the school yard. The teacher, Tom Gauthier, told me the price for the wood was five dollars a cord of wood sitting at the shore and two dollars a cord for bringing it to the yard and two dollars a cord for cutting into blocks and one dollar a cord for piling it. So when the accident happened, I had already cut 18 cords of wood and got paid for 20 cords for the hauling to the yard. I got paid with the voucher. Since then I have been trying to get compensation for the accident I had while working for the government. I tried with the Indian Affairs and other government agencies. They all said they can't do anything about it. I feel that I am not treated right, especially while working for the government. Since then I can't get any job. And since 1980 I had sugar diabetes and I have high blood pressure. Still I don't get help, not even from the social worker. If it wasn't for the job I did for the school at Rocher River, and being hired by the teacher, I could of had my arm today."

Bureaucracy Prevents Just Settlement

Mr. Speaker, also back on June 26, 1989, Mr. Giroux did apply to Health and Welfare Canada for a disability benefit which most people receive, disability benefits. But he got a letter back from them stating basically, "I am sorry, Mr. Giroux. You are not eligible for disability benefits because you never

contributed." He never contributed because he is disabled and could not work. That is how the system works. Wherever Mr. Giroux went and wherever he tried to get justice for his case, he has always run into a bureaucracy, a federal bureaucracy that stopped it. I think, and I think that Members of this Assembly will agree with me when they hear all the statements of this case, that Mr. Giroux has suffered long enough.

Mr. Giroux raised a family of 11 since 1959. He raised them at Rocher River. I know Wilfred Giroux personally. I visited him out at Rocher River lots of times and he just came in from the bush a couple of years ago because of his sugar diabetes. He has always lived in the bush. He has always maintained his traditional lifestyle. Young people should use Mr. Giroux as a role model. He is a very hard worker and he has managed to survive out there. Could you picture yourself surviving out there with one arm? It would be a tough, tough job. It is tough enough as it is with two arms.

So Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support this motion so that Mr. Giroux can get just compensation for the suffering he has had to endure for the past 31 years. Wherever that compensation comes from, it does not matter to me, as long as he gets compensated. I urge Members once again to vote in favour of this motion and hopefully, with this motion, the federal government will start paying attention to the injustice they have done to Mr. Giroux.

Just in closing, Mr. Speaker, you can see from the newspapers that they bring people to justice that committed crimes 30 years ago. You see a bunch of priests going to court now for crimes they committed. This is a crime the federal government did to Mr. Giroux. They have not given him compensation. He deserves it. It is his right. He should get it. Mahsi cho.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. The honourable Member for Nahendeh.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I do not know Mr. and Mrs. Giroux, but I am happy to support the motion and aid in any way I can. I support the motion because I have heard many of the details from Mr. Morin who has spoken to me about it and it seems it was an accident that happened some 30 years ago which to this date has never been fairly and satisfactorily dealt with. I think Members must remember where we were in 1959. Where were we? Some of us were young, going to school; some of us were not even in the North, but if you will recall back in those days, there was not a government like we have now. There was no territorial government. The federal government was omnipresent. The church was omnipresent. The church was in part a type of government. The federal government which was run from afar in Fort Smith and Ottawa were the people on the ground to deal with peoples of the North. As Mr. Morin says, there does not appear to have been a system in place, compensation and legal aid, things of that sort which are so readily available to people today in the North where people can deal with their claims.

I do appreciate that it is somewhat difficult to deal with claims that occurred long ago, but I recognize, particularly where the people still feel they have not been dealt with, where the accident has resulted in years of hardship, that it is still possible, as a government and an Assembly, that we should be cognizant and do what we can to help people such as the Giroux's. I consider that in the past few years, we have become a little bit more enlightened, a little bit more practical. Our government has improved over the course of the years, it has become more sensitive to people of the North, and I see this as an opportunity for the government to respond, and

as a people and as a society in the North I see it as a last hope, a last opportunity, where we can respond and deal with an injustice that happened many years ago. I am very pleased to just say this much and aid in this matter. Mahsi cho.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. The honourable Member for High Arctic.

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in support of the motion. It is very difficult to be handicapped because I have had severed toes and that was in 1964 when I injured my feet and some of the toes had to be amputated. Once you have a handicap you become disabled in a great many ways, and it is very difficult to cope with life, with making a living, no longer being able to do the things that you could do before. It is like being severed in some ways from your life. I was able to get help under the compensation program. I know it is very difficult to function normally without assistance when you need it. It is very difficult, I know that personally. I will support this motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Nineteen fifty-nine was when I started my career as a high school teacher in London, England, and I can tell you that the school was mostly for rich kids -- they did not have to get wood cut to heat the school stove. I rise today, Mr. Speaker, to commend the Member for Tu Nede who has raised this issue because so many people over a long period of time have had problems that some other bureaucracy was never able to solve. It is the unique nature of this institution that things that matter to people in small places can be brought here so that they can be given the kind of priority that they deserve. I will be very, very happy to support the efforts of Mr. Morin to get some action on something which has been around for far too long and which needs to be resolved. Thank you.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: To the motion. The honourable Member for Slave River.

