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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1991

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ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Hon. Richard Nerysoo): Orders of the day for Friday, February 15, 1991. Item 2, Ministers' statements. The honourable Member for Sahtu.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 2-91(1): Workshop For Student Council Presidents

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, today I would like to welcome a very special group of young people to the Legislative Assembly. They are the student council presidents of each secondary school and residence in the Northwest Territories. They are in Yellowknife to attend an important workshop at which they will share ideas about education with each other, and with Department of Education staff.

Good communication is essential if we are going to build an educational system capable of responding to the needs of students. Last spring I brought together student council leaders from across the Northwest Territories to hear their opinions of the educational system and to discuss areas of concern. I was very impressed with the sense of leadership and insight these young people brought to the meeting.

A great number of topics were discussed, including how to increase the involvement of students and parents in the operation of the schools; how to develop greater respect between students and teachers; and how to make residences feel more a part of the school.

The workshop gave the student leaders an opportunity to meet each other, to exchange ideas on areas of common concern, to discuss their roles within the school and to develop their leadership potential. It also gave the Department of Education an excellent opportunity to bring the student leaders up to date on recent initiatives and to hear student concerns about current policies and programs.

In order to continue this important dialogue, these workshops have become an annual event. This year's workshop and agenda have been organized by the student council presidents of Sir John Franklin High School, St. Patrick High School and Akaitcho Hall. The out-of-town students will stay with Yellowknife students during the course of the workshop.

Mr. Speaker, today's student council presidents may very well be the territorial leaders of tomorrow. Not only are these workshops a valuable forum for the exchange of information on the school system, they give a group of young leaders first-hand experience in representing the views of their constituents and consulting on issues of importance. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I would just like to draw the attention of honourable Members to the student council presidents in our gallery who are visiting us today. Ina Arrey, from Grollier Hall, Inuvik; Norm Gonzales, Diamond Jenness

Secondary School; Katie Hill, PW Kaeser Secondary School; Dominique Vallerand, St. Patrick; Miles Sabourin, Akaitcho Hall; and Jeff Pinto, Sir John Franklin.

Ministers' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Ministers' Statement 3-91(1): Budget Address

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In accordance with Rule 22(1), I wish to inform the House that I will present the Budget Address on Monday, February 18, 1991.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. The honourable Member for Nahendeh.

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Motion 1-91(1), Naming Of New Western Territory

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a statement with respect to the motion that is on the books today about the naming of the western territory, "Denendeh". It is so very easy when we talk about a subject like this, your country, your homeland, your land, your future hopes of a government, to become very emotional. It is a very heart-wrenching subject.

For many of us who have been involved in this issue since the early 1970s it is especially emotional, but I decided that I would not become overly emotional but to persuade you with pure logic that, in fact, this government should support the use of the name of "Denendeh" as much as possible and give credence to the objectives and hopes of the Dene/Metis in the West.

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. SIBBESTON: I think there are merits in this government's doing that because I think they would be really and truly representing the people of the North and they can then properly say, "We are the government of the North and the aboriginal peoples are in the majority."

Once upon a time, Mr. Speaker, there was a government in the Northwest Territories. It was run from afar in Ottawa. Then in 1967 the government came north and established what we know as a government in the North. It was very much in its infancy and began very humbly. It was made up mostly of appointed people from the South, and it stayed this way for many years.

In the mid-1970s, I think I can say that the subjects, the people that were subject to the government, began talking, began grumbling, began questioning the government that was in place. I know the Dene and Metis in particular said that they did not recognize the government that was established in the 1960s and the 1970s. They said, "We did not have a hand in it" and there was some dissatisfaction with the government. About this time the Dene and Metis, who had

been disorganized, who had had government imposed on them, began to organize.

MR. SPEAKER: Order. The time period for your Member's statement has expired. The honourable Member for Nahendeh.

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, can I seek unanimous consent to finish?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Nahendeh is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his Member's statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed.

MR. SIBBESTON: I thank the Assembly for their patience and indulgence. At this time the native people in the West, the Dene people, began organizing and we saw the birth of the Indian Brotherhood, and it began challenging the federal government with respect to its treaty signing. Justice Morrow, in the Paulette case, made the decision that there was some question about the treaty because of the way it was done; there was not a meeting of minds, there was no agreement in which both parties were on the same basis. He said that the treaty was not valid, so gave growth to the whole notion that there ought to be aboriginal claims in the North and there ought to be a new process for dealing with the treaties and dealing with the aboriginal rights of the Dene and Metis in the West.

About that time, too, in the 1970s, there was a lot of debate in the North about a pipeline and that subject of the pipeline really tore people apart in many ways in the West. The native people were against it, the non-native people were for it; and so there was a lot of wrangling and turmoil in those days. Berger, of course, came north and made his decision. Many people thought Justice Morrow listened to the native people and the second white man that ever listened to the native people was Justice Berger and people were very thankful for his strength and his listening to the people.

Birth Of Denendeh

It was about this time, too, after things had calmed a little bit, that the Indian Brotherhood came forth with its document, and I will just show you, Mr. Speaker, that Denendeh was really born at that time in the mid-1970s when the Dene people of the North came forth with a document, "A Public Government for the People of the North", and this is where Denendeh, the idea of calling the western NWT "Denendeh", came about, really through the efforts of the Dene people.

By the late 1970s there was another election and I know very well that I became involved in the election in 1979 very much on the basis that I would be supported and be elected by the people, not with a view to jumping in with the government that the people so much disliked and questioned, but with a view to challenge the government. So native people became involved in the territorial Council in those days with a view to challenge the government, not to get involved in it and become aligned with it.

In the years afterwards, there was a referendum on division. Many of us that came on the scene in 1979 were very determined to right things. We recognized that things had been somewhat in turmoil and people were against one another. There was a lot of conflict and many of us decided that we would try to deal with these problems and turmoil. I know that one of the first things that we did after the election was set up the unity committee. With that unity committee, we went around the North talking to all people, particularly native people. At the end of our work it was decided that, yes

indeed, this government was only an interim government and that there would be changes forthcoming. It satisfied people to know that indeed there could be changes and people could formulate and be involved in their own government. About that time we got native people involved in cabinet and slowly our efforts -- and I know Mr. Patterson was involved with me -- began challenging some of the policies that government had in place, the Education Act, and practices and policies and housing and local government. We began saying there must be an alternative to hamlets and villages and so we started setting up the charter communities, starting in Fort Good Hope. In economic development, we began trying to get native people involved in businesses. Slowly we began changing things to be more in tune with the native peoples and slowly this government came to be more acceptable to the people.

In the West here, to deal with the differences in views we set up the western constitutional conference and I was chairman of a number of conferences that were held. I think for the very first time in that era, native and non-native people got along, were able to sit at the same table, talk with one another, and I think a lot of good came out of that. I know that the Dene had a chance to explain what they had, what they were talking about and the meaning in their Denendeh proposals. That was the start of good communication and some understanding came from that.

In the years after that there was a referendum on division. There was the set-up of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum and the Western Constitutional Forum and there were efforts made to define the kind of government that would eventually be set up in both Nunavut and in the West. Eventually -- I recognize that there was an Iqaluit Agreement -- things advanced to the point where there was an agreement between the East and West and there is the Iqaluit Agreement which is still in some respects, a bit of a timetable and a document which will be used in the future in setting up new territories and some of the principles that will be the basis of formation of new governments.

In the last five, six, seven years, land claims has been the main emphasis. Constitutional development seems to have somewhat faded. There is less emphasis on that, in part because of not having an agreement on the border. So the last few years, I know in the West and in the East to a certain extent, land claims has become the main emphasis and we continue to make political progress to the point where we have fully responsible government and there is good native participation on the Executive Council and the government has made a lot of progress in being acceptable to all peoples of the North.

