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YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1991

MEMBERS PRESENT

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ITEM 1: PRAYER

---Prayer

SPEAKER (Mr. Richard Nerysoo): Orders of the day for Wednesday, March 13, 1991. Item 2, Ministers' statements. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

ITEM 2: MINISTERS' STATEMENTS

Ministers' Statement 36-91(1): Gitksan Case From British Columbia

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, Members of this Assembly are aware of the recent decision from the Supreme Court of British Columbia concerning aboriginal rights of the Gitksan and Wet'Suwet'en people. At the appropriate time today I will be tabling copies of a summary of the findings and conclusions in that case, which is an excerpt from the decision of Mr. Justice McEachern. The decision has been published in book form and is 394 pages long.

We just received a copy of the full decision Monday, March 11, and my officials are still reviewing it. To my knowledge, no announcement has yet been made as to whether the decision will be appealed. The first level of appeal would be to the Court of Appeal of British Columbia. From there an appeal could be taken to the Supreme Court of Canada.

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

Ministers' Statement 37-91(1): Electoral Boundaries References

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform the House that I have formally given notice to the Court of Appeal of Alberta that the Government of the Northwest Territories wishes to intervene in the electoral boundaries case referred to that court by the Alberta government. Counsel from my department attended before the court in Edmonton last Friday to address preliminary and procedural matters. Written briefs and the hearing will take place in the coming months.

Following the launching of two separate court challenges to the Alberta Electoral District Boundaries Legislation, the Alberta government made a constitutional reference to their Court of Appeal to determine the validity of their legislation, and notice of the challenge was given to me along with the Attorney Generals of the provinces.

As Members know, a court challenge to our own electoral boundaries legislation was made on behalf of four territorial residents prior to the implementation of our Electoral District Boundaries Commission report in the fall session. That challenge is still being pursued through the procedural steps in anticipation of a hearing before our Supreme Court.

The Alberta reference raises Charter of Rights issues similar to those which will be argued in our court, particularly in relation

to the right to vote and permissible variances from equal population standards in ridings. I believe it is important for us to intervene in the Alberta Court of Appeal proceeding to ensure that its decision does not have an adverse impact on the positions and arguments we will be making in our own court. I remind the House that the judges of the Alberta Court of Appeal also serve on our Court of Appeal, which is the court which would hear any appeal from a decision of our Supreme Court.

Mr. Speaker, Members will also be aware of last week's decision of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal in another electoral boundaries case. The court included Mr. Justice Calvin Tallis, the chairman of our Electoral District Boundaries Commission. The Saskatchewan Court of Appeal held that the boundaries of the constituencies in southern Saskatchewan were invalidly drawn, while at the same time upholding the population variances in certain northern ridings. That case was too far advanced for us to consider intervening in a timely way last fall when we were involved in the court challenge to our legislation and were involved in the boundaries debates in this Assembly.

However, the Government of Saskatchewan will take its case to the Supreme Court of Canada, and we must give serious consideration to intervening in the case at that court level, given the impact a decision of Canada's highest court could have on electoral boundaries and the Charter of Rights and also given the significant considerations which were taken into account in drawing the electoral district boundaries in the Northwest Territories.

I intend to preserve our right to be heard in that case by filing the necessary notices in due course, and I will keep the House advised of any developments.

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

ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Education And The New Generation

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I would like to share some of my thoughts with you about education. When I and other people of my generation were going to school in the 1950s and 1960s, we were educated to prepare us for social change. We were taught to do arithmetic and to read and write English. I received a good education from my teachers at the federal day school in Chesterfield Inlet, at Sir John Franklin School here, as well as the Churchill Vocational Centre. Both the teachers and students were strongly committed to education, and we learned endurance and discipline. They taught me well, and we were the first generation who experienced the best of both worlds.

But times have changed drastically since then. Today our young people must be prepared for a different kind of world. They must learn about modern technology and how to prepare for economic opportunities now and in the future. We must

use what we have at the community level and teach them how to commit themselves with the same kind of discipline and endurance we learned. At the same time we have to teach them how to be successful and compete in the business world. Our education prepared us for changing social conditions. These young people must be prepared for changing economic conditions.

Mr. Speaker, I find that children are eager and determined to learn. We adults must teach them with the same eagerness and determination. Education and economic development go hand in hand. We cannot have one without the other. Our young people are depending on us to teach them the skills that will enable them to succeed in this changing society. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement On The Homeless

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I would like to make a statement about something that is not new. We see many homeless people every day everywhere in the North. They are living day to day worrying about where they might find a place the next day.

We have many homeless people, not just here in Yellowknife but also in other communities. We never hear it talked about in the House and we have not talked about it as Members. I feel very much for the homeless people. You can say that they are worried about whether they will eat or find a place to sleep for the night and where they can go for shelter. They are people just like us. We walk with them, and they breathe the same air we breathe.

Mr. Speaker, we have to do something to help these homeless people. Today we have to think about what we can do for the people who are trying to help those without homes. I know they do not want much. Let us think about what we can do to help our homeless people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

---Applause

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

Member's Statement On Q Numbers For Qallunaq

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A long time ago, Mr. Speaker, it was the custom to give Inuit a number. It was just a little disc that you wore around your neck and it had a number which related to the region that you lived in. Where I lived, it was an E7 number, and everybody had their own numbers. One of the brilliant ideas that has come out from the riding of Iqaluit -- and I know, Mr. Speaker, we do not tend to praise all the things that go on in other Members' constituencies -- but there has been a project whereby any Qallunaq who would like to buy one can get a Q number. This Q number is available in order to help raise money for senior citizens. If you are a Qallunaq that now lives in the Northwest Territories and you want to get your own little disc, then you can pay \$10 to the group that is trying to raise this money and they not only will give you a little disc to put around your neck, but they will give you a little certificate to put on your wall to show you that you are a Kabloona, that you are in good standing and you are entitled to wear this disc.

The person that is spearheading this is Mr. Abe Okpik. He can be reached at Tuvvik-BRADIC in Iqaluit and his number is (819) 979-4411. I have been waiting for the Government Leader to wear one of these tags to show a good example for

the rest of us because he is a Kabloona and lives in Iqaluit. As soon as he wears his, then I am sure the rest of us will follow suit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Member's Statement On Economic Development In Natilikmiot

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Economic development, in my opinion, is one of the most important departments within our government. It is something that we as Inuit can relate to. We appreciate the fact that the department is trying to make life a little bit more economical and meaningful for us. I think the economic development agreement addresses the need very well on paper. I hope, Mr. Speaker, that together with the departmental officials at the headquarters level, regional level and community level, we can implement the needs for the have-not communities. For instance, places like Pelly Bay, Spence Bay, Gjoa Haven, these are the communities where the Department of Economic Development has not done enough. Communities like Pelly Bay, Spence Bay and Gjoa Haven are unique when it comes to the economic development process. We must look seriously at the need to have our own economic development officer in each of the communities. Mr. Speaker, I want a piece of that pie and a piece of action now. A piece of bread and butter are not enough for us today. Thank you.

---Applause

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

Member's Statement On Environmental Impacts Of Hydro Projects

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have spoken a number of times in the past on alternate energies; I have spoken particularly about hydro. In the western part of the NWT we do have, in the NWT, the only hydro stations that produce electricity for use here. We do not have as much of a demand any more, since Pine Point closed, but the Taltson River system is still in operation. I was fortunate to be in that area when that place was being built. It is not a very big project when you take a look at hydro projects like James Bay.

Two years ago or a year and a half ago I had the opportunity to fly over the La Grande project and when you see the size of that project -- it is probably the largest hydro project in the world. What they are doing now is proposing to double that.

Mr. Speaker, why I rise today to speak on this issue is that there are concerns that the environmental impact of a project of that size is going to be devastating for the NWT, for the Hudson Bay area, and heaven knows what else, for several reasons. It is going to narrow off several rivers into one. It is going to set much of the territory that is used for reservoirs for this project; it is going to flood areas that never have been flooded since pre-history; it is going to cause unknown environmental damage, conditions now that are only now being observed as part of the existing La Grande system. The rock contains heavy metals that are leached out into the water. We are going to have storage of water that should go into Hudson Bay and not be blocked off for the periods of time at the time of the year that it is.

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

Member's Statement On Impact Of James Bay II Project On Wildlife

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a very big concern regarding the Hudson Bay. The Hudson Bay water is the same as the Hudson Strait and my concern is regarding the water mammals. They will be destroyed by this hydro project. Perhaps after this project the sea animals will be destroyed, not only in Hudson Bay but also the Baffin area. This project is a concern to me when it comes to wildlife because a lot of us depend on the sea mammals. Also, the land animals will be destroyed by this project as well. It was terrible when the caribou were drowned from the first project that was built. There are going to be a lot of problems, so I will try to stop this project from going ahead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

ITEM 4: RETURNS TO ORAL QUESTIONS

Further Return To Question O244-91(1): Commercial Flights Into Arctic Airports

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a return to a question asked by Mr. Pedersen on March 6th, with regard to Coppermine and Holman airport facilities. On Wednesday, March 6, the Member for Kitikmeot West asked me to look into the possibility that a factor in NWT Air's decision to withdraw its scheduled services to Coppermine and Holman was the quality of the airports. On March 12, the Member again expressed his disappointment with NWT Air's decision to withdraw its scheduled services.

NWT Air submitted two reasons to the National Transportation Agency for discontinuing service to Coppermine and Holman: "1) Under the present economic conditions, NWT Air advises that it can no longer afford to operate its fleet of three Loughheed Electras due to their high operational costs. Continued losses directly attributable to the Electra service threaten the overall operation of NWT Air and its ability to continue service. As a result, the Electras have been sold; 2) Effective March 4, First Air will institute service to Coppermine and Holman with HS748 aircraft. This will further erode an already uneconomic service."

I am quoting from their submission to the National Transportation Agency. These two reasons are strictly economic rather than related to the airport facilities.

When contacted on March 7, Mr. Darryl Smith, chief executive officer of NWT Air, was emphatic that service was discontinued strictly for economic reasons. Mr. Smith was pleased to make this statement: "I am very appreciative of the efforts of the NWT Department of Transportation in improving and enhancing Arctic airports."