Moral Obligation Of Territorial Government

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do want to indicate to the House that on September 5th, as the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, I did personally meet the Giroux family in Fort Resolution, and at that time did indicate to them that I would look into the case and see what we can do as a government.

I recognize that in 1959 the federal government was here and many injustices were done to many different people in the North by the federal government, and the federal government was insensitive to people of the North. This appears to be a classic case.

As the Minister, I felt that we, as a government, and personally I myself as a Minister, have a moral obligation to try to assist Mr. Giroux in whichever way we can. I have taken that commitment and requested the Workers' Compensation Board chairman to formulate for my signature a decision paper to bring to cabinet for consideration, to deal with this particular case. I think that at the same time we should still pursue this matter with the federal government, which I am sure my

colleague, the Minister of Justice will do, because I know he has put a lot of time and effort into this particular case, to see what we can get back from the federal government. I think when we take the first step and show that we are morally willing to deal with this injustice, it will indicate that the Government of the Northwest Territories, with its boards and agencies, is sensitive to the needs of people in the North. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Morin brought this matter to my attention a number of months ago and my department has done a lot of work on it, and I have to say that my department really got enthusiastic about trying to help the Giroux family. We have made a number of submissions to federal Ministers and we are not finished yet. As my colleague, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, has said, we will try to attack this two ways. One, we will look and see what we can do as a jurisdiction, and also we will not let the federal government off the hook. I can assure the Member of this cabinet's full support of his efforts on behalf of the Giroux family. In light of that, and even though this particular motion is directing the cabinet to do something, because this is a very unique case, and I think it symbolizes this government's compassion for individuals who have had a tough time with the red tape of bureaucracy, the government will be supporting this motion.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. To the motion. The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

No Accumulation Of Benefits For "Casual" Employees Of Federal Government

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One of the reasons that I wanted to support this motion is because, in Mr. Morin's and honourable Members' explanation of this case, they brought to light a fact which I have had to deal with for several years, unsuccessfully, and that was when all was said and done this individual was told that he was not entitled to compensation because he had a contract.

Over the years, I have fought unsuccessfully to get recognition, particularly in my own constituency, of Inuit who had worked for the federal government for years before the territorial government took over. I can think of one individual who had worked in the garage for close to 13 years. When the territorial government took over in 1970-71 these individuals, employment was transferred to the territorial government, but it was not until these communities became municipalities and we started to look at their pensions being turned over as well, that we started to find out that the federal government's claim was that these individuals who had worked for a long time for DIAND were not federal employees. All the years they worked in the garages and on municipal services, there was no time accrued for pension and there was no time accrued for any benefits whatsoever.

In checking into it, the federal government maintains that these people were casual help, that they were not full-time employees, and these are individuals that worked in some cases for 15 years for one department. At the end of 15 years they were told that they had no rights as employees, that they had not accrued any rights, and I think it is quite frankly scandalous. I wish the Union of Northern Workers would take up their case and go after the federal government on this issue, because I think on this issue the rights of many, and

probably nearly always aboriginal people, have been really infringed by the federal government in terms of their employment from the late 1950s through to 1970. I do not think it is right that people who put so much time into working for one outfit should be told after all those years that they have no rights and there were no benefits accrued from their employment.

When Mr. Morin brought it up, immediately I guess I instinctively knew what was happening. Here was the same thing happening in the West that I had discovered was happening in the East with aboriginal people in those days. I think it probably will go even beyond this one individual case. I think there are many people out there who really got shafted by the federal bureaucracy. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: That is an obvious mining phrase. The honourable Member for Natilikmiot.

MR. NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in recognition of the elders. We know that the elders are often unable to read English and are also unable to speak English. Because of that they are at a great disadvantage in the eyes of the government, whether it is territorial or federal governments. These people have raised us and if it was not for them we would not be sitting here as MLAs today.

A lot of the elder people have helped us throughout our lives and guided us to this destination and they gave us a good education. It seems as though we just forget about them. Today our teachers and our elders should be considered more. They have been role models for all of our lives so for this reason I will be supporting the motion. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Tu Nede, final argument.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In closing I would like to thank Members who have indicated that they would support the motion. I would just like to thank them on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Giroux. I would also like a recorded vote please.

Motion 6-90(2), Carried

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Recorded vote has been called. Question has been called. All those in favour, please rise.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. David Hamilton): Mr. Crow, Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Morin, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Ernerk, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Whitford, Mr. Wray, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Butters, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, Mr. Ningark, Mr. Gargan.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. All those opposed? All those abstaining? Recorded vote count; 16 yes's, no abstentions. The motion is carried unanimously.