Gradual Acceptance Of Word "Denendeh"

Mr. Speaker, I feel that in the last five or 10 years there has been a gradual, slow acceptance of the word "Denendeh" by our society in the West. I know the federal government in some of its documents make reference to Denendeh. I know in our own government -- I have had our researchers do some research into the extent to which our government uses the word "Denendeh" -- we have the Denendeh Conservation Board and there is some documentation that refers to Denendeh. I admit there is not an ample amount and I think government has been cautious in not using the word "Denendeh". I know that the Pope came to Denendeh; he did not come to the Northwest Territories or even Canada; he came to Denendeh. I am sure that was the work of Mr. Kakfwi there. Both the Metis Association and the Dene Nation in their annual reports use Denendeh very markedly.

So I feel in the West that, for the Dene and Metis cause anyway, a lot of progress has been made in the last 10 years

in using the word "Denendeh" and that eventually, when a new territory or province was created that the name would be Denendeh. I know in our Assembly, there is some suggestion I guess by the government that things, constitutional matters, are not finished in the West and so it is a bit premature for the government to use "Denendeh". I know in the East I think the government seems to take a different attitude.

We passed a motion in our Assembly in 1989 where we supported division and the establishment of Nunavut and the government in its documentation does not seem to be shy or afraid to use the word "Nunavut". So it just seems they are giving credence to Nunavut and doing it but not doing the same for Denendeh. It really, I think, is not fair.

Things are not finished in the East. The government says there must be a process in the West. Well, things are not finished in the East. There needs to be a lot of work done in the East on all the details of what kind of government Nunavut is. But yet the government seems not afraid or shy to use the word "Nunavut".

I think the government should use the word "Denendeh" in referring to the new territory in the West. It is very important because the Dene and Metis have thrown their lot in with this government, with the public government process. I guess the alternative to doing that is just going the Dene reserve route, saying that we want our own little governments on the reserve and eventually set up their own governments on reserves in the West. But they have adopted and opted for the public process. So I think the government owes the Dene and Metis some recognition and some acceptance of what they want the new territory to be called because they have thrown their lot in with this government. They have given credence and they have made this government credible, in a sense, by not going separately from the public government.

I know that a lot of progress in the North has been made in our government because people have hoped for a Denendeh, that someday Denendeh will be created, and the idea of what Denendeh government has been formulated is the dream of the Dene and Metis people and it is very difficult to take this away from the people. It is much like the Inuit people having their hopes and aspirations that some day Nunavut will be created. Nobody knows precisely, exactly what it will be, but it is a hope and a dream; something to work toward. I know Nunavut conjures up ideas for the Inuit people that they will have a government under their own control and power. It will embody a lot of the Inuit traditions and customs and it will support their language fully and there will be jobs for people and they will be able to have control over their land and affairs in a very strong way.

What Denendeh Means To People

I think that similarly in the West the Dene and Metis have hopes and dreams that some day when Denendeh is created it will be a government in the style and tradition of the Dene, that some of the values and cultures will be embodied in the government, language will be number one, there will be opportunities for jobs, and mostly they will have control over their lives. This is what the notion of Denendeh means to the people.

Mr. Speaker, I feel very strongly that in people's minds something does not become a reality until you name it. I think it is a bit unfair and unrealistic for the government to say, "Let us just at this stage name the new territory 'a new Western Arctic territory' and with this all the experts and energy can go toward the creation of some territory." I just feel that whereas it may seem like you are putting the cart before the horse, it is essential to have the new territory named Denendeh because when you have named it

something you have ideas and hopes about and you can work toward that goal.

It is not very exciting, it is not very productive toward a new Western Arctic territory because nobody knows what that is. It is just a meaningless and nameless kind of entity that we are talking about. When we talk of Denendeh, people have it in their minds and hearts; they know what Denendeh means to them, and it is something they can work toward. It is very important. Just as Nunavut is important to the Inuit people, Denendeh is important to the Dene and Metis, the majority of people in the West. That is why it is important to attach a name to it, and the name shall be "Denendeh". There is no question in my mind. I will never work toward anything that is not Denendeh. Denendeh is what I hope for, what I dream about, and that is what I have been involved in government all these years about. That is why it is so important for the government, at this stage, to give us credence, give us respect, give us the benefit, give some encouragement to the Dene and Metis people so that they know why they are involved in this government and why they look forward to the future, because there is Denendeh to work toward.

Mr. Speaker, my motion advocates not necessarily that we name it at this stage but that we give support, the government give support to the name of "Denendeh", and we recognize that that in itself would not carve it in stone but it would be a step toward the eventual recognition and adoption of that name. We recognize in the West that there is a lot of work to be done. Denendeh has been born already in the minds of people, but there is a lot of work to be done. There is the constitution to deal with and there can be a constitutional conference.

The government talks of a position paper, and I suspect it is going to be some kind of a proposal for constitutional development, something that can be done in the next few months to work on the constitution and things of that sort. All of that can go on, but it can only go on if people know it is Denendeh that we are working toward.

Inuit Majority In Nunavut

I say this, and I just say it in plain view of everybody, that it is very important while we have an Assembly such as this where the majority of people here are native people, because the day that division occurs -- I think the Inuit people are secure; they have a good future; things are somewhat guaranteed to them because when the Inuit people have their own territory they will be in the majority. They will have the ability to do things really in their own way because they are in the majority and there are not that many Canadians that will eventually flood up north and take over their church. The Inuit are secure because they are hardy and tough, and they live in an environment that other Canadians do not want to live in. They have that security and I respect them for that, and I myself would not want to go up there, honestly.

--Laughter

We give recognition to the Inuit people for living in a land that is very harsh and too tough probably for other people, and I admit that. They have that security, and I wish them well, but we Dene/Metis in the West, the day when division occurs we are going to be in the minority and I think the Dene and Metis are very concerned that we are going to be inundated and we are going to be the same story as Indians in the South. We are going to be inundated and we are going to be like in Oka 20 years from now, fighting for our land. That prospect is there that we are going to be inundated by non-native people who are very strong and very aggressive and very determined. They will want their own name, London North, Edmonton North...

--Laughter

They have their own tradition and culture. Mr. Brian Lewis -- I am sure he has a good Scottish name that he will want to tack to the North. So there is a very good possibility that non-native people will want to have their own government and have it in their own -- just like Britain, just like Ontario, they have their own ideas about what government should be in the North.

The poor Dene and Metis are going to be inundated and will never achieve Denendeh. That prospect looms on the horizon and this is why I appeal to you that while we are all together, brothers, aboriginal people, let us create Denendeh just as we have created Nunavut while we are in a majority, while we have the ability to do that.

Mr. Chairman, I do not have too much more on that. I appreciate the Members' giving me this chance and this opportunity to state my views on it. I know that I have persuaded all of you and if there was a vote you would all comply. Even Mr. Patterson, I know, would agree with me and support Denendeh. In the interest of dealing with this subject in a very logical kind of organized fashion, on the basis of what I have been told, that yes, eventually when the matter comes up we will all support Denendeh. I thank the Members for giving me this opportunity and I will not be proceeding with my motion at this date but leave it to a further time when it might be a better time. Mahsi cho.

---Applause

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

Member's Statement On Junior Women's Curling Champions

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In Whitehorse, Yukon, in the first weekend in February, four young athletes from the Yellowknife Curling Club won the Yukon and NWT Junior Women's Curling Championship. This was the first time in 11 years that a team from Yellowknife has achieved this honour. The girls will now represent the Yukon and the NWT at the Canadian Junior Women's Curling Championship which will be held in Leduc, Alberta, on March 8 to 16, 1991.