With respect to the change in service to Holman and Coppermine, I am aware that First Air has moved in to fill the gap left by NWT Air. While this is a fact, I am very concerned with the ongoing instability of the air industry in the North, which I attribute to the deregulation of the industry in 1988. I am concerned with Canada's move to open skies, which I believe may further exacerbate this instability. I have been, and continue to press the National Transportation Agency and the Government of Canada, to exercise special provision for the North where markets do not always work. Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O224-91(1): Lost Student Financial Assistance Applications

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is in response to a question asked by Mr. Sibbeston on March 5th. The Department of Education receives over 1500 applications for student financial assistance each year through student services. Applications arrive either on the original form or through fax machines. Our practice has been to enter such applications in a log book as they arrive, then place them in individual files before they are reviewed and entered into the computer system.

There have been cases where applications have not reached the student services office because either they were lost in the mail or they were sent to an incorrect address. Unfortunately, however, there have also been a couple of cases where an application has been received but has been misplaced. This is the result of a sharp increase in the number of applications in recent years. The systems for handling the increased demand are no longer appropriate. Therefore, I have directed my officials to amend their systems. For example, the following steps are being taken:

- 1) One new position will be added to student services to help review and approve applications. Money was allocated by the Financial Management Board to fund additional staff support without creating a permanent person year;
- 2) Automated systems will be used as much as possible to track applications. This includes data entry of applications onto the student monetary and recovery tracking system, SMART, as soon as applications arrive, rather than only after they have been reviewed;
- 3) A central processing station will be established so applications can be reviewed and processed in a systematic fashion. Procedures for reviewing and handling applications will be reviewed and updated.

I believe that these steps will help eliminate the small number of applications that become misplaced. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Further Return To Question O297-91(1): Radio Station Facilities, Pangnirtung

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Kilabuk on March 11, 1991, regarding a radio station in Pangnirtung. Officials in my department have contacted CBC's regional office in Iqaluit regarding the radio station in Pangnirtung in an attempt to solve the problem there.

Apparently when the building housing the radio station burned, the radio station equipment was removed and placed in another building. At that time a technician from CBC went into Pangnirtung and installed the necessary lines to the new location and made sure that the local radio station could continue broadcasting.

Some time after that, the local radio society decided to move back to the original location and did so without informing CBC. After the equipment was moved back, it did not work. People from the radio station then contacted CBC for help. Had they contacted CBC before the move, CBC would have suggested that they stay in the new location for a couple more weeks until a technician could be sent in to assist with the move back and make sure everything would work.

CBC Iqaluit cannot send a technician to Pangnirtung at this time. They are short-staffed and waiting for a relief technician to arrive from Inuvik. They estimate it will be at least a couple

of weeks before they can go to Pangnirtung. Meanwhile, they have attempted to fix the problem over the phone but without success. The problem is restricted to the local radio broadcast equipment. Pangnirtung is receiving CBC radio and television.

Further Return To Question O207-91(1): Moving Chipewyan Interpreters Out Of Yellowknife

I have a return to an oral question asked by Mr. Morin on March 4, 1991, regarding moving Chipewyan interpreters out of Yellowknife.

In response to your request to know when I will be addressing your letter of February 22, 1991, in which you raised the possibility of relocating Chipewyan interpreter/translators based in Yellowknife to Fort Resolution, I have instructed my staff to determine the implications of relocating the two headquarters Chipewyan interpreter/translator positions to Fort Resolution. As this will involve contacting other departments, there will be some delay in providing a formal response to your letter. I will, however, endeavour to have a written response to you by March 22, 1991.

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

ITEM 5: ORAL QUESTIONS

Question O325-91(1): Licence For Study Re Impact Of James Bay II Project

MR. CROW: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon two researchers from Hydro-Quebec are meeting with the hamlet of Sanikiluaq about studying the socioeconomic profile and community development plan of that community. This is aimed at determining the impact of the James Bay II project.

My question will be directed to the Government Leader in his capacity as the Minister responsible for the Science Institute. My question is, will these researchers need a licence from the territorial government to carry out this study? Thank you.

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

Return To Question O325-91(1): Licence For Study Re Impact Of James Bay II Project

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I believe they will. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O325-91(1): Licence For Study Re Impact Of James Bay II Project

MR. CROW: My supplementary is, have researchers from the Somer consulting firm on Hydro-Quebec submitted any applications for research licences to study the impact of the James Bay II project? Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O325-91(1): Licence For Study Re Impact Of James Bay II Project

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, I am aware of this issue. My understanding, Mr. Speaker, is that the representatives of this research company are in the community

merely to talk about what they propose to do. They are not in Sanikiluaq to actually do research. They are meeting with the Council to talk about what they propose to do. So at this stage, Mr. Speaker, no work is being undertaken and therefore no application for a research permit has, at this time, been made. Thank you.

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

Question O326-91(1): Funding For Cultural Centre, Cape Dorset

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a question to the Minister of Culture. It is with regard to the cultural centre in Cape Dorset. When you met in Ottawa to talk about the cultural society project in Cape Dorset, your fellow federal Minister of Culture met with you. After you met with the federal Minister, how much have you done so far with regard to the project that we are proposing in Cape Dorset, the cultural society? How much have you done so far with regard to this? Thank you.

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

Return To Question O326-91(1): Funding For Cultural Centre, Cape Dorset

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You are right, I had a meeting with the Kingnait Cultural Society in Ottawa along with the Minister of Culture and Communications for the federal government regarding the cultural centre's funding. It is in our capital planning process for Cape Dorset to get a cultural centre, but we need federal support in order to proceed with construction. To this day we have not had confirmation from the feds. Thank you.

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

Question O327-91(1): Temporary Move From Leo Ussak School To Maani Ulujuk High School

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Education. This morning the Leo Ussak School informed me, and also there was a fax sent to me, saying that they have moved to the Maani Ulujuk High School. There are fumes and they are really strong in the Leo Ussak School. I would like to ask the Minister if they can stay in the Maani Ulujuk High School until the Leo Ussak School has been dealt with. Thank you.

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

Return To Question O327-91(1): Temporary Move From Leo Ussak School To Maani Ulujuk High School

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, if the students have been moved there, I would think it would be a temporary measure. As long as it is not disrupting in any major way the studies of those students, I do not see it as a problem. It is probably under the approval of the divisional board of the region. Thank you.

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

Question O328-91(1): Reasons For Declining Caribou Numbers, Ellesmere Island

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My

question is directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources. In my community they are concerned about the caribou on Ellesmere Island. There was a study done in 1973. In 1989 in a response to a question the minister said that the number was about 90. Between 1961 and 1970 the numbers decreased all the time. I wonder if the Minister's biologists have given the reasons for the decline in the number of caribou.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O328-91(1): Reasons For Declining Caribou Numbers, Ellesmere Island

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The biologists believe that the caribou are declining because there is not enough food for them, especially in the wintertime. Within the last few years there has been some ice formed on the top of ice, which makes it difficult for caribou to reach their food. Thank you.

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

Question O329-91(1): DPW Correcting Problem At Leo Ussak School

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Public Works. It is with regard to the Leo Ussak School. With the understanding that both the students and teachers have moved out of the Leo Ussak School, I am wondering, Mr. Speaker, is that going to give the Department of Public Works enough time -- I think they are saying they are moving in there for the day. I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if that is giving the department enough time to try and find a solution to the problem. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Return To Question O329-91(1): DPW Correcting Problem At Leo Ussak School

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that problem will be resolved in one day. The intention of the Department of Public Works is to try to solve some of the problems at the school break, to spend that period of time trying to adjust the system so that the air intake and the air discharge will work in a more efficient manner. No, I do not believe the one day at the school will allow the modifications to be made.

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

Question O330-91(1): Day-Care Facilities For Single Parent Students

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Education. Mr. Minister, there are several single mothers in my constituency that would like to complete their high school education. I would like to know if the Department of Education provides any day-care facilities in order for single mothers to complete their high school.

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

Return To Question O330-91(1): Day-Care Facilities For Single Parent Students

HON. JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL: Mr. Speaker, there is not any specific place identified for the department to assist in providing day-care facilities for single mothers. The department does have a subsidy for child care, whether it be for single parents or for people in need. The department does assist many different communities across the North in providing day-care facilities through the start-up grants or through the operation and maintenance of these facilities. These are the alternatives that single parents do have in ensuring that they take advantage of our subsidies available with respect to day-care. Thank you.

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

Question O331-91(1): Compensation For Clients Of Arctic Circle Lodge

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister responsible for Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. Speaker, last fall I raised a question about Arctic Circle Lodge, which had gone into receivership, and the number of clients, guests, who were left without the ability to complete their holiday after having paid for it. I would like to ask the Minister, what has happened to the situation since I raised the issue last fall?

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

Return To Question O331-91(1): Compensation For Clients Of Arctic Circle Lodge

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Supreme Court of the NWT granted a petition and appointed an official receiver, Peat Marwick of Edmonton, to oversee the sale of assets of the company. It is known that the debtload of the company exceeds probably \$800,000, while the assets are appraised, or valued, at around \$300,000. Therefore, it is unlikely that any of the guests will be reimbursed.

This has caused quite a bit of hardship to some of the people who were booked into the lodge. I just received a letter the other day from some people in Ontario, and it is pretty heartbreaking. They have lost about \$10,000; it was going to be the trip of a lifetime. The only recourse open to them is to sue the owner and it is unlikely they are going to recover any of their costs. There is nothing, as a government, that we can do about it.

However, if there is any good news out of this situation it is that it has hastened my department and myself to bring forward amendments to the Travel and Tourism Act which will be presented sometime during this session. If passed, it gives us the power to appoint an independent examiner, for example, to go in and look at a company's records if we suspect, with good cause, that there could be problems. It will also propose the establishment of a tourism industry assistance fund which, hopefully, will be able to refund deposits to guests of a licensed business if the business is unable to provide that service.

There have been some threats that action will be taken at places such as the Toronto sportsman show, where a number of our lodges advertise, by some of these disgruntled guests. However, we are aware of who they are and what is planned and we will just have to see what happens. By and large, the department has received a lot of letters of credit in that we have moved to handle the situation very fast. However, I think it should be understood that there were some people who

were hurt very badly and lost quite a bit of money in this whole sad situation. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O331-91(1): Compensation For Clients Of Arctic Circle Lodge

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I realize that "buyer beware" and "customer beware" and all that, but my main concern would be with the industry as a whole. I wonder if the Minister has had any idea, other than the fact that there are going to be demonstrators at the trade show, how this has affected the industry overall. We have a number of fishing lodges in the Territories. Has it had any impact, to his knowledge, on the industry overall?