---Carried

The honourable Member for Slave River.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for unanimous consent to go back to notices of motion for first reading of bills.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to return to notices of motion for first reading of bills. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed, Madam Minister.

REVERT TO ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 16: Elections Act

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, October 25, 1990, I shall move that Bill 16, An Act to Amend the Elections Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you.

Item 15, first reading of bills. Item 16, second reading of bills. The honourable Member for Amittuq.

ITEM 16: SECOND READING OF BILLS

Second Reading Of Bill 14: Official Languages Act

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Kivallivik, that Bill 14, An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act, be read for the second time. The purpose of this bill, Mr. Speaker, is that these amendments would postpone until March 31st, 1992, the coming into force of those provisions of the Official Languages Act that relate to the requirement for legislation to be in both English and French and that were scheduled to come into force December 31st, 1990.

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

---Carried

Bill 14, has had second reading. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bills 8 and 14; Tabled Document 13-90(2), Tabled Document 6-90(2), Tabled Document 5-90(2), with Mr. Gargan in the chair.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): The committee will come to order. We are dealing with Tabled Document 5-90(2), Report of the 1989-90 Electoral District Boundaries Commission, Northwest Territories. We will take a 15 minute break.

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Tabled Document 5-90(2): Report Of The 1989-90 Electoral District Boundaries Commission, Northwest Territories

The committee will come back to order. We are dealing with Tabled Document 5-90(2), Report of the 1989-90 Electoral District Boundaries Commission, Northwest Territories. General comments. Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I will be very brief, Mr. Chairman. I notice that there is a great number of Yellowknife residents in the audience who are keenly interested in this debate.

MR. WHITFORD: No sarcasm now. We are ably represented, Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I know you are ably represented. That is why I did not vote for giving Yellowknife a fourth seat two years ago, because of the able representation that it has today and it had then. I support the report of the 1989-90 Electoral District Boundaries Commission and I commend the participants in that particular study; Justice Tallis, Rosemarie

Kuptana and Richard Hardy. I think they have produced an objective, a reasonable and a well balanced report, and while I think there may be some recommendations that Members may suggest regarding the report, I am quite sure they will be minor in nature and that the general and overall thrust of the Tallis report will be preserved and supported by this House.

At the outset I said that two years ago I had not supported Yellowknife's determination or desire for a fourth seat. The reason I did so was because at that time I believed that my constituency, Inuvik, would be more entitled for such consideration than Yellowknife, having approximately 4000 people, I believe. Since then, we have seen the withdrawal of the oil exploration from the Mackenzie Delta, and the population has dropped to around 3000; now I can support the Tallis commission report and its recommendation for another seat for Yellowknife.

No Community Should Dominate Legislative Assembly

In so doing, I would recognize that when the town of Inuvik appeared before the Tallis commission, they pointed out and emphasized that there should be a balance between the size of the electoral districts with no community having too great a number of seats in relation to other communities so as to potentially dominate the Legislative Assembly. In fact, my constituency was opposed to Yellowknife's receiving additional representation.

The town of Inuvik also indicated that at the present time the eastern and the western portions of the Northwest Territories have equal representation in the Legislative Assembly, and it was the town's opinion that every effort should be made to retain this equilibrium, and that the former seat for Pine Point should remain in the West.

Just one statement which reflects interests and initiatives raised by other Members in the House, and that is that if there is a current concern by Yellowknife that their population is such that they would require seats additional to those recommended by the Tallis commission, then there is an easy solution to that, and that is to decentralize our government to the regions and to the communities. As a Member from a smaller community, I am quite sure my constituency would welcome such decentralization occurring, which would reduce the problem that Yellowknife is currently experiencing. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Thank you, Mr. Butters. General comments. Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not know if there is any Member of the House who has not spoken on this subject yet, but I get the sense that most people have made general comments, and we have all had a long time to examine the report and to listen to the arguments, to talk to our constituents, and so on. It seems to me that, having listened to all the persuasive arguments that Members have made, in the true nature of the House there seems to be a consensus emerging about how we should handle this report.

Report Recommends Eliminating Extremes Of Under-Representation And Over-Representation

Most of us have recognized that the three members of the commission already had very good knowledge, and in fact had a copy of the BC ruling known as the Dixon case, and were very much aware that in the Northwest Territories there were some extremes that had to be eradicated, and as a result in the commission's report they decided to recommend to us that we eliminate both extremes, the extreme of an under-represented riding in the West and the extreme of an over-represented riding in the East. They also recognized that the

community of Pine Point could no longer sustain a Member, and it seems to me anyway, listening to all the arguments, what the good justice and his commissioners have come up with is a report that in general reflects exactly what the wishes of the people of the Northwest Territories really are, to get this House working again in a way that really matches the realities of life in the Northwest Territories.