Mr. Speaker, this is the first year that these girls have played together as a team and in their first year of competition they were able to go through all competitions undefeated, including wins over the defending champions from Hay River. I would like to pay tribute to their coach, Mr. Ernie Commerford, and I will be sending a letter of congratulations to skip Janet Sian; third, Samantha Bohnet; second, Coralee Hamer; and first, Pamela Bohnet.

Mr. Speaker, I raise this point because I have said many times in the past that when we concentrate on those sports that make sense and that really relate to the kind of environment in which we live, we can do very well indeed. I wish these young people all the best when they go to Leduc. Thank you.

---Applause

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Members' statements.

Item 4, returns to oral questions. Returns to oral questions. Item 5, oral questions. The honourable Member for Hay River.

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O20-91(1): High Gasoline Prices In NWT

MR. POLLARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have received some complaints from my constituents about the price of gasoline in the Northwest Territories. They are drawing a comparison, sir, between low gas prices in Edmonton and even High Level, and those around Hay River, Yellowknife and Fort Smith. My question to the Minister of Finance is, is there anything the government can do to investigate why prices are so high in the Northwest Territories? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Return To Question O20-91(1): High Gasoline Prices In NWT

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is an appropriate question to ask now, and the government also has very serious concerns as to the situation in this particular area. We look at the comparative prices of fuel in markets in the South. I guess one of the aspects of this that has really made it difficult for a lot of people is the volatility of the cost of fuel on the world market. As we know, what many people expected to happen when the war started in the Gulf did not happen. In fact, the day after the war started in the Gulf the price of oil dropped about \$10 a barrel.

As a result of concerns that we heard from MLAs, as a result of concerns that we have received from people around the Territories, we have been conducting an analysis of what is actually happening here in those market communities. It has been very interesting what has happened. To draw some very stark comparisons as to how the situation has changed over the last few months, in June the price of unleaded gasoline in Yellowknife was five cents a litre higher than the national average; in November it was nine cents a litre higher than the national average; by January it was 17 cents a litre higher than the national average.

I guess the concern that you and we have is that very quickly, when world oil prices went up, the price at the pump went up, but when they came down the reverse did not happen. I think that is the concern that a lot of people have in the Northwest Territories. Our government has charged the Hon. Nellie Cournoyea as Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, and the Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell as Minister of Consumer Affairs, with the responsibility of, firstly, monitoring the situation and secondly, demanding from the suppliers in the North, and if necessary in the South, a written explanation of why the prices are what they are.

There is another aspect of this also. The federal government has a responsibility to maintain fair competitive levels across the Territories, and the federal Department of Consumer Affairs and the federal Bureau of Competition Policy have that responsibility. We will be asking the federal government to include major northern centres when they do their market surveys. With the results of the investigation that Ms. Cournoyea and Mrs. Marie-Jewell will undertake, if indeed the companies are not able to justify their price increases, we will provide that information to the federal Bureau of Competition Policy and ask that they conduct an investigation of the matter.

This is another area that I think this is a good forum to talk about because the public as consumers have a very important

role to play, and I think that the public has every right to demand explanations as to why the prices have gone up. Interestingly enough, and I just found this out from Ms. Cournoyea's department, any six Canadians who live in a particular market, for instance here in Yellowknife, can write to the Bureau of Competition Policy and ask for an investigation of prices. There is recourse for the public. I think the public pressure put on suppliers will have a big impact.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, the government is also very concerned. We think the concerns expressed by MLAs from this House are legitimate. We think that the statistics in front of us are stark and quite frightening and we will do everything in our power to ensure that consumers in the Northwest Territories are treated fairly. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O20-91(1): High Gasoline Prices In NWT

MR. POLLARD: Mr. Speaker, that is all very comforting but if these monitoring and market surveys show that there has been price gouging in the Northwest Territories, what will the Minister of Finance do then? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Further Return To Question O20-91(1): High Gasoline Prices In NWT

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I think I have just outlined some of the things that we will do. If indeed there has been price gouging we will make a complaint to the federal bureau. We will be dealing individually and collectively with the oil companies here in the Northwest Territories and in the South. We will be making information available to the public whereby the public will be able to also assert pressure on distributors here in the Northwest Territories who could well be charging more than they should be charging. Thank you.

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

Question O21-91(1): New Name For Northwest Territories

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, this being Friday I was thinking the last few days about compromises and what could be done to please everybody in the North, not just with the naming of a new territory in the West but all of the Northwest Territories. The Northwest Territories is kind of a good name but it is not really a name. I was thinking we should look for a name that is appealing and satisfactory to all of the North. This name that I am going to be proposing is something that is common to everybody; it has some cultural background; it has some tradition, and it has good practical use. Also it is about time the Government Leader called himself "premier". I think the name we should have is "Premier of Bannockland".

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So will the Government Leader welcome and accept his new name?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member, there was really no question with regard to that particular statement. It is too early in the session. I can appreciate a suggestion or a question of that particular type about four or five weeks into the Assembly. The honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Return To Question O21-91(1): New Name For Northwest Territories

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I rise as the "Premier designate of Bannockland". I would like to congratulate the Member for his very helpful suggestion. I think "bannock" is something that brings both the East and the West together in a very basic way. I welcome the thoughtful suggestion about the new names that are obviously going to be necessary in these times of constitutional change. I had always thought that "Northwest Territories" was an inadequate name and that really NWT actually stands for "Nunavut and the Western Territory", not Northwest Territories.

Mr. Speaker, I want to just tell the Member that I do think that "Denendeh" has a very good ring to it but I think that the Member, being an experienced politician, will acknowledge that he is going to have to also reach out to the various constituencies of Denendeh and something is going to have to be done to make the Inuvialuit feel that they belong. I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that some thought be given to giving that region a name that they can feel some ownership of. Perhaps I will suggest "New Cournoyealand".

Mr. Speaker, there are non-native residents of this fine capital city that will have to be accommodated as well. I would not, however, with the greatest of respect, I would not recommend "Lewistown", I think "Ballantown" would be better than that, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: I will just remind the honourable Minister that replies should be brief and as succinct as possible and relevant to the question asked and should not provoke debate.

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Oral questions. The honourable Member for Baffin Central.

Question O22-91(1): Assistance For Hunters In NWT

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources. We all know that there are a lot of hunters in the Northwest Territories and there are more aboriginal people in the North. They go hunting for food and they get fresh food because of their hard work as hunters. Nowadays the equipment that we use is very expensive; for example, skidoos, canoes and motors. I believe that they will get more expensive. Has the government or the Department of Renewable Resources given this any consideration? At the last session they were advised that they should have an assistance program for the hunters when the GST comes into effect.

Also, there are a lot of people who do not carve any more because carvings are not selling very well. Has this been considered so that the hunting can be ongoing, not just being assisted by Social Services? If one of the hunters were not able to go out hunting or cannot afford the equipment that he requires to go hunting, has this been given consideration, or have you considered some kind of assistance programs for the hunters? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return To Question O22-91(1): Assistance For Hunters In NWT

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you. I will make my response brief. The government has done a study as to how we can assist the hunters and we have established a committee to do the research on that. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: I will just remind the honourable Members that your preamble should be as short as possible, prior to the question. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Tu Nede.