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

Further Return To Question O331-91(1): Compensation For Clients Of Arctic Circle Lodge

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. We will not really know for sure until probably a little bit later on this year when the lodges get to their final bookings. A lot of the lodges have not firmed up their final bookings. I know last summer was not the best of summers when it comes to lodge bookings, but I am not quite sure what the situation will be like for the coming summer.

There is some fallout; there is no doubt that our fishing lodge industry took a little bit of a black eye, but to the credit of some of the lodge owners, like Chummy Plummer, they moved very quickly to try and accommodate some of these people who were hurt by the failure of this lodge. In fact, it did a lot to recover our public relations image with fishermen. But there is no doubt that we took a little bit of a black eye, and I guess we will have to wait for these shows to see if there is any further fallout from disgruntled guests. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O331-91(1): Compensation For Clients Of Arctic Circle Lodge

MR. WHITFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe I did not hear it in the Minister's reply, but I wonder if the territorial government is involved in a number of these different shows somehow or other. I wonder if they are going to be involved in trying to assuage fears of potential customers to assure them that these things are not going to happen, or that the industry is sound. Is this government going to be doing anything to try to assuage fears of potential customers?

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

Further Return To Question O331-91(1): Compensation For Clients Of Arctic Circle Lodge

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. We are not planning on doing anything at those shows per se. I think our best response, and probably the best response of all, is if the Legislature passes the amendments to this Travel and Tourism Act, because then, in law, there will be consumer protection in law for those people. It is fine for us to go out and tell people to be careful, but I think if people have the assurances that there are laws that protect them, that is probably the best assurance we can give people. Thank you.

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

Question O332-91(1): Construction Of Office/Warehouse, Lac La Martre

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Renewable Resources. His department is planning to construct an office/warehouse complex in the community of Lac la Martre during the upcoming fiscal year. When will the facility be constructed?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O332-91(1): Construction Of Office/Warehouse, Lac La Martre

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My department is working with the Department of Public Works to determine when the tenders should go out. Tenders will be going out once the Legislative Assembly approves the capital budget. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O332-91(1): Construction Of Office/Warehouse, Lac La Martre

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, the Minister did not quite understand my question. The department is planning to construct a facility in this upcoming fiscal year. They have a construction plan for between April 1, 1991 and March 31, 1992. That is what it says in the budget book. My question was in regard to the plan they have, when is it that they are planning to construct this facility, within that time period?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O332-91(1): Construction Of Office/Warehouse, Lac La Martre

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, we are hoping that the building will be completed before 1992.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O332-91(1): Construction Of Office/Warehouse, Lac La Martre

MR. ZOE: Mr. Minister, I did not ask when the completion of the building is going to take place, I asked him when is the construction going to take place within the plan that they have. When is it going to start? It is contemplated that it is going to be built in this new fiscal year. When is it going to start in their plans?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O332-91(1): Construction Of Office/Warehouse, Lac La Martre

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, the construction of the building is entirely up to the approval of the capital budget which will be dealt with during this Legislative Assembly. As to the precise date of the start of the construction, I will have to get back to the Member on that.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Question O333-91(1): Opportunities For Businesses To Participate In Expo '92

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Member for Kivallivik. I would like to ask the Minister, since there are many companies in the NWT that are very experienced in the hotel and catering business -- I am thinking of the EVAZ group in the Keewatin, I am thinking of the co-operative movement throughout the NWT that has been involved in catering and hotels, country foods, the selling of arts and crafts, going all the way back to 1958. In light of the fact that we really want to encourage the business community, I would like to ask the Member why is it that the business community was not asked to submit proposals for the participation of the NWT at Expo in Seville in 1992?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Kivallivik.

Return To Question O333-91(1): Opportunities For Businesses To Participate In Expo '92

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you. Simply because the Department of External Affairs asked our government to run it and I did not actually go back to them and ask if we could privatize it. But I suspect that the answer would have been, "Well if you want to get private companies to run it for you, then we, the Government of Canada, have a lot of private companies we can give the contract to." I guess that is the only answer I have.

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

Supplementary To Question O333-91(1): Opportunities For Businesses To Participate In Expo '92

MR. LEWIS: Since this is a very dynamic Minister, Mr. Speaker, and since he really wants to encourage business opportunities in the NWT, will he then consider asking for proposals from the various business communities in the NWT to run this pavilion on a businesslike basis in 1992, if in fact we approve it and get the money to do it?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Kivallivik.

Further Return To Question O333-91(1): Opportunities For Businesses To Participate In Expo '92

HON. GORDON WRAY: No, Mr. Speaker, I do not have time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions. Honourable Member for Baffin South.

Question O334-91(1): Petroleum Distribution Contract, Lake Harbour

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. In Lake Harbour the petroleum distribution contract is handled by the Lake Harbour co-op and they have had the contract now for 10 years. This contract is renewed every three years and I believe that in June 1991 the contract is going to expire. My question is, will the co-op be awarded the same contract if they bid on it. We fully believe that co-operatives in the communities are a major business and I wonder if they will be awarded the same contract. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Inuvik.

Return To Question O334-91(1): Petroleum Distribution Contract, Lake Harbour

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, the contracts for petroleum distribution will be up in many communities this year. The department, I believe at the end of this month or in the first week of April, will be taking a proposal call around to all those communities in which the service is provided by a contractor, explaining what is required and requesting proposals from the interested groups and parties. I believe that the proposal will require a longer period of time of service and it will give the successful party an opportunity to not only pay for their equipment during that time but also house it as well.

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

Supplementary To Question O334-91(1): Petroleum Distribution Contract, Lake Harbour

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the question. I have a concern with regard to Lake Harbour due to the expiration of the contract and if it will be advertised, I would not want to see it contracted by somebody who is outside the community. That is my concern and that is why I raised that question. Thank you.

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

Further Return To Question O334-91(1): Petroleum Distribution Contract, Lake Harbour

HON. TOM BUTTERS: No, the department and the government shares the Member's concern. I am advised that officials of our department will be going into the communities and sitting down with the people in the communities to indicate what is being expected of them, so that they will be totally familiar with what will be required in making proposals. Yes, they will know.

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

Question O335-91(1): Protection Of Legal Rights Of NWT Citizens

MR. CROW: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Justice. Mr. Speaker, will the Minister assure this House that the Government of the Northwest Territories is prepared to use territorial statutes to protect the legal rights of its citizens?

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

Return To Question O335-91(1): Protection Of Legal Rights Of NWT Citizens

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have some difficulty answering that question because there is a certain amount of supposition. I would have to know exactly what rights, and I would have to know what statutes the honourable Member is referring to before I could answer that question.

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

Question O336-91(1): Effective Date Of Federal Gun Control Legislation

MR. PUDLUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Justice. The federal government is trying to initiate regulations with regard to the use of guns or rifles, where they can only use five bullets at one time in a magazine. Have you received any indication as to when these regulations will come into effect? Thank you.

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

Return To Question O336-91(1): Effective Date Of Federal Gun Control Legislation

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Members know, that issue has now been with a committee of the House of Commons for some time. The particular piece of legislation has caused a certain amount of controversy on both sides of the issue. There are those people who say that it is too strong, there are those who say that the legislation is too weak. I understand that the number of bullets that a magazine can hold is one of the issues that is being discussed at the committee level. There has not been a final decision yet, to my knowledge. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O337-91(1): Location Of Native Court Workers

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Justice. Mr. Minister, I would like to thank you for your response with regard to court workers. However, I would like to ask the Minister why most of the court workers that are working for the territorial government are located where lawyers are located. I would like to ask the Minister the reasoning for that.

MR. SPEAKER: I have some difficulty with the question because the determination of court workers is really not a matter that is within the responsibility of the Minister of Justice. I believe he determines the financing, but he does not determine the location of the native court workers. That is a matter for another board to determine. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have some difficulty with the question also. I can assure the Member, though, it is not a requirement that court workers live in communities where there are lawyers. What I can do is that I can get for the Member information as to why court workers are in one community or another community. I will have to take the question as notice. Thank you.

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

Question O338-91(1): Status Of Study On Management Of Great Slave Lake

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. Minister, as you are aware, I sit on the Great Slave Lake advisory committee to represent the Dene Nation. People in the communities, especially Snowdrift, have tried to get, for the past three years, a study done on the East Arm management of the Great Slave Lake. Your department, as well as the Department of Renewable Resources and the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, are all responsible for working on that study. We have not had much luck to get it passed into the community consultation process.

I am wondering if you could use your influence as a Minister, a shaker and a mover, to get this thing going because the community of Snowdrift still suffers from not being able to benefit from economic development.

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will take a look at the situation and where it stands today and I will see what can be done. Probably what I will do is that I will report back through a return. I guess I will take it half as notice and report to the Member on just where it is at and what has to be done. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Just on a matter of the rules, there is no half point, you cannot take half notices in the House. Is the honourable Member taking the question as notice?

HON. GORDON WRAY: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O339-91(1): Hiring Process For Economic Development Officer, Spence Bay

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. Minister, it is my understanding that the economic development officer position is vacant in Spence Bay. If the position is vacant, I wonder if the local council could take part in the hiring process of that position. Thank you.

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

Return To Question O339-91(1): Hiring Process For Economic Development Officer, Spence Bay

HON. GORDON WRAY: Certainly, Mr. Speaker, we have a general competition out right now for EDOs for unspecified locations. We are trying to build a file of names, but certainly we could involve a representative of the council in the hiring of the Spence Bay officer.

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

Question O340-91(1): Allocation Of Person Years For Office/Warehouse Complex, Lac La Martre

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, my question will be directed to the Minister responsible for Renewable Resources. Mr. Speaker, the Minister indicated earlier on that the construction of the office/warehouse complex in Lac la Martre would be completed in early 1992. Could the Minister please tell me how many person years will be allocated to Lac la Martre to work out of and run this complex?

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O340-91(1): Allocation Of Person Years For Office/Warehouse Complex, Lac La Martre

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have no existing person years or where we are not anticipating increasing person years within the department. But what we have proposed so far is that we will make a person year available to fill the position that will be assigned to work in that particular community. We are working at this moment to find that PY. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of order. The honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre.