I think it would probably be unwise of us to simply make vast changes to this report. It has been so carefully crafted to recognize that there were concerns about representation by population, and I think that Members by now have come to that conclusion, that if we really do not accept pretty well the recommendations of this report we will put ourselves in a very weak position because it has taken into consideration the major objections that could be made. If we now mess around too much with it, it seems to me that we would be doing a disservice to a job that has been very well done.

Although it may be early in the day to do this, Mr. Chairman, instead of going through every line in the report -- because we have done that it seems to me anyway in great detail to guide us in our discussions yesterday -- that we should bear in mind that it is probably time for us to look at a way in which we could all agree that this report could be handled through a motion that covers all the concerns that have been made over the last while. I would be prepared to give up the microphone if other people would like to say something, Mr. Chairman, but I think that probably we are at that stage where a consensus could be reached.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): General comments. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I said yesterday, this report, looking at it generally, I think is something that I will support. However, on September 4, 1990, Mr. Justice C F Tallis wrote a letter to the Hon. Richard Nerysoo, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding a concern of the hamlet of Coral Harbour and I think it is a legitimate concern. I am going to read it out just to put it on record. The attached letter, from the Hamlet of Coral Harbour dated July 9, 1990, to the Hon. Justice C F Tallis, chairperson, Electoral District Boundaries Commission, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories:

"Dear Mr. Tallis: The Council of Coral Harbour just received a report, 1989-1990 Electoral District Boundaries Commission, Northwest Territories, and we have a few concerns.

"In March of 1989 the deputy mayor, Louie Bruce, had requested that the eastern boundary of Aivilik be moved to include the whole of Southampton Island. In the report, on pages 10 and 11, the proposed electoral boundary runs right through the southeastern tip of the island. Then on page 16, schedule I, Aivilik is shown with a boundary off to the east of the island. Also on page 16, item 19, it is reported the only change is the western boundaries.

"We, the Council of Coral Harbour, like schedule I on page 16, as we would like all of Southampton Island in the Aivilik district. Could you please clarify this for us? Yours sincerely, Raymond Ningeocheak, Mayor". Copy to myself as a Member of the Legislative Assembly as well as to Dennis Patterson, Government Leader.

Mr. Chairperson, I should have spoken on this yesterday when I was making my general remarks. However, what the hamlet of Coral Harbour is talking about, Mr. Chairman, is, if you take a look at the boundary, the proposed boundary between the Aivilik riding as well as the South Baffin riding, the boundary according to this proposed boundary, the far east corner of Southampton Island is located within the South Baffin constituency. At some point during this debate I should like

to make a motion to include all of Southampton Island within the Aivilik riding, which I think would make more sense. I thank you very much, Mr. Chairperson.

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

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It seems that the concerns of Mr. Ernerk could be dealt with through either a separate motion or simply an addition to the one that I would like to make now, if I may.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Motion To Adopt New NWT Electoral District Boundaries

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I move that recommendations number two, three, four, five, six, eight, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 24, dealing with the electoral boundaries of Nunakput, Inuvik, Mackenzie Delta, Sahtu, Nahendeh, Hay River, Yellowknife Centre, Natilikmiot, Kivallivik, Aivilik, Keewatin Central, Baffin Central, Baffin South, and Iqaluit, as contained in Tabled Document 5-90(2), the Report of the 1989-90 Electoral District Boundaries Commission, be adopted;

And further, that existing boundaries of the electoral districts of High Arctic and Amittuq remain unchanged;

And further, that the boundaries of the electoral district of Yellowknife North include the areas known as lot 500, Dettah and Ingraham Trail, as contained in the existing electoral district of Yellowknife North;

And further, that the boundaries of the electoral districts of Yellowknife South and Yellowknife Frame Lake be as contained in recommendations 14 and 15 as amended to establish the old airport road on the north side and Kam Lake road on the east side as a part of the boundary between those electoral districts;

And further, that the existing electoral district of Kitikmeot West be renamed Kitikmeot;

And further, that the boundaries of the existing electoral district of Rae-Lac la Martre remain as defined in the existing Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, but modified to reflect the changes to the Yellowknife North boundaries;

And further, that the electoral district of Rae-Lac la Martre be renamed North Slave;

And further, that the electoral district of Tu Nede be renamed Tu Nedhe;

And further, that the boundaries of the electoral district of Tu Nedhe, Thebacha and Deh Cho be adopted as contained in recommendations seven, nine and 10, but further amended as to the western boundaries of Tu Nedhe and Thebacha and the eastern boundary of Deh Cho as outlined on the attached map.