Question O23-91(1): Compensation For Mr. Wilfred Giroux

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister responsible for Workers' Compensation Board. Madam Minister, last fall this House passed a motion for the government to assist Mr. Wilfred Giroux in obtaining a just settlement for his injury which occurred in 1959. Madam Minister, can you inform this House what has happened to date? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Slave River.

Return To Question O23-91(1): Compensation For Mr. Wilfred Giroux

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am currently awaiting a reply from the Department of Justice to see how we can address the issue of Mr. Giroux. Currently, I believe, we have some difficulties in accordance to the current legislation. Therefore, I have asked the Department of Justice to provide me with an opinion as to how we can address Mr. Giroux's issue as a cabinet and as soon as I receive that opinion I will advise the Member. Thank you.

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

Question O24-91(1): Time Frame For Compensation To Mr. Wilfred Giroux

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Madam Minister, how long is it going to take to get the opinion from the Department of Justice? Maybe the Minister of Justice could answer that. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Return To Question O24-91(1): Time Frame For Compensation To Mr. Wilfred Giroux

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. On the request from the Minister of Social Services I have made it a priority of the department so I will definitely -- there are a few tricky legal issues but I will definitely get an answer to the Member before we go on our break. I will get it as soon as possible.

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

Question O25-91(1): Qualifications Of Wildlife Biologist

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. We still have a concern about the caribou in the Queen Islands. Your wildlife biologist, Mike Ferguson -- where do they get their education? Do they get their education right in the field? I do not see them over there. How do they get their biology degrees? At what facilities or educational institutions do they go to school? Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O25-91(1): Qualifications Of Wildlife Biologist

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr.

Speaker. The biologists go to school at the southern universities and they get their degrees from them. Thank you.

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

Question O26-91(1): Expenditure Of Funds For Expo '92

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question will be directed to the Minister of Finance and is with regard to Expo '92. Mr. Speaker, could the Minister of Finance tell the House if this government has expended any funds from this year's appropriation for our participation in Expo '92?

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I could not tell the honourable Member right offhand but the Hon. Gordon Wray will be in front of the standing committee on finance next week and he will have a full explanation and any answers to any questions you may want to ask. I would not want to pre-empt the questions you are going to ask Mr. Wray. So I will take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member is taking the question as notice. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Baffin South.

Question O27-91(1): Sealskin Subsidies For Hunters

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources. It is with regard to the price of sealskins. You give some assistance to the people who sell their sealskins and they usually give those subsidies to the hunters at the end of the year, according to how much they sold. A year is too long for the hunters to get a subsidy from your program and I wonder if the Minister could arrange something so that the hunters can get their subsidies sooner than a year, instead of waiting for a whole year. Would it be possible to have it in the middle of the year?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O27-91(1): Sealskin Subsidies For Hunters

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will look into the subsidy for the hunters for the Member. I will let the Member know during this session. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Aivilik.

Question O28-91(1): Buying Of Furs By Hudson's Bay Company

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question again to the Minister of Renewable Resources. I have heard numerous times that the Hudson's Bay Company store will no longer be buying fur in the northern communities or in Canada. I see the Minister shaking his head. I do not really know what that implies, but I would like to ask the Minister whether this is true.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O28-91(1): Buying Of Furs By Hudson's Bay Company

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, my understanding is

that the Hudson's Bay retail store in the South is not going to sell their finished products any longer, but the Hudson's Bay auction house, which is separate from the Hudson's Bay retail store, is going to continue to purchase the raw furs from the NWT. Also, I understand that the Northern Stores in the NWT will continue to buy fur from the trappers.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Question O29-91(1): Meetings With Alberta Government Re Pulp Mill Development

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand that the Government Leader and the Minister responsible for Renewable Resources were in Alberta last Tuesday. I would like to ask the Government Leader what the purpose of this visit was, to deal with some concerns that have been expressed in this House about development of pulp mills in the northern part of Alberta. Maybe the Government Leader could explain to us what he was able to achieve when he went to Alberta on that issue.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Return To Question O29-91(1): Meetings With Alberta Government Re Pulp Mill Development

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I am not able to report on the results of that meeting because the matter must still be considered by the Alberta cabinet before we know what has been accomplished or not accomplished. I can tell the Member that the meeting represented yet another initiative in an attempt to deal with the complex issue of the impact of pulp mill construction in Alberta on the Northwest Territories.

Members will know that this government has taken action through the courts to pursue our environmental concerns. We have participated in the environmental review process that was undertaken on ALPAC, Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Incorporated. We have worked with officials to establish water monitoring programs and now, Mr. Speaker, we are pursuing the possibility of addressing some of our concerns about pulp mill effluent through the process of a transboundary water agreement. That was the subject of those meetings, but it would be premature now to say what the results were because the cabinet in Alberta is yet to reflect on our representations. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O29-91(1): Meetings With Alberta Government Re Pulp Mill Development

MR. LEWIS: I would like to ask the Government Leader then, at least, when he went to deal with the officials in Alberta, did he have a presentation that, since we are always told that there is nothing really to worry about here, that they commit that to writing and that there would be an agreement? Is that what he proposed to the Alberta government, that we sign a transboundary agreement?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Further Return To Question O29-91(1): Meetings With Alberta Government Re Pulp Mill Development

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the Member has, I think, summarized the gist of our challenge to the Government of Alberta, that in fact the Premier of Alberta, his Minister of Environment, in public statements and press releases, have assured the downstream users of the river systems affected by the ALPAC mill that in fact the water

quality will be satisfactory, and furthermore, that if the water quality is impaired by the impact of that mill, that the Government of Alberta intends to ensure that stringent regulations are placed so that the damaging effluent is eliminated.

So the essence of our presentation to the Government of Alberta was that since these representations have been made publicly, we would like to have the assurance that those commitments can be embodied in the form of a water management agreement.

Now, Mr. Speaker, we are specifically proposing that the transboundary water agreement would be between the NWT and Alberta, since we cannot necessarily wait for other jurisdictions to participate and for negotiations in other jurisdictions to conclude. And secondly, that it be an interim agreement to address pulp mill effluent alone. There are other subjects that can and should be covered eventually under transboundary water agreements, such as sewage and other pollutants, but we have said that our people's concern is pulp mill effluent; this is a priority, and we would like something in place well before that mill starts production. So that is the gist of the representations, as the Member has correctly deduced. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O29-91(1): Meetings With Alberta Government Re Pulp Mill Development

MR. LEWIS: When the two Ministers were in Alberta, did they in fact meet with people who had a mandate or who were at a level that could in fact sign such an agreement?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Further Return To Question O29-91(1): Meetings With Alberta Government Re Pulp Mill Development

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I can tell the Member that our government was represented at this meeting by myself and Mr. Kakfwi, the Minister of Renewable Resources being committed and delayed in the Keewatin due to weather that particular day. The Government of Alberta was represented by some fairly senior ministers, I would say – the acting premier on that day and the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Hon. Jim Horsman; the Minister of Environment, Mr. Klein; and the Minister of Energy, who is a member of the cabinet committee on environment, Mr. Orman. So there were three fairly senior Ministers and appropriate officials at that meeting, but they were going to have to consult their cabinet before making any commitments to us. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O29-91(1): Meetings With Alberta Government Re Pulp Mill Development

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This being Friday, I would not want you to judge this to be a hypothetical question, but I would like to ask the Minister that when this treaty is signed, would he suggest to the parties on the other side that every year after the signing of that treaty there be a water drinking ceremony on the banks of the Slave River so that Ministers of the Crown from both governments can partake of the waters so that the rest of us in the Northwest Territories can be assured that this treaty is a good treaty and that the water is, in fact, drinkable, even by politicians?