MR. ZOE: Or point of privilege. Mr. Speaker, I had my hand up and you did not recognize me for my supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre, I called oral questions, I looked at you and your hand was not up, so I made the assumption that you were not going to ask a supplementary. Oral questions. The honourable Member for Baffin Central.

Question O341-91(1): Technician For Radio Station In Pangnirtung

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question directed to the Member for Amittuq in regard to the radio station in our community in that we cannot get anybody in that community to repair it. You have said that the CBC staff cannot assist. What is the position of the communications department? Maybe you can help locate somebody independent from Iqaluit who would be able to fix the radio station because I am quite positive there is somebody and I would like to be able to communicate with my community through the radio. Can you check into this? Thank you.

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

Return To Question O341-91(1): Technician For Radio Station In Pangnirtung

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have been advised after the fire in the radio station building that CBC was able to assist in setting up and moving the equipment. When the community moved the equipment back to the old place, they did not contact CBC, therefore CBC did not make a technician available. We have been advised today that there is only one CBC technician in Iqaluit and he has a heavy workload and the other technician is on holidays. They are presently trying to get somebody from Inuvik to go to Iqaluit and if they do they will then be able to send somebody within two weeks to Pangnirtung. I hope this is satisfactory as this is the case right now. Thank you.

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

Supplementary To Question O341-91(1): Technician For Radio Station In Pangnirtung

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Can you not find anybody independent from Iqaluit who is not a technician who does not necessarily have to be from CBC? Can you check into this?

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

Further Return To Question O341-91(1): Technician For Radio Station In Pangnirtung

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will ask the CBC to see if they can locate a technician because it is owned by the CBC so it has to be repaired by CBC staff. Thank you.

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

Question O342-91(1): Inuit Artifacts In Churchill Museum

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is directed to the Minister for Culture and Communications. I think the Minister is aware that in the museum in Churchill, there are a lot of items to be seen. I think most of them are from Inuit artifacts. How much have you been working in that museum? What did you do to get the artifacts returned to the communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. About two years ago the Member asked me this question and my department has been doing some work on it, but I do not have all the information at this time. I will get back to you later on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Is the honourable Member taking the question as notice?

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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

Question O343-91(1): Review Of Scientists Act

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Renewable Resources. With regard to scientific studies, we presently have a Scientists Act that has not been reviewed or amended since 1985. As far as scientific studies go, the definition could vary from study to survey, to base line review, to research. We really do not have any teeth with regard to the act itself. You cannot apply it in law without it being challenged. I would like to ask the Minister whether or not there is any anticipation of changing this act, which is really outdated?

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

Return To Question O343-91(1): Review Of Scientists Act

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Scientists Act falls under my responsibilities as Minister responsible for the Science Institute of the Northwest Territories. I can tell the honourable Member that I am aware that the act is a few years old and further that the Science Institute has just, within the last two weeks, met to review the provisions of that act to see whether they would recommend changes, to see whether it was still relevant and I am awaiting the results of that review at this moment. They did a thorough review, Mr. Speaker, and when I get the results of their thorough review I will inform Members of the House about the general gist of the recommendations. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Supplementary To Question O343-91(1): Review Of Scientists Act

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, since we are still going on the basis of the old act, is it still the Commissioner who issues licences for scientific research as opposed to the Ministers?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Further Return To Question O343-91(1): Review Of Scientists Act

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: The short answer to that question is yes, but I would clarify to the Member that day-to-day work is done in the office of the Science Institute and there is an officer in the Science Institute who is responsible for handling, receiving and approving applications for scientific research.

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

Supplementary To Question O343-91(1): Review Of Scientists Act

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I am not too sure I understand the Government Leader's response with regard to the issuing of licences. Has the Scientists Act been changed since 1985 to delegate the responsibility of issuing of a licence to an individual in the Science Institute now, as opposed to the Commissioner? I do not recall it ever being changed.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Further Return To Question O343-91(1): Review Of Scientists Act

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, what I meant to say to the Member is yes, in fact the authority for issuing permits for scientific research under the Scientists Act comes through the Commissioner. However, Mr. Speaker, as an administrative matter, the day-to-day work of processing the applications and approving them has been delegated to an officer in the Science Institute. So it is under the authority of the Commissioner but the work is done by an official under delegated authority. Thank you.

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

Question O344-91(1): Person Year For Lac La Martre

MR. ZOE: My question is directed to the Minister of Renewable Resources. Mr. Speaker, the Minister indicated that he has not determined how he is going to man the facility in Lac la Martre. When will he decide how he will man that facility?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O344-91(1): Person Year For Lac La Martre

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My department is reviewing our existing PYs to determine what is possible to us in terms of allocating a person year to Lac la Martre. At this moment because of the restraint within our government, we will not be seeking increased PYs in our department, rather we will be looking in house to possibly assigning a PY from our existing number.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre, supplementary.

Supplementary To Question O344-91(1): Person Year For Lac La Martre

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, the Minister did not answer my question. I asked when will he decide how he is going to man that facility. My question is when, in what time period. All he indicated to me was the options that are available to the department. My question was when is he going to decide

the options that he is going to take?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O344-91(1): Person Year For Lac La Martre

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Mr. Speaker, the building will be constructed late this year or early next year to be completed and we have a bit of time to look into our department for an available person year. We will have a chance to look for a person year until the building is completed. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Rae-Lac la Martre.

Supplementary To Question O344-91(1): Person Year For Lac La Martre

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, maybe I will rephrase my question for the Minister. I am trying to put it in layman's terms but he is not understanding my question. He indicated that he has a number of options he is reviewing. He will decide on one of those options. My question to him is: When is he going to decide what option he is going to take? One of the options he indicated that most likely would not occur would be to seek another PY and he is saying he is going to look internally. My question is: When are you going to decide what option you are going to take?

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O344-91(1): Person Year For Lac La Martre

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not know. If all of the PYs are filled within the department then we will not have a PY to allocate to Lac la Martre. If we can find a vacant PY then we might be able to move that position over to Lac la Martre. I do not know the answer of when we will be putting a person up there. Thank you.

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

MR. ZOE: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker, but before I proceed with my supplementary, 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. Proceed.

Supplementary To Question O344-91(1): Person Year For Lac La Martre

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, my final supplementary. I do not know which other way I can rephrase my question to the Minister. The Minister indicated he has a number of options that his department is considering and a decision will have to be made in regard to which option they go with. My question to the Minister was: When is that decision going to take place?

MR. SPEAKER: I believe the honourable Member has answered the question already. However if the honourable Member wants to continue answering the question. The honourable Member for Amittuq.

Further Return To Question O344-91(1): Person Year For Lac La Martre

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not know.

---Laughter

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

Question O345-91(1): New Post Office For Rankin Inlet

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would very much like to direct this question to the Minister responsible for postal services in the NWT and I think he knows the answer to my question. Mr. Speaker, it is to do with the postal services in Rankin Inlet in particular.

(Translation) Mr. Speaker, our post office building in Rankin Inlet is so small and it is not big enough for the public. Sometimes people break into the building and stamps are stolen. Does the Minister know when Canada Post will be able to build a new facility in Rankin Inlet? If they are going to build one, when will the construction start?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Inuvik.

Return To Question O345-91(1): New Post Office For Rankin Inlet

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, the honourable Member has made his concern known to the department months past. We have passed that concern on to Canada Post. They agree that a new facility is required and they do have a lease on the current building up until the fall, but I think tenders are out and it is anticipated that construction of a new building will occur this fall. At least that is what we are being advised at the present time.

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

Question O346-91(1): Manning New Complex In Lac La Martre

MR. ZOE: Mr. Speaker, my question again will be to the Minister of Renewable Resources in regard to manning the facility in Lac la Martre. Could the Minister indicate to me, in regard to the options that are available to him, would he be making a decision in the next three months, as to how he is going to man that facility? Yes or no answer.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Amittuq.

Return To Question O346-91(1): Manning New Complex In Lac La Martre

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is unlikely that we will come up with a position in three months.

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

Supplementary To Question O346-91(1): Manning New Complex In Lac La Martre

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If that is the case then could I ask another question? Would he be able to make a decision within six months? Yes or no.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Amittuq.

HON. TITUS ALLOOLOO: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 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 Yellowknife Centre.

Question O347-91(1): Government's Faith In Business Community

MR. LEWIS: In the absence of the Member for Kivallivik, I would like to ask the Government Leader this question. In light of the fact that we have businesses in the NWT, our government has decided not to invite proposals from all these economic entities throughout the Territories that we would like to see prosper. Does that mean that this government has no faith in business to do things like selling arts and crafts, making food and so on? Does that indicate that we have no confidence in the business community of the NWT to conduct a commercial enterprise?

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Member for Kivallivik.

Return To Question O347-91(1): Government's Faith In Business Community

HON. GORDON WRAY: I am in too good of a mood today to let the Member spoil it. No, of course not, it is absurd to even suggest that. I will simply say that we do not have time, physically, to do it.

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

Supplementary To Question O347-91(1): Government's Faith In Business Community

MR. LEWIS: The admission then by the Minister that he just does not have time, does this indicate a complete contempt for the business community in the Northwest Territories, that he cannot even make time to do a very, very important thing, which is to create business opportunities for people in the Northwest Territories?

Supplementary To Question O347-91(1): Government's Faith In Business Community, Ruled Out Of Order

MR. SPEAKER: I have to rule the question out of order, because you cannot impute motives on an honourable Member. Oral questions. Honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Question O348-91(1): Science Institute's Authority To Issue Licences

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Government Leader. Mr. Speaker, the Government Leader in his response to the question in regard to the issuance of licences, has identified the Science Institute as the body that administers the licences. Under what authority does the Science Institute issue the licences? Presently the work with regard to the processing of licences still lies solely with the Commissioner.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Return To Question O348-91(1): Science Institute's Authority To Issue Licences

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Mr. Speaker, the Science Institute exercises those functions under the authority of the Scientists Act and under the authority of the legislation establishing the Science Institute of the NWT, The Science Institute of the Northwest Territories Act. Thank you.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Point of privilege.

MR. SPEAKER: Point of privilege, the honourable Member for Kivallivik.

Point Of Privilege

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On reflection on what just happened, I would like to ask you if you could request the Member for Yellowknife Centre to make an apology for the absurd statement he just put in the record. To suggest that anybody within the government has contempt for the business community shows a contempt for this House and a contempt for the government, given our excellent relationship with the business community. The Member's statement itself was contemptuous and I would like an apology.