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

Motion To Amend Motion To Adopt New NWT Electoral District Boundaries

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I would like to make an amendment to the motion. I would like to move that the motion be amended to add, "And further, that the electoral

district of Aivilik be amended to include the whole of Southampton Island in the electoral district of Aivilik."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Gargan): Can I get a copy of your amendment please? The amendment is in order. We will need translation for that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Amend Motion To Adopt New NWT Electoral District Boundaries, Carried

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

---Carried

To the motion as amended. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With regard to the last paragraph in the motion. There is a recommendation for a change in the boundaries, not as suggested by the boundaries commission, but as suggested by this motion. I would like to know the reasons for changing the boundaries in my area, as opposed to other areas. The reasons for the report of the Electoral District Boundaries Commission is not with regard to the areas in which people think their interests lie but with regard to the population of the areas in which the elections are to be held. Even though there are areas that Members feel that they might have jurisdiction over or interest in, for the purposes of election, this document was made so that those areas that are being represented and the people representing those areas are the ones reflected, as opposed to existing interest.

For this reason I would have to go along with some of the Members -- the Electoral District Boundaries Commission has gone through a long process in determining the final outcome of this document. If Members are suggesting that as much as possible we go along with the recommendations, then we should. I recognize where the lines are drawn in this area and they do include waters as well as land mass.

I believe in order to define in legal terms the lines that are drawn, it would be pretty difficult because they are not in longitude or latitude. I do not know what the reasons are behind it but if there are going to be changes, I already made my own submission to the Electoral District Boundaries Commission on what I thought would be an ideal boundary for my area. Unfortunately that was not followed. I may have gained one or two degrees but it is not obvious enough that it will reflect in this report. So there is very little change made to my constituency. I do not wish to have a change. For this reason I am not going to go along with the motion. I will not support it unless there are amendments made, as recommended by this Electoral District Boundaries Commission.

Whatever reasons, selfish motives or not, the Members have with regard to this, I was never consulted with regard to the changes made. Out of courtesy for other Members, I think Members that do have suggestions should consult with other Members that are being affected by this. For this reason I am not going to support the motion as is, unless it is changed that recommendation seven would also be included, as recommended by the Electoral District Boundaries Commission.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): To the motion as amended.

Former Pine Point Riding Turf Given To Tu Nede, Thebacha and Deh Cho

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to

say that in general I will be supporting the motion, with a few reservations, but first I would like to address the issue brought up by Mr. Gargan. When I appeared before the commission I made some recommendations on how the turf of the Pine Point riding should be divided amongst Tu Nede, Thebacha and Deh Cho. Basically I recommended that there should be clear lines that are marked out on the ground, like rivers or highways or the outline that marks the national park boundary, so that people would know where they are. As the existing boundary between Deh Cho and the Pine Point riding is just a meridian, it is not marked out on the land and it is hard to say what side of that line people are on. I know if Mr. Gargan campaigns in the next election into the farthest east reaches of what we have proposed for him, he will find a gentleman living in a cabin in that area near the Buffalo River, on the Hay River side of the Buffalo River, who I believe is a band member from Hay River. I believe he was in my constituency but now he will be in Mr. Gargan's constituency. I know he was one of the voters who was on the border line.

I suggested slightly different lines than are here but I concur with Mr. Morin and Mrs. Jeanne Marie-Jewell that the Nyarling River is probably a better boundary to divide the line between the north side and the south side. First of all the Nyarling River is something you can find on the ground. People may be camping -- there is a possibility of permanent camps or permanent cabins in this area, and the people north of Nyarling River would basically be people out of Fort Resolution while people south would be basically people out of the Fort Smith band area.

So I concur with that and I would like to suggest to Mr. Gargan that if he really looks at this closely, he is actually getting more area given to him than was originally recommended and I believe it will actually affect a couple of people who have permanent cabins in what was the Pine Point constituency and who now will be moved into Deh Cho. So I hope Mr. Gargan can look a little more carefully at that.

Flaws In Electoral District Boundaries Commission Act

The other thing I would like to say is that I am going to support this motion because our existing legislation has been complied with, as far as I am concerned, by the Electoral District Boundaries Commission. They have followed the law and done an admirable job in putting together a good report. However, I believe our Electoral District Boundaries Commission legislation has a couple of flaws in it that reflect on how the Electoral District Boundaries Commission can conduct itself and therefore there are two areas where I think there are problems.

One is that population is not emphasized in the Electoral District Boundaries Commission Act as the main criterion to be followed. That is a major flaw in the instructions to the boundaries commission.

Another flaw is that most jurisdictions have an automatic kick-in in their legislation for the Electoral District Boundaries Commission to follow the Canada census -- the next one, for example, will be in 1991. If our legislation was a little bit better, the Electoral District Boundaries Commission would automatically kick in and do a review once a census is done. Then they would have figures from all over the NWT applying to all communities and constituencies that were the same. This time they had to deal with ad hoc figures presented to them by municipalities from their own rolls for elections and so there was not a consistent way that the Electoral District Boundaries Commission could deal with population. That is another flaw that I think they had to work with, and I think they bent over backwards and did a good job of trying to get the most recent statistics they could, but unfortunately I do not think the stats available were compiled in a consistent way

so it was probably difficult for them to deal with.