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

AN HON. MEMBER: A good question.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Further Return To Question O29-91(1): Meetings With Alberta Government Re Pulp Mill Development

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that is an excellent idea. I would think that the ceremony would be even more meaningful if it included the chairman of ajauqtit and the chairman of the standing committee on finance. Thank you.

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

Question O30-91(1): Legal Authority To Enforce Price Roll Back

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Finance. It deals with the gasoline issue again. Consumers in the Northwest Territories have very little choice as to where to go to purchase their gas. When they do complain about it they are brought up sharp by the companies, saying, "It is not our responsibility; it is the parent companies that are telling us what to do." Consumer and Corporate Affairs generally have the responsibility of monitoring the items such as this that we are speaking of. Does this Consumer and Corporate Affairs department in the NWT have any powers that can force these companies to roll back prices if they are found to be in violation of good pricing for products? Does Consumer and Corporate Affairs have any teeth?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Slave River.

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, because this is an area that refers to finances, I would like this question referred to and answered by the Minister of Finance.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Slave River, just prior to proceeding, it is very unusual to refer a matter that has been requested of one Minister dealing with that department with regard to the legal authority to another Minister. It would be of a different nature if the honourable Member was asking a question with regard to the finances, but the question asked was with regard to the legal authority of a department. The honourable Member for Slave River.

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

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

Question O31-91(1): Investigation Into Fire At RCMP Building, Yellowknife

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Justice. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday there was a fire at "G" Division of the detachment here which caused \$200,000 worth of damage. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not there is an internal investigation with regard to how the fire started, or is there going to be a report from the Fire Marshal as to how the fire started?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Return To Question O31-91(1): Investigation Into Fire At RCMP Building, Yellowknife

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: The estimated cost is very unofficial. The RCMP did not give out that particular estimate officially, so we are not sure that the figure of \$200,000 is the appropriate figure. I have asked the RCMP actually what happened, but any fire, whether it is at the RCMP building or anywhere else, falls under the normal process. There will be the normal investigations as to what caused the fire and in due course we will have those results. Thank you.

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

Question O32-91(1): Arson As Negotiating Strategy

MR. SIBBESTON: This being Friday, did the Minister set the fire himself because the police agreement negotiations were not going too well?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Return To Question O32-91(1): Arson As Negotiating Strategy

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, in my time as a Minister I have been in many negotiations, but I have made it my policy not to publicly discuss my negotiation strategy. Thank you.

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

Question O33-91(1): Purchase Of High Speed Patrol Boat

MR. WHITFORD: We have serious questions here. Mr. Speaker, I want to direct a question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. I would like to ask him, because I do not know and my constituents do not know, whether or not this government has purchased a fairly large boat, a 20 foot high speed patrol boat, that is able to attain speeds in excess of 50 knots. Did this government buy boats of that size and speed, and what for?

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

Return To Question O33-91(1): Purchase Of High Speed Patrol Boat

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, we have purchased a boat of that size and the money that was used to purchase this boat was approved in the last Legislative Assembly through the capital plan. The boat will be replacing the 22 foot boat in Yellowknife to monitor the sports fishing, which is to carry out an agreement that we have with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to monitor the sports fishermen on Great Slave Lake. The cost is estimated to be around \$36,000. Thank you.

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

Question O34-91(1): Follow-Up Action On Meeting Concerning Fort Simpson Hospital

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, a question for the Minister of Health. I commend the Minister for coming to Fort Simpson

in December to deal with the problems surrounding the hospital, and I would just like to ask the Minister, in dealing with the problems that were pointed out to her, when can we see results? It has been a couple of months and I do not see any real evidence of decisions or actions that the Minister has taken. When can we see results?

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

Return To Question O34-91(1): Follow-Up Action On Meeting Concerning Fort Simpson Hospital

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, on the issue of the meeting in Fort Simpson regarding two health issues in general, just to give an update on the activities that have resulted from that visit, as requested by the honourable Members. Letters have been sent to the village council, the Dene council, the hospital and the public health unit staff outlining those major areas of concern raised at the meetings and the proposed follow-up action by the Department of Health and/or the Mackenzie Regional Health Services.

The interpreter position has been created for the Fort Simpson Hospital. The job description has been developed and classified and the position will be advertised the week of February 18th and it will be staffed within the next few weeks. The incumbent will have the opportunity to take a two week medical interpreter course in March. The written information regarding the benefits available to Metis and native people under the Northwest Territories Health Care Plan, the provisions of the Indian Health Policy and other supplementary health plans have been sent to the Dene council as requested and information on several other issues has also been provided.

The Mackenzie Regional Health Services has requested the band council, the village council and the Metis Association of the Northwest Territories to name a representative to a small health committee for the community. To date there have not been any responses from these groups. However, we are assured that they will be coming forth shortly and we will be acting accordingly once they have brought the names forward.

The cultural training for the hospital and the public health unit staff will be initiated when the interpreter position is staffed, immediately after, so that the person can take part.

The tender for the incinerator closes on February 15 of this year and this unit should be installed within six to eight weeks.

A number of items were outstanding. Work is now near completion on the installation of the direct telephone lines for patients arriving at the Yellowknife airport, which was found to be a concern to the people travelling to the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital.

The Mackenzie Regional Health Services is exploring the possibility of obtaining and serving country foods at the Fort Simpson Hospital. This was also an area where there seems to have been a void during the meeting.

The Department of Health has not yet reported back to the village council about the provisions of ambulance services and the vacant position on the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital Board; that is yet to be done. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O34-91(1): Follow-Up Action On Meeting Concerning Fort Simpson Hospital

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I thank the Minister for her very good work and prompt response. I was asked by a constituent yesterday about the doctor and I appreciate that the department and the Minister have made some arrangements with a doctor to serve Simpson, but as of the last few days there has not been a doctor in Simpson so I was asked by a constituent to check on that. When is the doctor to arrive in Simpson and begin serving the people there?

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

Further Return To Question O34-91(1): Follow-Up Action On Meeting Concerning Fort Simpson Hospital

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I do not know the exact date. However, we have someone that will be going to Fort Simpson and in the meantime we have made arrangements for a doctor to be there and we were filling that position. I will check to see why we have had a vacant time here and then I will proceed to get the exact date that the doctor that has been hired will be starting and placing himself in Fort Simpson. Thank you.

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

Question O35-91(1): Missing Transcript In Department Of Justice

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Justice. Mr. Speaker, I sought legal advice before I asked this question and it is with regard to a case which is no longer active in the justice system. The case is with regard to some missing files in which a gentleman in this community assaulted his daughter. The gentleman is not an aboriginal person. The case is no longer active because they could not find files to prosecute this gentleman. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not any further action is going to be taken to ensure that the person who is accused would stand trial for the alleged offenses.

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

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. It is a very sensitive issue and I hesitate to answer you without the proper preparation; so I will take the question as notice and prepare a proper response to the honourable Member. Thank you.

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

Question O36-91(1): Health Hazard Of Tailings Pond In Rankin Inlet

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct this question to the Minister of Health. It is with regard to the tailings pond in Rankin Inlet. As the Minister knows, this is a proposed subdivision to build buildings in Rankin Inlet. Could the Minister confirm that the tailings pond area from the North Rankin Inlet Mine is considered a waste disposal ground and is a health hazard because it is highly contaminated? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I had anticipated that question and I asked to have a more thorough update on exactly where we stand on that particular issue, mainly because there are several departments in the government that have different responsibilities in the area. We are preparing a response and I would like to take the question as notice and perhaps provide a response on Monday. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The Member is taking the question as notice. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Tu Nede.