MR. SPEAKER: I will hear debate on the matter before I make any ruling on the point of privilege that has been raised by the honourable Member for Kivallivik. The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Member in his remarks, whether deliberately or whether he is trying to get air time because he knows this is aired, suggested that this government, and I in particular, had contempt for the business community because I simply said that we physically do not have time to do what he is suggesting. The fact is that because of the lateness of the approval of this bill and the complexity in which a proposal call entails and the kind of work that would have to be done, we would simply not have the time to put out a proper proposal call, get it back, make a decision and allow the private sector to have enough time to do the job.

When he stood up his remarks were that this government, and myself in particular, had contempt for the business community. He imputed that my answer, which is simply a question of time, showed contempt for the business community and I think that is a very serious statement that he is making given that there is nothing in the remarks that I said which would suggest that we had any contempt for the business community. It was just the Member being mischievous again and making fun of serious issues in this House, which he has a tendency to do, and leaving the impression on the record that we are contemptuous of business. That is just erroneous and I think it should be expunged from the record. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: To the matter of privilege. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

MR. LEWIS: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The matter of the privilege is the matter of debate at the moment. The honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre.

MR. LEWIS: I would like to ask the Member to withdraw the allegation that I am being mischievous. I am a serious Member of this Assembly and I take my work very seriously. To impute the motive to me that I am being mischievous, in fact, misconstrues my intention which is to point out that when you say to somebody, "I have no time", that is a flippant offhand remark which indicates that really you literally do not have time to deal with a serious matter, which is to help the business community of the Northwest Territories to take advantage of a very important economic opportunity if, in fact, it is offered to the people of the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Speaker, since we have had several very colourful brochures, this has been planned way before Christmas.

There were visits to Spain way before Christmas so we know, in this House, even as early as last fall that this was a proposal we were going to participate in...

MR. SPEAKER: Point of order. The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. After I raised the point of order he attempted to clarify what he had just said. The fact is, Mr. Speaker, we do not have any time. The proposal has not been accepted, it has not been passed by this House...

MR. SPEAKER: Order. When a point of order is raised you must indicate immediately your point of order the same as you do with a point of privilege. With regard to the matter before you, with regard to debate on a matter of privilege, are there any other remarks with regard to that particular privilege? If there are no other remarks I will review the transcripts and review the remarks that have been made by Members of this House and report back appropriately.

Oral questions. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

Supplementary To Question O348-91(1): Science Institute's Authority To Issue Licences

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Government Leader, with regard to the Scientists Act. Mr. Speaker, the Minister indicated that the authority for administering and issuing of licences lies with the Science Institute, based on the Science Institute of the Northwest Territories Act and the Scientists Act.

Mr. Speaker, if you refer to the Scientists Act it says that a science adviser in the public service of the Northwest Territories shall act on behalf of the Commissioner. I would like to ask the Government Leader which act are we following with regard to the issuing of licences for scientific research?

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

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have the Scientists Act and the Science Institute of the Northwest Territories Act before me, but I am not going to be so bold as to try to answer the Member's question in haste. It is an important question and deserves a bit more consideration than I can give here and now. So I will, with the Member's leave, take it as notice and provide an answer as soon as possible.

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

Question O349-91(1): Passports For Students Going To Europe On Student Exchange Program

MR. KILABUK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a question to the Minister of Education. The question is sort of an emergency question because I received a telephone call concerning it. It is with regard to the student exchange program. Sometimes students go to Europe or the provinces in Canada on a student exchange program.

The students that go overseas have to have a passport. I received a telephone call that in one of my constituencies there have been two students that were picked to go to Europe and they had problems with their passports. I wonder if the Minister could look after this, to have these passports amended because they have to leave soon. I wonder if the Minister can assist those students in getting their passports

done up right as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

Return To Question O349-91(1): Passports For Students Going To Europe On Student Exchange Program

HON. STEPHEN KAKFWI: Mr. Speaker, I am advised that the Baffin Divisional Board of Education is aware of this late hour problem and is trying to find a way to address it. Apparently it is a matter of trying to get the proper type of photo taken of the students to put in their passports and then getting it notarized. It is a common problem for people who come out of small communities and are trying to get passports. I am advised that if necessary they will arrange for them to go early to Ottawa so that this problem can be taken right to the capital, possibly with the help of their Member of Parliament. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Oral questions.

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

ITEM 7: RETURNS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, a return to Question W2-91(1), asked by Mr. Lewis to the Minister of Social Services, concerning Yellowknife Correctional Centre inmate statistics; and Question W4-91(1), asked by Mr. Whitford to the Minister of Social Services, concerning data on territorial corrections system.

Return To Question W2-91(1): Statistics On Inmates At Yellowknife Correctional Centre

Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell's return to Question W2-91(1), asked by Mr. Lewis on February 21, 1991: The total number of sentenced inmate admissions at Yellowknife Correctional Centre over the last three and a half year period to the present day is 2075. Readmissions of those who have previously served sentences of incarceration total 1286 during this same period.

The rate of recidivism from 1987 to the present is not significantly different from what has been recorded in other jurisdictions of Canada. A caution is indicated, however, when attempting to draw any comparisons between any system-wide statistics and the record of recidivism at any single correctional institution.

National and governmental statistics on crime, delinquency and recidivism produce, by necessity, a very restricted range of information. Many important, indeed crucial, aspects of criminal behaviour are not, and simply could not, be dealt with because of the hidden nature of crime itself. Criminal statistics are of very limited use in evaluating the impact of the action-treatment continuum for which a single correctional institution has only partial responsibility.

Return To Question W4-91(1): Data On Territorial Corrections System

Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell's return to Question W4-91(1), asked by Mr. Whitford on February 27, 1991: There have been four investigations initiated under my authority as Minister responsible for corrections. Mr. O'Handley prepared a report in 1988, Mr. Thimsen in 1989, Mr. Schneider in 1990, and Mr. Youngman in January, 1991. These completed investigation reports are all to be used only as internal documents which cover the concerns with management and administration of Yellowknife Correctional Centre. The results

of these investigations, unfortunately, cannot be tabled.

MR. SPEAKER: Prior to proceeding with the next item, I just wish to draw the attention of honourable Members to the grade 10 students from Sir John Franklin High School, with their teacher, Marilyn Colbourne, who are in our public gallery.

—Applause

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 Tu Nede.

ITEM 11: TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to table Tabled Document 55-91(1), a resolution from the South Slave Tribal Council reaffirming its support for the northern land use planning program.

MR. SPEAKER: Tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Tabled Document 56-91(1), entitled "Summary of Findings and Conclusions" of the decision from the Honourable Chief Justice Allan McEachern, Supreme Court of British Columbia, concerning aboriginal rights of the Gitksan and Wet'Suwet'en people", in English and Inuktitut.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents. The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Tabled Document 57-91(1), entitled "Aurorales/Arctic Lights Pro Forma Statement of Operations", preliminary draft, in Inuktitut and in English. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Tabling of documents.

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

ITEM 13: NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 2: Department Of Justice Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, March 15, 1991, I shall move that Bill 2, Department of Justice Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motions for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Inuvik.

Notice Of Motion For First Reading Of Bill 23: Property Assessment And Taxation Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday, March 15, 1991, I shall move that Bill 23, An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motions for first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Iqaluit.

Notice Of Motion for First Reading Of Bill 6: Regional And Tribal Councils Act

HON. DENNIS PATTERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, March 15, 1991, I shall move that Bill 6, An Act to Amend the Regional and Tribal Councils Act, be read for the first time.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. Notices of motions for first reading of bills.

Item 14, motions. Item 15, first reading of bills. The honourable Member for Inuvik.

ITEM 15: FIRST READING OF BILLS

First Reading Of Bill 3: Liquor Act

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Liquor Act, be read for the first time.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 3 has had first reading. First reading of bills. The honourable Member for Yellowknife North.

First Reading Of Bill 1: The Adoption Of The French Version Of Statutes And Statutory Instruments Act

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Iqaluit, that Bill 1, The Adoption of the French Version of Statutes and Statutory Instruments Act, be read for the first time.

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

AN HON. MEMBER: Question.

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

---Carried

Bill 1 has had first reading. First reading of bills.

Item 16, second reading of bills. Item 17, consideration in committee of the whole of bills and other matters: Bill 7; Committee Report 2-91(1); Bills 8, 9, 10, 17, 19 and 20, with Mr. Zoe in the chair.

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

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): I would like to call the committee to order. We concluded yesterday on the Department of Health in our main estimates. Mr. Government House Leader, do you have any suggestions for the committee? Mr. Ballantyne.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through consultation with the chairman of ajauqtit and the chairman of the finance committee, we agreed that if the committee concurs we would like to proceed with Bill 19, Supplementary Appropriation, No. 2, 1990-91, and stand down

the Department of Health until that is completed. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): There is a suggestion made to the committee that we deal with Bill 19, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1990-91, and stand down the Department of Health for now. Does the committee agree? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. The committee will recess and right after the recess we will proceed with Bill 19.

---SHORT RECESS

The committee will come to order. We are dealing with Bill 19, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1990-91. Mr. Minister, would you introduce the bill?

Bill 19: Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1990-91

Minister's Opening Remarks

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, Supplementary Appropriation, No. 2, 1990-91, contains additional appropriation requests totalling \$16,515,800 for operations and maintenance and \$9,094,000 for capital. Offsetting the cost of this additional appropriation authority is federal funding for the Arctic airports transfer, federal cost-sharing and additional health program expenses, recovery from the NWT Housing Corporation of prior year's operations and maintenance surplus and other minor revenue adjustments. These funding sources total close to \$17 million. When this additional revenue was deducted from the supplementary appropriation total, the resulting net cost drops to approximately eight million dollars. This eight million dollar cost exceeds the supplementary reserves that were originally established in the 1990-91 main estimates.

However, and this is important, Mr. Chairman, our overall financial position at the end of 1990-91 will be better than originally forecast. At the time the 1990-91 budget was introduced, the government anticipated an accumulated surplus of only \$25 million at the end of the year. Now the accumulated surplus as of the end of 1990-91 is estimated at close to \$34 million. The additional supplementary appropriation the government is submitting results from non-controllable cost increases and the need to respond to a number of urgent issues. Some of the items in this supplementary appropriation are as follows: the conversion of \$1,750,000 in the Housing Corporation's 1989-90 operations and maintenance surplus; the capital to build 20 housing units for seniors and single persons; studies related to costing the division of the Territories in undertaking a project to review the operations and structures of northern government; the Arctic airports transfer, which accounts for \$13,782,000; increased costs in the legal aid program; increased funding to regional and hospital health boards; additional funding, over three million dollars, to divisional boards of education for non-controllable cost increases.