I would just like to point out those two flaws in our legislation which I think make it difficult for the Electoral District Boundaries Commission to produce a report according to population, which I think has to be the pre-eminent consideration in these matters.

With reservations, I will be supporting the Electoral District Boundaries Commission's recommendations as amended by Mr. Lewis's motion because I think that with the present mind set in this House and with the legislation that currently exists, it is the best situation that can be achieved. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. To the motion, as amended. Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk I have noticed a slight drafting error. There was not a reference to the recommendation dealing with my constituency. I think it is still clear in the body of it, but I just want to make sure that -- inadvertently I no longer represent anybody, and the Member for Pine Point and I will go on a long extended holiday together.

Motion To Further Amend Motion To Adopt New NWT Electoral District Boundaries

Could I, Mr. Chairman, move an amendment on the first line: I move that after 8 and before 13, number 12 is included; and that on the fourth line before Yellowknife Centre I would like to include Yellowknife North. I will just make sure that there are no doubts whatsoever. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): The amendment is in order. To the amendment. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe just for the purpose of clarity, to make sure that we have the actual motion worded out in the debates, perhaps it might be advisable if the Clerk would read the motion, as amended, to us before we vote on it so that it is in the record exactly the way Mr. Ballantyne and others have worded their amendments.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): I will consider that if the amendment is passed. We will have the final motion before the vote takes place, so the Chair is well aware of it and will make sure that it is done. To Mr. Ballantyne's amendment. To the amendment.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion To Further Amend Motion To Adopt New NWT Electoral District Boundaries, Carried

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

---Carried

To the motion, as amended. Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will be voting in favour of this motion, and I just wanted to clarify with the Member for Deh Cho the reason the line changes are put in there. If the Member would look at his map, the new boundary for Tu Nedhe goes quite a bit past a natural boundary of Big Buffalo River. That is a traditional boundary between Fort Resolution and Hay River, and everyone knows that.

Basically we have turned that chunk back into the Deh Cho riding because it is supposed to be in his riding, so all we did was follow the Big Buffalo River to Big Buffalo Lake and then follow it over to Nyarling and cut across. So what we have done is follow a natural boundary, a traditional boundary, and it is to his advantage, and from there we came up in a straight line to meet the old riding. I tried to talk to the Member about it, but he was busy at the time and I did not have time today to explain it to him. I am willing to sit aside and talk to him about it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. To the motion, as amended. Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

Motion To Further Amend Motion To Adopt New NWT Electoral District Boundaries, Carried

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I would like to propose and put forth an amendment to the motion which reads: And further, that the electoral district of Slave River be renamed Thebacha.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Can I get the Member for Slave River to repeat her amendment, just to clarify it? In the last section it says: "And further, that the boundaries of the electoral districts of Tu Nedhe, Thebacha and Deh Cho be adopted as contained in recommendations 7, 9 and 10", so technically we are adopting the name change of Thebacha under recommendation 9. But it could be added in, just to make sure. It does not take anything away from the motion, anyhow. Would you still like to proceed with your amendment?

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: To ensure and for clarity, I would like to proceed with my amendment.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Would you mind repeating your amendment?

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: My amendment reads, Mr. Chairman: And further, that the electoral district of Slave River be renamed Thebacha.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): The amendment is in order. To the amendment. Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The amendment is carried.

---Carried

To the motion as amended. Honourable Member for Amittuq.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated yesterday, I do not agree with the motion or the report of the Electoral District Boundaries Commission suggesting that the community of Pond Inlet be within the electoral boundary of High Arctic. Let me explain a little bit of my concern here. Within the last three years of my mandate it has been difficult for me to visit my constituencies, due to lack of sufficient transportation between the three communities. There are no regular air services available between the communities of Pond and Igloodik or Pond to Hall Beach. It is also very costly. Just to make a point here, if I were to charter from Yellowknife to Pond Inlet it is cheaper to go there by charter aircraft than to charter from Igloodik or Hall Beach to Pond Inlet. To me that does not make sense.

Roughly, it will cost me around \$10,000 if I order an aircraft from Pond Inlet to visit either Hall Beach or Igloodik. To go back to Pond Inlet, it is exactly the same, around \$10,000. So one visit is costing me at least \$20,000.

My constituents in Igloodik and Hall Beach, rightly so, requested that Igloodik and Hall Beach should have a riding

created because of the transportation difficulties that we experience in that area. Pond Inlet suggested that we should be in with Arctic Bay and Nanisivik and that should be another riding since there are no transportation problems between these two communities.