Question O37-91(1): Native Employment Within Government

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Personnel. Mr. Minister, you have had that portfolio for just about a year now, so could you tell the Members of the House what initiatives you have taken as Minister of Personnel to increase the percentage of aboriginal employment in government?

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

Return To Question O37-91(1): Native Employment Within Government

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, one of the actions that we have taken in Personnel since I have taken over, even before my time, was to try to find a way to make sure that the native people that apply for jobs get a fair consideration in the process. Not only these people but everyone else that applies as well. We are presently looking at ways in which we can cut down the turnover rate in government by native people. We are trying to find ways to, with other departments, encourage and foster native people who get into the government to stay. Presently there is no overall plan or support system for keeping native people within the civil service.

We know that years ago many, many native people used to say, and I think it is still the allegation, that when they are no longer wanted or desired within the civil service that there are ways to discourage them and they often quit and walk away from their jobs. There are a number of reasons for this. We are looking at ways in which we can minimize that. The percentage of native people in government has increased. The Member said that it was not acceptable to him, the last time around, but the percentage of native people within government has increased since the last time we reported. I do not have that percentage offhand but I can get it later.

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

Supplementary To Question O37-91(1): Native Employment Within Government

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary. Mr. Minister, I realize that the goal for the government is supposed to be 51 per cent aboriginal employment in government services. Is there any plan or time frame or are there any goals that departments have to meet so that the government as a whole can meet that percentage of 51 per cent? Thank you.

Further Return To Question O37-91(1): Native Employment Within Government

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Part of the exercise that goes on in government is trying to find ways in which we can advise departments on how they can increase and maintain the number of aboriginal affirmative action employees that come on stream, not only to get them into the system and into the government, but to keep them there, and as well, finding ways in which to give employees opportunities to move along in the system so that we do not take over just the secretarial level and clerk levels of government, but more importantly, to move into the senior management positions. There, I think, we are starting to develop a clear picture of what some of the problems are. Namely, it is of all the people between, say, the ages of 20 and 60, that are able to work, who are of Dene ancestry, in the North. Of that number there is just a very small percentage that has got even a grade 12. Of those people who do have it -- there is an incredible demand on the services of these people, in the private sector, within native organizations. So what we can actually attract -- they are not sitting by the riverbank on a bench waiting for jobs to come along. These people are in high demand and they are already engaged in their own initiatives, they are engaged in their own businesses, they are engaged in jobs with the private sector, they already have their own plans on how they are going to spend their time. We look at that and probably our feeling would be to try to focus more time on the people we have already in the system and try to find ways in which to pump them with their career development.

There are some figures which I can give. Since the native employment policy was implemented in 1986, there were only 1136 native people employed in the government, which represented just under 30 per cent of the entire organization. When the native employment policy was replaced by the affirmative action policy in 1989, the number of native people climbed to 1412, which represented 31.7 per cent of the organization. These additional 285 employees represented an increase of 75 per cent since the policy was implemented. I do not play a numbers game but it all depends on how we want to explain it.

The number of native people employed by the government has since increased to 1759, which represents about 33.3 per cent of the total employee population. This does not include the employees of health boards.

So since the native employment policy was implemented in 1986, the number of native people employed by government has increased by 54 per cent or has increased in actual numbers by 623 people. So there are some good things happening, but aside from the numbers, we have got to get away from just the percentages themselves. For me it is the way we deal with people once we get them that we need to do the work on because, as you say, we get them in and we forget about them. I think that is where the area of work has to be addressed. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O37-91(1): Native Employment Within Government

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary, Mr. Minister. I think it was last year that the past Minister had provided us with a percentage of each department that had native people employed in that department. What I am

wondering is if you can provide us with those figures and also provide us with what initiatives each department is taking to meet the 51 per cent goal of native employment. Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O37-91(1): Native Employment Within Government

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Yes, I will provide the Member with that information.

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

Question O38-91(1): Mackenzie Regional Health Board

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Health. Why is the Minister always referring to the Mackenzie regional health board when that particular board is non-existent? I would like to know why.

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

Return To Question O38-91(1): Mackenzie Regional Health Board

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I think about 90 per cent of the time I call it the "Mackenzie Regional Health Services". Sometimes I slip and say the "board" because I know we anticipate having a board structure in that area. So it really should be the Mackenzie Regional Health Services. My apologies.

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

Supplementary To Question O38-91(1): Mackenzie Regional Health Board

MR. ZOE: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Minister indicated that eventually there is going to be the creation of a board. When is the government anticipating that this board will be in place?

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

Further Return To Question O38-91(1): Mackenzie Regional Health Board

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say that we finally got names from all the communities recommending a person to sit on a board structure in the Mackenzie services area. We are just trying to set up a date right now which is appropriate to them. When that will take place -- maybe during the break, but it is just a matter of naming a place and a time that is appropriate to the number of people that will be coming in.

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

MR. ZOE: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Before I ask my supplementary, I think Members want to extend question period.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, can I seek unanimous consent to extend question period?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre is seeking unanimous consent to extend question period. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Question period will be extended.

Oral questions. The honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre.

Supplementary To Question O38-91(1): Mackenzie Regional Health Board

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Supplementary to the Minister of Health. Could the Minister of Health provide the House with the make-up of the board, how big the board is going to be, and all the information pertaining to how the structure is going to be? Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O38-91(1): Mackenzie Regional Health Board

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, as the Member is aware, when the health responsibilities were turned over there was funding for one board in the total area of the Mackenzie region. We will be talking to the people who will be coming to the first meeting and we will be proposing to them that there will be one administration for all the communities that will be represented and that each of the three areas set themselves up in a regional working relationship, whatever areas they think they work better in. We will be proposing some options on how we can do that. Even though we will only be funding one administration to service the three areas, we would propose to them that perhaps once or twice a year they come together as one broad entity to discuss some issues. However, we will be proposing that the intermediate meetings may be held in a way where the area gets together to discuss their own distinct concerns. So whether that will be acceptable or not, I am prepared to put that option on the table. However, at this point in time we are not in the position, financially, to create administration support for each area within that region.

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

Question O39-91(1): Recognition For Louie Oksokittok

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Government Leader. When we ask questions we do not get the appropriate responses and it is not very satisfying. I hope you will be able to respond. Around 1950 in the summertime in Repulse Bay a hunter by the name of Louie Oksokittok saved Yvo Airut, who was almost drowned, and the Government Leader knows that he is well and alive. My question is...(Translation ends)...have this near tragic incident investigated and consider providing Mr. Oksokittok with an appropriate citation in recognition of his heroic deed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return To Question O39-91(1): Recognition For Louie Oksokittok

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member for Deh Cho.

Question O40-91(1): Funding For Restoration Of Fort Providence Church

MR. GARGAN: (Translation) Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. When the Government Leader was in Fort Providence he went to the church and saw how badly damaged it was. I wanted to tell him that it was a good thing he went over. I want something done with it. The senior citizens who are responsible for the church had sent a letter to the Government Leader and I want to know if he has responded to that. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O40-91(1): Funding For Restoration Of Fort Providence Church

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have received a letter from the Government Leader following his visit to Fort Providence and I have asked my department to put together some sort of financial report so that I could ask the government for the appropriate funds for the restoration of the church. Thank you.

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

Question O41-91(1): Repairs To Fort Providence Senior Citizens Home

MR. GARGAN: (Translation) Mahsi, Mr. Speaker. He also visited the senior citizens home, and I wanted that to be repaired. I wonder if he asked the responsible Minister about this.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Inuvik.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, the matter referred to by the honourable Member was addressed to me before Christmas. I believe I answered him, and I am going to have to re-examine the files to see what was said, but I know an answer was developed. I will check it out and take the question as notice, sir.