Mr. Chairman, I am prepared to review in detail the items included in the supplementary appropriation bill. As has been the practice in the House in the past, if I could bring in Mr. Voytilla I can attempt to answer questions, but Ministers will be here in the House available if Members would like to ask questions of the respective Ministers. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Does the committee agree that the Minister bring in his witness at this time?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister, proceed. Mr. Lewis, as the deputy chairman of the standing committee on finance, does your committee have any comments on supp No. 2? Mr. Lewis.

Comments From The Standing Committee On Finance

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There were a few items that were not resolved at the last standing committee on finance meeting which was held last week. Of the four questions that were unresolved, one of them has now been completely answered and that was to do with the transfer of Arctic airports. The committee wanted to receive a breakdown of all the financial implications associated with the transfer of Arctic airports from the federal to the territorial government and we have been given all the details on the nature of that transfer.

Of the other three questions, the first one was about the new divisional boards of education and the funding of those boards for translation and interpreting services. There was a question about how the supplementary funding was broken down to provide the various services for the new divisional boards.

Another question related to highways. The committee requested information on the costing of a winter road from Yellowknife to Coppermine. Maybe I will let Mr. Whitford deal with the other unresolved question, Mr. Chairman, because it relates to something in his constituency.

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

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, the fourth one deals with schools, concerning a legal opinion as to whether or not the contractors for St. Joseph School or the engineering firms had liability for the cost of replacing the fuel tanks. There is some problem there with these fuel tanks leaking, and we were seeking the legal opinion on the liability of the contractor or the engineers.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I think we have a response for most of them. I think one of the questions was a breakdown of the boards of education for the cost of translation. The Kitikmeot board of education, \$37,700; Keewatin board of education, \$39,800; Beaufort-Delta board of education, \$9500; Sahtu board of education, \$35,700; Dogrib board of education, \$35,700; Baffin board of education, \$35,700; Deh Cho board of education, \$35,700; South Slave board of education, \$22,700. The total is \$252,500, we are asking for supps of \$175,000, and the rest has been funded internally.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. I realize that the Minister is giving specific details on the supp. Maybe it would be appropriate, once we get into details of the supp, to read those numbers out again that you have given us, Mr. Minister. General comments. Mr. Lewis.

Signing Of Arctic Airports Transfer Agreement

MR. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We went through this supp in some detail again today as it related to the transfer, and there were several questions asked about the transfer of Arctic airports to our government. I would like to ask the Minister if we, in fact, now have a signed agreement so that the transfer is now official and it is now ours.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Minister of Transportation, Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is like my answer during question period, except I am allowed this one. It is half signed over. To effect the transfer there are two signatures needed, the Minister of Indian Affairs and the Minister of Transport. The Minister of Indian Affairs has signed it; the Minister of Transport has not yet signed it. It is very close, but it has not been signed officially by Transport Canada. I am hoping that when the Minister of Transport comes here on March 19th we will complete the signing. It is in the final stages, but I guess the purely technical answer is no, it has not been officially signed by Transport Canada yet.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. General comments. Member for Pine Point.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I notice in the list here that the pages are not numbered, but on the third page in from the front, where it lists the operations and maintenance changes, there is only one negative amount in there for \$1000. All the rest are positive figures showing an increase in total expenditures which, when you add that up with the capital changes on the following page, where there is also only one negative figure, it means the total budget of the government for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1991, is going to be increased from \$1,067,000,000 to \$1,093,000,000, which is a fairly significant increase of around or \$25 million, to what the total appropriation will be. I would just like to state that fact and also ask the Minister and his officials, when was this supplementary estimate approved by FMB? And when was it produced, approximately what date -- sometime in December, sometime in January, some time in February?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I am not sure of the exact date, but late January or early February.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Member for Pine Point.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With that in mind, and given that it is basically a \$25 million increase here, has the Financial Management Board authorized any special warrants or authorized any expenditures not previously authorized since that time until today's date?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: We have not done any special warrants since the session started.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Member for Pine Point.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: What I asked was, have there been any special warrants or the authorization of any other expenditures which are not listed here since the date of preparation of this document? I do not really care what the date is. Have there been any further expenditures authorized, or special warrants?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: No. To my knowledge, any special warrant that was done prior to the session starting -- as I said, once the session started we could not do it and it would be in this document.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Does this mean that the government does not expect to have a supplementary estimate No. 3 related to this fiscal year at all? Has there been nothing indicated to you to date that would cause you to think any other expenditures have to be authorized while the House is

sitting?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Barring pestilence, war, or scurvy, we do not anticipate any but I cannot say 100 per cent. Something may come up that we have not thought of, but at this moment we think this would suffice.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. McLaughlin.

Over-Expenditures Approved After The Fact

MR. McLAUGHLIN: The reason I bring this up is because it is an issue before the standing committee on public accounts, that departments -- here we see a \$25 million increase in the government budget with no departments significantly admitting to any major under-expenditures. Everything here is basically over-expenditures or new expenditures.

If there are, at this time, any other significant changes that the Minister and his officials are aware of -- they get monthly, year to date printouts and I am sure they have received February's by now, this would indicate to me that we are going to have a \$25 million over-expenditure this year and nothing else significant is going to happen. So we are going to have a \$25 million total over-expenditure, is that correct?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I would just like to clarify something. We are not going to have a \$25 million over-expenditure. We estimated a \$17 million deficit; we are going to have a \$21 million deficit, which is about \$4.5 million off of what we estimated. At the same time, revenues are up significantly, so our bottom line is going to improve by almost nine million dollars in accumulated surplus. We are four million dollars off on what we estimated from the beginning of the year. Our revenues are greater than that and have gone up about \$13 million, so that is a net gain, a net positive position from what we forecast. So we are nine million dollars better off than we thought we would be as the year ended in our accumulated surplus.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. The honourable Member for Pine Point.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Just to re-express a concern that the standing committee on public accounts has. What we have been discussing there is the fact that after March 31, every year we are faced with supplementary estimates and expenditures coming to the House. You basically ask us to approve something retroactively; in other words, to give acceptance to departmental over-expenditures which have already occurred and the money has already been spent. Sometimes we are asked to do this as late as October, six months after the budget year is finished.

The standing committee on public accounts had concerns over this, and I know in discussions with the deputy minister level officials responsible for finance, who appeared before the committee, there was concern expressed by Members about exactly what the government might do in the future to alleviate this problem. For example, amending the Financial Administration Act because it, in actual fact, is being broken every year because these things are happening. They are not in accordance with the Financial Administration Act. There must be some things that we can do if the act is not practical. What are some suggestions of things that we can do to prevent supplementary estimates from coming into the House at this time, only to be followed by another one which tells Members, sometimes as much as six months after the fact, that there are considerable differences in what we thought we

had spent by March 31st, and what we had actually spent?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I think I understand now what the Member is getting at. We had some problems with rationalizing some numbers after March 31, and the Auditor General made some comments. One, as you will recall, was in legal aid. What happened there is billings from the lawyers to the Legal Services Board came in after the fact, when it was too late, and that was a problem. We have attempted to tighten that up, and we think that we have managed it. Overall, I think we should put the Auditor General's report in context. The Auditor General actually gave us some very glowing comments and we run probably the tightest budget in the country. There are some small areas where improvements were suggested. We have taken action to respond to those recommendations of the Auditor General, and we hope they will be under control.

Having said that, in a \$1.1 billion budget it is possible that there will be some small over-expenditures. What has happened in the past is certain activities have been overspent, even though the departmental budget has not been. There was an ongoing debate about whether or not we should be allowed to rationalize interactivity transfers after March 31. It is more of an accountant's debate than it is anything else. We are running pretty tight controls, and the number of dollars that were in question were really, really small. We have taken this into consideration. We have put in tighter controls and we are satisfied that we can live within those limitations put on us by the Auditor General, or very close to them.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. General comments. The Member for Pine Point.

Over-Expending Budget Violates Financial Administration Act

MR. McLAUGHLIN: What I am worried about is the Financial Administration Act, which is a law passed by this House. It seems to me that when a department over-expends its budget when it has not been approved by the Assembly, the Financial Administration Act is, in fact, being broken. We have discussed this in committees and what has been kicked around is an idea of somehow changing the act and changing procedures so that this does not happen any more. At some stage some official, whether elected or appointed, is knowingly issuing a cheque or authorizing a cheque to be issued which takes a particular department over what the Assembly has approved for it to spend. My concern is that if we adjourn here on March 21 and go away for a couple of weeks and come back, during that period of time hopefully the Members of the Financial Management Board will all be on holidays too and will not meet, but if they do there could be warrants approved. There could be expenditures approved which would cause another supplementary estimate to come our way sometime in June or maybe even in the fall, to the Assembly, asking us to retroactively approve over-expenditures.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: We do not think it will and we actually have not had a supp like you are talking about for the last two years. What has happened is a couple of activities have been overspent at the end of the year. The question that we are looking at right now is whether or not we should change the act to allow transfers between activities after year end. That is really the only thing in question, and we are looking at that now. We think that flexibility makes sense. Under our present Financial Administration Act, no, it just shows up as a deficit in the activity at the end of the year, but we are looking at that right now.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. McLaughlin.

MR. McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Nobody on the public accounts committee or nobody in this House, I do not think, wants a financial chaos to happen to the government at year end or anything like that, but we do think that the present Financial Administration Act, the way it is technically worded and the procedures around it, makes it impossible for the Financial Management Board and officials of the government to -- theoretically you could call it -- follow the letter of the law.

So I would urge the Minister to pursue the area he just described, to make changes to the act which would make it deal with the reality of the present situation before us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Any comments, Mr. Minister?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Just to say that I think we are one-tenth of one per cent way from achieving it; but we agree with the Member, there are some technical difficulties for the last one-tenth of one per cent, and we will look at that. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): General comments. Member for Kitikmeot West.

Arctic Airports Transfer

MR. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to put some comments in on the Arctic airports transfer. It is probably the last opportunity we have to do so before that last of the three required signatures goes on paper.