MLA For Amittuq Needs Higher Transportation Budget

I would like to be on record stating that the next MLA for that region should have a higher transportation budget in order to adequately represent the three communities. I am thinking around the neighbourhood of \$60,000 to \$100,000 a year. I know that is asking for a lot of money but that is the reality of travelling in High Arctic or in those remote communities. Qujannamiik.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Just to clarify, for the Member of Amittuq. If I understood your comments I realize that you are in disagreement with the Electoral District Boundaries Commission report but the motion does not reflect that. The motion that is in front of you puts the existing Amittuq boundaries and High Arctic boundaries as they exist today. It goes back to the same riding as you have now, today. So if I am right, just for clarity, that is what the motion reads, that they are not going to change your existing riding right now. The comments that you made indicated that you are not going to be supporting this motion plus the report itself. So just for clarification, that is what the motion reads. To the motion as amended. The Member for Amittuq.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Chairman, you are correct. It has been difficult to represent the three communities because of the poor transportation in that area. My people have been requesting that the riding should be broken up into two regions. Mr. Chairman, I will be opposing the motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): To the motion as amended. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, with regard to the motion, on the last paragraph in regard to changing the areas. One of the difficulties that I have with regard to my own riding is that I made recommendations to the Electoral District Boundaries Commission with regard to where, in my opinion, based on traditional use and occupancy, I felt that my boundary should be, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately they did not go along with the suggestions that I made.

Mr. Chairman, one suggestion that I made is that my electoral boundaries go into Nahendeh, mainly because that area that I am suggesting that they change to be in my constituency -- those are areas in which I was born and all the people in those areas reside in Fort Providence. For that reason I made those suggestions.

Also, Mr. Chairman, I went into the Rae-Lac la Martre area, in which certain areas were also traditionally used by my constituents and that was not followed up on. Mr. Chairman, I did make a lot of legitimate arguments before the Electoral District Boundaries Commission and perhaps in their opinion it is best to have those lines so that in legal terminology it is better that you use the longitudes and even numbers, or odd numbers, whatever the case may be and the latitudes would also be in the same situation.

Once you start defining rivers and lakes it is difficult to start putting them in numbers. It would be a long process in order for them to do that. For Mr. Morin's interest, he is claiming that areas should be defined in legal terms under this recommendation and I must say that the boundaries commission must have had a legitimate reason they decided not to go along with my recommendations.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to know from yourself, Mr. Chairman, whether or not changing it from longitudes and latitudes to rivers and lakes would make it difficult for legal people to process. I would like to get an answer to that, Mr. Chairman, if I may.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Gargan, your question to the Chair with regard to whether rivers and lakes would be translated into legal terminology. I believe our current legislation already has that, where we do follow certain lakes or certain rivers and it is up to the legal people to put that into legal terminology. So it is there now. I do not think that is a big problem. To the motion as amended. Mr. Sibbeston, the Member for Nahendeh.

History Of Deh Cho Constituency

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I must respond to Mr. Sam Gargan. Talk about not being grateful -- you know Mr. Gargan should be thankful and forever grateful that his constituency was created out of mine in 1983.

---Laughter

And it just does not pay to be nice because he is talking about swallowing my constituency up. Mr. Gargan should be very thankful that he exists. He came into existence back in 1983 and now he is trying to expand his area to swallow others up, so I think Mr. Gargan should be happy and just leave his constituency as it is and be quiet.

---Laughter

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. To the motion, as amended. Member for Deh Cho.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, this report is dealing with the new Electoral District Boundaries Commission. I believe that the document that Mr. Sibbeston is referring to was during the Ninth Assembly, which is not relevant for the purpose of this discussion. The Member should know that from all the experience that he has had as a Member.

---Laughter

I am not going to support the motion, but I am not going against the motion either. I am just saying that if Members are saying on the one hand that we go along with the recommendations and then on the other hand try to satisfy some other Members through amendments or through motions, then I find that difficult because, if I recall, I do believe for the Members that met we had agreed on a certain position. For those positions to be changed at the last minute through this House, I do not like people doing that. I am not going to go against the motion. In the opinion of other Members, if they feel that this area should go in that area, then I will not dispute that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. To the motion, as amended. Is the committee ready for the question?

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

AN HON. MEMBER: Recorded vote.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Before a recorded vote, I will ask the Clerk to read out the motion, as amended.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Chairman, I move that recommendations number two, three, four, five, six, eight, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 24, dealing with the electoral boundaries of Nunakput, Inuvik, Mackenzie Delta, Sahtu, Nahendeh, Hay River, Yellowknife North, Yellowknife

Centre, Natilikmiot, Kivallivik, Aivilik, Keewatin Central, Baffin Central, Baffin South, and Iqaluit, as contained in Tabled Document 5-90(2), the Report of the 1989-90 Electoral District Boundaries Commission, be adopted;

And further, that existing boundaries of the electoral districts of High Arctic and Amittuq remain unchanged;

And further, that the boundaries of the electoral district of Yellowknife North include the areas known as lot 500, Dettah and Ingraham Trail, as contained in the existing electoral district of Yellowknife North;

And further, that the boundaries of the electoral districts of Yellowknife South and Yellowknife Frame Lake be as contained in recommendations 14 and 15 as amended to establish the old airport road on the north side and Kam Lake road on the east side, as a part of the boundary between those electoral districts;