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

Question O42-91(1): Ministerial Visit To Natilikmiot

MR. NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. During the fall session I asked him if he could visit my constituency and to date he has not visited my constituency, and I would like to find out as to exactly what dates he will be visiting the Natilikmiot region. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return To Question O42-91(1): Ministerial Visit To Natilikmiot

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had plans to visit his constituency during the fall but I did not have time, but as soon as I am able to visit the Natilikmiot constituency -- I do not have any set dates but I will be talking to the Member during this session. Thank you.

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

Question O43-91(1): Condition Of High School, Pangnirtung

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Minister of Education. Is he aware that our high school in Pangnirtung is quite old and has he been advised that it is getting very old? Have you been advised of that?

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

Return To Question O43-91(1): Condition Of High School, Pangnirtung

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, one of the things that the Department of Public Works does for us every year is appraise the conditions of all the schools we have across the NWT. In the records it is noted the year in which these facilities were built, when renovations were done, when additions were added on, if any, right down to the last paint job. In response to the Member, we are aware of the physical condition of the school. Also there is an excellent high school program that has been implemented in recent years. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O43-91(1): Condition Of High School, Pangnirtung

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker, a supplementary. That school was built in 1964 and at that time the standards for electrical wiring were lower than now, and I think at this time that building is quite dangerous, especially with respect to the report from the Fire Marshal. I wonder if there are any plans to make renovations before the Fire Marshal closes the building down. Thank you.

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

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

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

Question O44-91(1): Return Of Bodies From Copenhagen To Repulse Bay

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Culture and Communications with regard to the bodies that were taken at Repulse Bay. I have mentioned this quite a few times and I say they were stolen by the people from Copenhagen in 1922 or 1924. What is the Government of the NWT doing with regard to returning those bodies to Repulse Bay? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return To Question O44-91(1): Return Of Bodies From Copenhagen To Repulse Bay

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have spoken with the Danish representative but we have not started the negotiations yet. The response we have had so far has been positive, but at this time we do not have a solid plan as to exactly what avenue we will go

through in order to obtain the human bones. I have requested funding for that purpose but up to now I have not received any funding for that. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O44-91(1): Return Of Bodies From Copenhagen To Repulse Bay

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker, a brief supplementary. If those bones were to be returned, are the people from Repulse Bay prepared for that? Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O44-91(1): Return Of Bodies From Copenhagen To Repulse Bay

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once we know the remains will be returned to Canada we will consult with the community as to what should be done. At this time we need to do more research on repatriation regulations and possibly the legislation before we commence negotiations with Danish authorities. Thank you.

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

Question O45-91(1): Polar Bear Quota, Pelly Bay

MR. NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources. As you are aware, in Pelly Bay the polar bears go to the community in autumn. There has been an accident when a polar bear came into the community out of season. In Pelly Bay their quota is 10, but what if there is a nuisance bear in the community and they were not allowed to shoot it? I wonder if there could be an additional quota added because of that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return To Question O45-91(1): Polar Bear Quota, Pelly Bay

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you know, the department is holding polar bear management consultation meetings. I would hope that the new regulations will allow community hunters and trappers associations to establish seasons for harvesting polar bears in each community. As you know, throughout the NWT the opening date varies amongst communities depending on our agreements. Opening dates are October 1st and 15th; November 1st and 15th; December 15th and January 1st; but the closing date for all communities is May 31st. In order to have proper polar bear management plans I am hoping to visit all communities that harvest polar bears. So far I have toured the Baffin Region and I am hoping to tour Keewatin, Kitikmeot and Inuvik Regions.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, we have international agreements regarding polar bears with countries like the USSR, Sweden and the United States. In Canada there is a polar bear management committee and they provide advice on polar bear management. There are 610 quotas in the NWT. Part of the discussion on the polar bear management plan will involve a review of each community quota. We hope that they will be ready for the year 1992. We will not be able to give out more than 15 quotas in the community at this time.

We have an agreement with the USSR, Sweden, the United States and Greenland regarding polar bear regulations and there were meetings held regarding this matter. In Canada there is a polar bear management committee responsible for the polar bear regulations. There are 610 quotas in our policy and we are in the process of going through our policy right now to review it so that they will be ready for the year 1992. We will not be able to give out more than 15 quotas in that community but we are in the process of working on that right now.

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

Supplementary To Question O45-91(1): Polar Bear Quota, Pelly Bay

MR. NINGARK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Minister, you were saying some of the communities' polar bear seasons open earlier. We would like the polar bear season to be opened earlier in the community of Pelly Bay. Could something be done with that? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Further Return To Question O45-91(1): Polar Bear Quota, Pelly Bay

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In all of the communities in the Northwest Territories the polar bear season opens on October 1st. If the communities were trying to hunt for polar bears before October 1st we would have to meet with the committee in that community. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions.

Item 6, written questions. Written questions.

Item 7, returns to written questions. 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 Baffin Central.

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Mr. Speaker, I would like to go back to Item 9, petitions.

MR. SPEAKER: The Member is seeking unanimous consent to return to Item 9. Are there any nays? Are there any nays? There are no nays. Proceed.

ITEM 9: PETITIONS

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is Petition 1-91(1), with regard to the question that I asked the Minister previously. The school was built in 1964 in Pangnirtung and the inside needs some renovations and there are probably some safety violations inside the school. It is very dangerous for the students because it is in a very old condition. When it is about minus 30 or minus 28 Celsius it is very cold inside that school. The people of Pangnirtung request, as soon as possible, for a new school to be built. Perhaps if you could have a school built in 1993-94 or as soon as it could be built. They request the government, through a petition, to build the school in Pangnirtung as soon as possible. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Item 10, reports of standing and special committees. Item 11, tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Aivilik.

ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two matters to bring up. Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 6-91(1), a document regarding the health of elders in Repulse Bay. The elders in the community of Repulse Bay are not helped enough. They have a hard time speaking with the nurse in the community. John Tinashlu wrote to me regarding this matter. Also they do not have the proper interpreters.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 7-91(1), a document regarding the hunters and trappers association in Repulse Bay. In Repulse Bay the HTA funding is too small and they do not get enough funding. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for High Arctic.

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two documents to table. Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 8-91(1), a document regarding a motion from the Baffin Regional Council regarding the biologist doing the study on the caribou. They would like, as soon as possible, for those biologists to be brought to the Baffin Region because they would like to talk with the biologists as a hamlet council before a study on caribou is done.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 9-91(1), a document from the Baffin Regional Inuit Association, resolution number 90-07. It is with regard to different Inuit customs that should be studied. This is a concern of the Baffin Region Inuit Association. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. I wish to inform the House that in accordance with section 30 of the Northwest Territories Act, I wish to table Tabled Document 10-91(1), the Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories on Other Matters for the Year Ended March 31, 1990.

Item 12, notices of motion. Notices of motion. Item 13, notices of motion for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 8: An Act To Repeal The Bulk Sales Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, February 19, 1991, I will move that Bill 8, An Act to Repeal the Bulk Sales Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 9: An Act To Amend The Financial Administration Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, February 19, 1991, I will move that Bill 9, An Act to Amend the Financial Administration Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 11: Revolving Funds Act, No. 1

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Tuesday, February 19, 1991, I will move that Bill 11, An Act to Amend the Revolving Funds Act, No. 1, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 12: Write-Off Of Assets And Debts Act, 1991

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the last one I will give notice of. I give notice that on Tuesday, February 19, 1991, I shall move that Bill 12, Write-off of Assets and Debts Act, 1991, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motion for first reading of bills. Item 14, motions. The honourable Member for Nahendeh.