I am concerned with this transfer and I think the Minister is, too. I do not think there is a great deal we can do about it, because the federal government have clearly showed that they are prepared to virtually destroy the program if we do not take it over now; just erode all the funds away from it. But it does give me some concern because, I think in my mind there is no question, that we are taking over the inferior airports in the North.

The two airports in my own constituency, Coppermine and Cambridge Bay, Coppermine is an Arctic airport which we will be taking over under this transfer. Cambridge Bay is a Ministry of Transport operated airport. The difference between the two airports is quite significant. The staffing allocated to the Cambridge Bay one is far, far greater and far more adequate. For the straight maintenance of the runway itself in Cambridge Bay, a private contractor has a contract for maintaining that. The maintenance contract allows for up to 5000 cubic meters per year of surface gravelling, and usually they apply that amount every year to the airstrip. In Coppermine there is no surface gravelling and there is virtually no application of it. As a result, the strip will not accommodate as heavy aircraft as the Cambridge Bay one will. Landing and navigational aids is another point where the Arctic airports are not up to the same standards as those airports that are operated by MOT.

I am not sure how many MOT airports there are, but I believe in the Keewatin there is Arviat, Baker Lake -- I thought I saw Arviat and Baker Lake advertised as MOT airports in the airport yesterday -- and Coral Harbour. Anyway there are a few, of them and in our area there is only Cambridge Bay. Along the Mackenzie River I think most of the major airports are. Also Fort Smith, Hay River, Yellowknife, Norman Wells and Inuvik certainly are, and I am not sure about Fort Simpson.

I think it is a fact that we all recognize, that we are taking over those airports that need the greatest amount of upgrading to bring them up to the standard we would all like them to be up to. But we are taking them over at a funding level at which essentially it is going to be very difficult for us to do that.

I am not going to oppose the transfer. As a matter of fact, I support it, Mr. Chairman, but I am concerned for the future of these airports with the funding level that we are being forced to take them over on. I do recognize that if we do not take them over now at this funding level, chances are that by this year and in the future, the funding level will be even less. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Minister, would you like to comment on that, or refer to the Minister responsible?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Wray would respond to this.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Wray.

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Member is quite correct that one of my concerns -- and it is a very real concern because I have every reason to believe that it is what would happen -- is that indeed, as the Member suggests, if we did not take these airports over now at the present level of funding, which is, I suppose, when it comes to these sizes of airports, fairly generous, there is every indication that Transport Canada was going to erode the amount of money that was going into those airports. In fact, they had been quite explicit about that. They were going to start cutting. If you saw the recent cuts with the federal budget, Transport Canada has taken quite a hit in the last two or three years. So we were in a situation of lose-lose, I guess and the calculation was that we would lose more by not taking them over than we will be taking them over.

Airports Of Different Standards

I would like to mildly disagree with the Member when he says that we are taking over inferior airports. That is not quite the case. What we are taking over is a different standard of airport. There are clearly different standards; there are A airports and then there are B and C. The B and C airports are maintained and built to a lesser standard than A airports, principally because of the use that these airports get. There are seven A airports left in the Territories which will stay with Transport Canada, those being -- and the Member got most of them -- Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River, Fort Smith, Resolute Bay, Iqaluit, Norman Wells and Fort Simpson. Those are the seven airports that will stay with Transport Canada. But the standards of the airports are determined by the amount of traffic that moves through those airports and that is why there are different standards. The B and C airports that were taken over, when you compare, them relatively speaking, to airports of a similar nature in Canada, were not in bad shape. You may say, "Yes, but that does not say much for the other airports." However, they are relatively not in bad shape.

The one advantage that we have in taking them over is that for the first time all the capital money that was previously disbursed through three regions will be concentrated in our hands, so we can set northern priorities as opposed to regional priorities.

I will give you an example. A few years ago we were desperately looking for money to do some minor improvements to airstrips in Fort Franklin and a couple of places. Edmonton region said they had no money, but in the meantime the same department was spending a million dollars building a fence around another airport in the North and we said that in terms of the priorities it is more important for us

to have the runway surfaces improved than it is to have a fence built around an airport. But because the fence was being built by another region, we had no control over it.

So at least this way we will be able to address our own priorities and we will have control of the capital dollars. So the final analysis was, in the long term, we are probably better off taking it over because we rely so heavily on air transport that to see a further deterioration in the service would cause us immeasurable problems. So I think bearing in mind that that is essentially the reason why we are doing it.

Also I guess the sweetener, if you want to call it that, is that at least we did get money to complete six of these smaller airports that were not completed and Transport Canada had no intention of completing, like Rae Lakes and Paulatuk, Snare Lakes -- I cannot remember; there are three. So it is the best of a bad deal, essentially. I guess I could say if Transport Canada were not undergoing the same kind of budget restraint as the rest of the federal government, we might have taken the chance that maybe things would improve. But our analysis of the situation, and every indication that we got from Transport Canada, and in looking at what they were starting to do with their budget, was that we were going to start to lose some fairly serious dollars out of the airports program and we could not afford to jeopardize that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Thank you. General comments. Mr. Lewis.

MR. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, it is in the nature of a point of order that when we deal with a supp we are going to be dealing with many departments of government. Although I have tremendous faith in the Minister of Finance to know the answers to many, many questions, it could be that there are some Ministers who are not here right now who will not be available to answer questions on the details of these items that are in the book. I just wanted to raise that, that we may have a problem if we have Ministers who have items that we are discussing in committee who are not here to support the Minister of Finance.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): General comments. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: The Ministers will be available if any questions will be required of them.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Thank you. General comments. Does the committee wish to move on to detail on the Supplementary Appropriation No. 2?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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NWT Housing Corporation, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Page 1, Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, capital, not previously authorized, \$1,750,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Total department, \$1,750,000. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I wonder if the Minister could indicate to this House as to where these 22 housing units for seniors and single persons are going? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The committee will recall that as a result of a motion from the standing committee on finance that moneys surplus to the budget was requested to remain with the Housing Corporation. The Housing Corporation in seeking to make the best use of the funds looked at a problem that we have been dealing with over the last two or three years, and that relates to what you might call the application of special projects money. I apologize if I take a while to get around to answering the Member's question. We have spent a goodly amount of special projects money in the West where we built small units that have not been funded by CMHC because generally they have not been accepted as up to the national standard, but they have been satisfactory in the communities where they have been built.

The president and I have been concerned that we have not been able to spend special projects money to the same extent in the Inuit communities. I think the only exception was about \$50,000 which we put into Bathurst Inlet. A year or so ago the president and I decided that we would like to do some experimental work with an experimental design for Inuit communities which would accommodate elders who wished to remain independent and live in their own homes or to accommodate single parents. In fact, we had a young lady assist us in developing a design which she felt would be acceptable in the Eastern Arctic. This year we developed sufficient money to put two of those experimental units into Lake Harbour because we knew that there has been an ongoing requirement for single units in that particular community.

The corporation has recently had an opportunity to compare two recent needs surveys, one conducted in 1988 and the other in 1990. The results of those comparisons indicated that there is considerable and significant need for these types of units in a number of Inuit communities. Although we have not exactly identified the communities as yet and the numbers that would go into those communities, I would see that the bulk of the houses, these small units, would go into Inuit communities. The Member for Baffin South indicated earlier that there were no units being built in his community this year and that is true. In the smaller communities we have alternated the building programs because of the small number of units going in. Usually you will find the building program would go in one year and be missed the next. This is what occurred in our planning for Lake Harbour this year.

However, in comparing the needs surveys we have found that Lake Harbour has experienced considerable growth of need in this particular area. We will be looking at working with that community to put some of the units into Lake Harbour. We also find that there has been an extremely unanticipated growth in Clyde River where the need has almost quadrupled for these type of units, so we would certainly be looking at Clyde River. Whale Cove is another and Arviat is another one.

I cannot give you the exact location as yet and if the Members would accept that by the time that we convene again after the break, I will have all the communities identified and the numbers of houses that will be going in. The placement of those units will be based on comparisons between the needs survey taken in 1988 and the one in 1990.

The recent needs survey has been more intensive and has been more comprehensive. In many communities door-to-door visits have been made, so we have a pretty good idea of the specific and particular need in the smaller communities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): General comments. Mr.

Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. Long answer. The situation with the needs study is not being done in all sectors of the Northwest Territories. I am obviously getting into the rest of the Keewatin Region which I feel also requires a needs study, as the senior population continues to grow. I wonder if the Minister could indicate to me whether or not that is part of his plan within the Housing Corporation. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Minister.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes it is, Mr. Chairman. While one of two of the larger communities might not have been canvassed door-to-door, I believe all of the smaller communities have been. This is my information. We do have new figures for all of the communities in the Member's constituency.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Page 1, capital, Housing Corporation, \$1,750,000. Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What percentage of this money would be going to the Eastern Arctic?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Probably the bulk of it. We have spent \$2.25 million in the West on special projects, so I think it is about time that we began to balance it out with some housing in the Inuit communities. I think that the bulk of this money would be spent in the East and in the Kitikmeot Region.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Morin.

MR. MORIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is there other money in the budget for special projects?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Yes, special projects has worked out very, very well. We feel we have got good value for our dollar and that program will still be in place. We are receiving projects and expecting that we will continue that program in the western communities as we have in the past.

NWT Housing Corporation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Page 1, capital, NWT Housing Corporation, \$1,750,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Finance

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Page 2, Finance, operations and maintenance, directorate, special warrants, \$425,000. Not previously authorized, \$255,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Government Accounting, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Page 2, government accounting, O and M, special warrants, \$65,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Financial Management Board Secretariat, Total O and M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Financial Management Board Secretariat, O and M, special warrants, \$310,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Total department, special warrants, \$800,000. Not previously authorized, \$255,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Financial Management Secretariat, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Page 4, Department of Finance, capital, special warrants, Financial Management Board Secretariat, \$10,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Total department, \$10,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Culture And Communications

Cultural Affairs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Page 5, Culture and Communications, O and M. Cultural affairs, not previously authorized, \$25,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Library Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Library services, \$41,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Language Bureau, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Language bureau, special warrants, \$175,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Total department, special warrants, \$175,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Not previously authorized, \$66,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Personnel**Labour Relations, Total O And M, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Department of Personnel on page 6, O and M. Labour relations, special warrants, \$203,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Regional Operations, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. McLaughlin): Regional operations, not previously authorized, \$146,000. Agreed? Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Could we get an idea how this money came to be that amount? I always thought that the teachers were included in VTA, Vacation Travel Assistance, somehow or other in their collective agreements. I wanted to know why would one get that. It is a fairly substantial jump in dollars. What would this include, Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. This is a result of the newest collective agreement; the extra cost incurred by some changes to the collective agreement. There were changes for people with eight years on the highway system and an extra trip per year for vacation assistance. It is all to do with what was negotiated in the collective agreement.