And further, that the existing electoral district of Kitikmeot West be renamed Kitikmeot;

And further, that the boundaries of the existing electoral district of Rae-Lac la Martre remain as defined in the existing Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, but modified to reflect the changes to the Yellowknife North boundaries;

And further, that the electoral district of Rae-Lac la Martre be renamed North Slave;

And further, that the electoral district of Tu Nede be renamed Tu Nedhe;

And further, that the boundaries of the electoral districts of Tu Nedhe, Thebacha and Deh Cho be adopted as contained in recommendations seven, nine and 10, but further amended as to the western boundaries of Tu Nedhe and Thebacha and the eastern boundary of Deh Cho as outlined on the attached map;

And further, that the boundaries of the electoral district of Aivilik be amended to include the whole of Southampton Island in the electoral district of Aivilik;

And further, that the existing electoral district of Slave River be renamed Thebacha.

Motion To Adopt New NWT Electoral District Boundaries, Carried As Amended

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Question has been called and a recorded vote has been requested. All those in favour please stand. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Arlooktoo, Mr. Kilabuk, Mr. Pedersen, Mr. Pollard, Mr. Sibbeston, Mr. Morin, Mr. Pudluk, Mr. Ernerk, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Whitford, Mr. Wray, Ms. Cournoyea, Mr. Ballantyne, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Kakfwi, Mr. Butters, Mrs. Marie-Jewell, Mr. McLaughlin.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): All those opposed, please stand. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Alloodoo.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): All those abstaining, please stand. The motion is carried, as amended. Eighteen for, one against and no abstentions.

---Carried

What is the committee's wish at this time? Member for Aivilik.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, I move that you report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Does the committee agree that Tabled Document 5-90(2) is concluded?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): I guess the Member for Aivilik was a little too fast for me here. You put a motion forward to report progress and it is not debatable so I will call the question. All those in favour, please raise your hands. All those opposed, please raise your hand. The motion to report progress is defeated.

We are still dealing with Tabled Document 5-90(2), Report of the 1989-90 Electoral District Boundaries Commission, Northwest Territories. Mr. Pollard.

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Chairman, in the preamble the commission noted in the second to last paragraph that, "In some provincial jurisdictions, the controlling legislation requires preparation and publication of an interim or preliminary report of proposed electoral district boundaries for consideration by the public." I recognize that that was conducted. It was made a public document, Mr. Chairman. The report goes on to say that, "We observe that existing legislation in the Northwest Territories does not contemplate such a two-step process. The Legislative Assembly, in its wisdom, may wish to consider an appropriate amendment to existing legislation so that future commissions can follow such procedure. This process would have assisted the commission in its mandate." I guess, Mr. Chairman, through you, perhaps the government could advise the House if they will take that suggestion by the commission into consideration. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister of Justice, any comments?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: The government considers it is probably a wise suggestion and will definitely work toward it.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Any further comments? Does the committee agree that Tabled Document 5-90(2) is now concluded?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): What is the committee's wish? The Member for Kitikmeot West.

MR. PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, at this time I move that we report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): I have a motion to report progress which is not debatable. All those in favour? Those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

I will now rise and report progress.

ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. SPEAKER: I will call the House back to order. Item 18, report of committee of the whole. The honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre.

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has

been considering Bills 8 and 14 and Tabled Documents 6-90(2), 5-90(2) and 13-90(2), and wishes to report that Tabled Document 5-90(2) is now concluded with one motion being adopted as amended.

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Amittuq.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, I wish to seek unanimous consent to return to Item 3, Members' statements.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member is seeking unanimous consent to return to Item 3. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed.

REVERT TO ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Invitation To Visit Prince Of Wales Northern Heritage Centre

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. I wish to invite all Members of this Legislative Assembly to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre at 6:30 tonight for a reception to meet a Soviet curator, Mr. Vladimir Tkachenko. There are also going to be exhibits of Soviet children's arts and crafts from the far north of the Soviet Union. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 19, third reading of bills. The honourable Member for Sahtu.

ITEM 19: THIRD READING OF BILLS

Third Reading Of Bill 11: Public Service Act

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik, that Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Public Service Act, be read for the third time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. 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 11 has had third reading. Item 21, Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, meetings for Wednesday, October 24th: ajauqtit at 9:00 a.m.; at 10:00 a.m. standing committee on finance.

ITEM 21: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Wednesday, October 24th.

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions

5. Oral Questions
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7. Returns to Written Questions
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17. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters: Bill 8 and Bill 14; Tabled Document 6-90(2); Tabled Document 13-90(2)
18. Report of Committee of the Whole
19. Third Reading of Bills
20. Assent to Bills
21. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Wednesday, October 24th, 1990, at 1:30 p.m.

---ADJOURNMENT