ITEM 14: MOTIONS

Motion 1-91(1), Naming Of New Western Territory, Withdrawn

MR. SIBBESTON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to withdraw my motion.

MR. SPEAKER: I require the approval of the seconder to withdraw the motion. Order please. The honourable Member for Tu Nede, the mover of Motion 1-91(1) has requested withdrawal of the motion. Are you in favour of the withdrawal of that motion?

MR. MORIN: Agreed, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. The seconder has given approval.

Item 15, first reading of bills.

Item 16, second reading of bills. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Committee Report 1-91(1), with Mr. Zoe in the chair.

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

CR 1-91(1), Fifth Report Of The Standing Committee On Rules, Procedures And Privileges

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): The committee will come to order. We are dealing with Committee Report 1-91(1), the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges. Member for Pine Point, chairman of the standing committee on rules, procedures and privileges, do you have any comments on your report?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The standing committee spent quite a bit of time briefing Members in caucus and discussing this item with the Members and the alternates of the standing committee itself. As well, I believe the Executive Council has had some consideration of the general item and are quite aware of what the intent of this is.

To give information to the Members and to the general public, there are already officials in different departments of government who will be involved with this legislation and will be having some of the necessary background meetings to

initiate legislation.

Our recommendations are very general on purpose. They are not specific.

MR. WHITFORD: Point of order.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Member for Yellowknife South, your point of order.

MR. WHITFORD: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do not recognize a quorum. There is nobody in here.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Could the Clerk ring the bell? The committee will come back to order. Member for Pine Point, would you continue?

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In general, as I said, the recommendations we are making here are general. We have purposely kept from getting specific and that will give the Members of the Management and Services Board and Members of the Executive Council the opportunity to put the details into legislation and all Members will be able to debate the details. That would be the limit of my opening remarks on this. After Members have finished opening remarks, I would be pleased to proceed directly with the recommendations then.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. General comments. Are there any general comments? The Member for Iqaluit.

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to make a few general comments. I want to say that the government supports the initiative of the committee and indeed of all Members in wanting to review and update our conflict of interest legislation. I have asked senior people in our government, including representatives of the Department of Justice and the Department of Executive, to work with servants of this Legislature, including the Law Clerk and the other members of the Clerk's staff, to come up, together, with appropriate updated legislation which I think we all acknowledge should be in place for the next Legislature and should reflect developments in other Legislatures in the country which have paid great attention to this issue, and from whose work we can save time and can profit.

I just to want to generally indicate, Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the government that we welcome this committee's report and the initiative and we are going to be working co-operatively to develop updated legislation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. General comments. Are there any further general comments on the fiscal report of the standing committee on rules, privileges and procedures? The Member for Pine Point.

Motion That New Conflict Of Interest Guidelines Be Drafted

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will proceed with the general motion on page three. In support of the recommendation I will move that new conflict of interest legislation be drafted and brought to the House for consideration prior to dissolution of the 11th Assembly.

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

MR. McLAUGHLIN: There is one thing, Mr. Chairman, that I said I would make a comment on in the committee just to make sure that it was clear. The reason for wanting the legislation brought into place before dissolution, and hopefully approved, is that way all people who are interested in being

candidates in the next general election will know exactly what obligations they will have, to the office and to the general public. Hopefully, legislation will be in place for candidates to see what their obligations will be as Members of the House.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. To the motion. The Member for Yellowknife Centre.

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The motion is a good motion but there are all kinds of practical problems if we want to get such legislation drafted and passed by our Assembly so they will achieve the purposes that the Member wants. It would be possible to draft something and get public input and do all of the things that we normally do, but that would only be the case if this were not the final session of the 11th Assembly. If there was going to be one other session in the fall, then maybe that could be achieved by that time. But to try to get this piece of legislation done now, we would be accused of doing something with unseemly haste and also I believe it would be done in such a way that the standing committee on legislation could not handle it. We have a precedent that all legislation is, in fact, given to the committee, I believe, six weeks before the beginning of a session. If that is the case, then it would be impossible, under our current set of arrangements, to get this legislation in place so that candidates for the next election would know exactly what the rules and what the law is.

Although I very much approve of getting this in place, given the fact that this is possibly our last sitting, our last session, it just cannot happen. For that reason I see a real problem unless we agree to have a special session sometime later when this can have full public airing so the public will have knowledge of it, candidates will have knowledge of it and so on. I see that as a problem with this motion, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mahsi cho. To the motion. The Member for Pine Point.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In response to that, the committee realizes that there are practical obstacles that may prove to get in the way of this and may, even in the worst case scenario, prevent the legislation from being in place. But we have taken some efforts to get things rolling in a manner that this can happen. The staff of the committee and the staff from the Departments of Justice and Executive are aware of the initiative and have been made aware of what content is desired in the legislation. So some work has been going on behind the scenes in such a manner as to expedite this. It has been the practice of the standing committee on legislation in the past Assemblies and in past circumstances that when the will of the majority of the Members is that they want something done, then they will usually accommodate such proposals. What we are hopeful of is, if the government is able to put the legislation in place while this Assembly is still sitting, that we would then ask the standing committee on legislation to accommodate, basically, the will of the House in this case. That is usually what happens but I do admit that there is a possibility that in the political world things could happen which would prevent this from happening but basically the intent is to give instructions to the government to prepare the legislation and hope that we can achieve this objective.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

Motion That New Conflict Of Interest Guidelines Be Drafted, Carried

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): The Chair does not recognize a quorum. Mr. Clerk, would you ring the bell for the question?

The Chair recognizes a quorum. Question is being called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Member for Pine Point.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chairman, in reading the report yesterday I pointed out that Members of the Assembly have been surveyed after they had been briefed on all the issues related to this, and there were four main elements that basically the committee thought should form the foundation of this legislation and that were overwhelmingly agreed to also by the responses that we received from the Members who were surveyed on this matter.

Motion To Include Further Items In Legislation, Carried

Therefore, I would like to move the more specific recommendations, which are on pages four and five of the report, in which the committee basically recommends that the following elements be considered for inclusion in the new legislation: 1) that Members, and to a lesser degree their spouses, be required to disclose their personal holdings to a registrar; 2) that a complete list of prohibited activities and appointments be included; 3) that conflict of interest provisions for Executive Members currently contained in the Executive policy be included in the new legislation where appropriate; 4) that an independent integrity body be established to investigate initial complaints of conflict of interest against Members of the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you, your motion is in order. To the motion.

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Question is being called. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is carried. Member for Pine Point.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee has no further motions with regard to this. We would like to make a point of thanking all of the Members of the Assembly who participated in the question and answer part of this process and the briefings they were involved in, and the good points they made about specific problems such legislation should address. In particular, we would like to thank the staff of the committee and particularly the Law Clerk, Sheila MacPherson, who was our valentine in our speech yesterday and is the Law Clerk today -- to thank her for the hard work she did on pretty short notice to gather information and do a very capable briefing of the committee Members as well as the full caucus Members who were interested. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

---Applause

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Does the committee agree that the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges is now concluded?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. The committee at this point does not have any other considerations to be undertaken, so the Chair 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 CR 1-91(1), the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges, and wishes to report that CR 1-91(1) is now concluded, with two motions being adopted. Thank you. Your committee now wishes to report progress.

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

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, meetings for Monday morning, February 18, 1991: at 9:00 a.m., ajuuqtit and 10:00 a.m., the standing committee on legislation.

ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Monday, February 18th.

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19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
20. Report of Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Monday, February 18th, 1991.

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