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

MR. WHITFORD: Was that on the highway system?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: As I recall, they wanted everybody on the highway system to get two trips as part of the package. That was one clause agreed to as part of the package, that after eight years they got the extra trip.

Regional Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Regional operations, \$146,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, \$203,000, special warrants. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Not previously authorized, \$146,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Department Of Justice**Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Justice, operations and maintenance, directorate, special warrants, \$50,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Legal Aid, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Legal aid, special warrants, \$700,000. Member for Yellowknife South.

MR. WHITFORD: \$700,000 seems a substantial increase in costs. Could the Minister, in his capacity as Minister of Justice, indicate why would there be such a shortfall of \$700,000. Are there more cases or are the lawyers charging more?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: As I have explained to the standing committee on finance, each year I keep this budget as tight as possible, and I inform the House that I will be coming back for supps. I do not ask for inflationary increases in my budget because I think it is easier to keep tighter controls. The three main reasons that costs are up are the volume of persons using legal aid, that is up 26 per cent; change in the mix of lawyers by billing category where experienced lawyers now are taking the cases, and it is partly to do with the success of the legal aid system. More people are choosing trial and better lawyers are being involved in the process so, in fact, it is in response to some of the criticisms in the House about legal aid that just junior lawyers who were looking after people. A lot of senior lawyers are helping them out now.

The total number of lawyers has increased due to volume growth, a seven per cent increase. There are more lawyers doing it, there is more work being done and it is more expensive work being done because there are more trials now than there were in the past. I might say this is the trend everywhere, but this is a trend that is probably not going to slow down, and that is the reason the legal services board is doing a major review of legal aid. That is the reason the project review is also looking at legal aid and how we can try to address the problems that came to us from Mr. Gargan and Mr. Morin of providing more equitable treatment in the smaller centres in the face of ever spiralling costs. We are trying to make it more efficient and at the same time perhaps we are spending too much money in some areas where we can give better service in the small communities. We are looking very closely at this particular item. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Member for Yellowknife South.

MR. WHITFORD: My other question, is not some of this money recoverable? Is there an effort to collect some of this

money back from the persons that use that service? I wonder why, instead of helping to reduce the amount of money, it seems to be escalating in spite of the answers the Minister gave; more experienced lawyers charging more, more cases. Why is not more money recovered? I know of instances, Mr. Chairman, where the department goes after certain people with a vengeance to get this money back, and I wonder why they do not do that to other people.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is one area that we are looking at. If the honourable Member can give me examples of why we go after some of them with a vengeance and ignore others, I would be more than happy to follow-up.

MR. WHITFORD: I will not disclose my sources.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: But it is hard for me to deal with rumours.

MR. WHITFORD: It is not rumours, it is facts.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: We are looking right now at this and if there are hard facts I will follow it up, but besides that we are looking at that because I do agree with the Member, our recovery rate is quite low.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Legal aid, special warrant, \$700,000. Member for Aivilik.

MR. ERNERK: Mr. Chairperson, I do not quite know how to ask this question. It comes under the \$564,000 for the Conrad Inquiry.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Ernerk, I am still on legal aid. Are there further questions on legal aid? You are ahead of us, Mr. Ernerk, I will return to you after the honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, there is a large increase of \$700,000 and the Minister did say that they did not estimate it right, so they are \$700,000 short from what they estimated. The Minister did provide me with a nice list of court workers and lawyers with regard to fee for service, but for the operation and maintenance of the program the court workers in the communities and the lawyers are on stand-by to provide legal aid to people. Are there any other factors as to why the increase happened?

Mr. Chairman, the other thing is that in a lot of cases where they have court workers, I do not know if they should be in those places where there are lawyers. I brought this up and the Minister said he would get back to me on it. There is an evaluation done with regard to whether the court workers or the legal aid workers serve the public best in a community where there are lawyers already. Or should it be the other way around, where those court workers could actually be working in smaller communities where there are no lawyers and cut costs through that initiative.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. The actual recruiting policy and where court workers live and work is a decision of the Legal Services Board. As far as I know, whether or not there are lawyers in the community, that is not a criteria. I will get more information for the Member, but I think it would be probably something to do with the availability of people who are either qualified and who want the job. It might be that there are not enough people who actually want that employment and the people who want it

say, "I will take it as long as I can continue to live in Yellowknife and serve Fort Rae." But I think it is that sort of thing as opposed to a policy decision.

I understand the Member's concern and I agree with the Member. It would seem to me also they would do more good in living in the community where they serve. But I will talk to the board about that and get back to the Member.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Member for Deh Cho.

Court Workers Should Work In Communities Where They Live

MR. GARGAN: A number of communities had court workers and served in that function quite effectively, but when this program was cut back it left a lot of communities high and dry. They do not have court workers in Rae-Edzo, but they could have someone there. There are qualified people there. We do not have any court workers in Fort Providence, although we had a person that was employed at one time in that position. So I do not know if it is because of the lack of qualifications in the communities or that the qualifications should be higher.

If people want to work in Yellowknife then they should apply for jobs in this area, but if you establish positions in the communities to serve the area, I think the person that is requesting the job either takes it for the community or not at all. That is my position.

I am just using some examples where there are no court workers. But I would hope that the Minister would say that he agrees with me and that we should have one in Fort Rae and Providence and eliminate the positions in Hay River — they have two in Yellowknife and they probably could put one in Rae with no difficulty. In Fort Simpson they have one there and one in Hay River to serve Hay River and the reserve and Kakisa, Fort Resolution, Fort Providence. Maybe because of Fort Resolution being in a different area, I guess there is the need to have it in another area. In the Sahtu they have it in Fort Franklin and they have two in Inuvik, in the Delta region. I think the person should be in Fort McPherson. I was hoping that would be the direction your department would be going.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Maybe it would help Mr. Gargan if you could break down that \$700,000 in the legal aid activity as to how much is for salary and wages; grants and contributions and other O and M. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Yes, I will get that information to Mr. Gargan. As I said the Legal Services Board is an independent board, but I agree with the principle that Mr. Gargan is putting forward. I agree that we should try to get workers in the communities that they serve. I will take that suggestion and that principle to the Legal Services Board, but I will emphasize that they are independent. I will talk to them about it and I definitely think that is the way we should be going. Also I hope that the study that we are doing will indicate that too. I hope that is enough for Mr. Gargan.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you for that help, Mr. Chairman, with regard to the breakdown. If this is an independent body, I would presume that they would not be requesting money from this government to operate. As long as this government is spending public moneys on this particular body, I do not see why they cannot take direction from this government.

So I would suggest that maybe this is one budget that maybe should not be approved. Because if they are independent then they should act independent without us having to make

comments that do not have any bearing on their activities.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

Concerns Of Legal Aid System

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: As I have said, there have been concerns expressed about the legal aid system by the honourable Members and by others. I have made a commitment that I will look very, very thoroughly at the legal aid system to see how it can be improved to reflect the concerns of Members. We are in the process of doing that, although they are an independent body, the fact that we do fund them does mean that they definitely will listen to our concerns. So if the Member would allow me time to complete this study to deal with these issues, I can assure him that he will see improvements in the system.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps this government should be looking at other ways of applying justice in the North. Maybe it is time we got the regions, the communities, involved in the administration and delivery of justice. I would suggest that while maybe we keep funding these legal independent bodies, I would think we could work just as effectively providing funding for the regional councils to provide that service.

If the Minister is having difficulty finding qualified people at the local level, I am sure he should be able to find qualified people at the regional level, to work in those regions. Would that be a possibility?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: There are two aspects of it. This is a 50-50 cost-shared program. The federal government have certain parameters and one of those parameters is an independent body to oversee legal aid. Number two, our program here is a model for the rest the country; considered to be the most generous and the best. Number three, the question is a good one. I think I have said to the Member a number of times, the area that we are moving is toward the community-based justice system. So I think there is merit in what the Member is saying. One of the things that I have asked is that they study the legal aid system and see how legal aid could be incorporated into a more integrated community-based justice system. I think that idea does have merit and we are pursuing it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Legal aid. Member for Deh Cho.

MR. GARGAN: There we go again, Mr. Chairman, with incorporating an existing system into the communities. I would like to suggest to the Minister that you might want to consider establishing, even if you could establish it under the band council, the control of those court workers to the band councils or even consider having the control of these court workers at the regional level under the regional council. There might be a possibility of that working. I hear the Minister saying a lot of good things about incorporating the existing system into the region to the communities but what I would like to see – but I do not see it happening. Sure, we might have said this, a lot of issues that I have addressed regarding legal issues have been addressed for the last eight years that I have been a Member, with no results. We have made a lot of suggestions as to some avenues or some different ways of dealing with the delivery of justice. We rely too much on the legal system to provide us with legal services. I think it is time we look at the communities and regions to provide us with the administration of justice. I still

do not see it happening, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: As I said before we have gone through this particular debate when we did my Justice budget. We have come a long way so I will not go through all the things that we have accomplished. As I said, we are looking at the aspect of community-based justice. In Lac la Martre we set up a test community. We are going to be looking at the concept of tribal courts; we are going to be trying ways we can integrate assistance to people in that community. So to say we are not doing it is unfair because we are doing it. It takes a while to change the justice system because there are some fundamental principles in whatever system you have that have to be respected. I think we are doing not too badly here in the NWT. I have told Mr. Gargan and somehow I do not think he is hearing me, that we have made a lot of progress toward some of the things he has talked about and we are looking very seriously at some of the things that he is talking about.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Legal aid. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: What is the progress of your initiative in Lac la Martre?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: There has been in Lac la Martre a number of community meetings that are dealing not only with aboriginal custom law, but how do people in the community perceive the justice system; how do they perceive them getting more involved in the justice system. I have had conversations with Chief Judge Halifax about the possibility of setting up tribal court using JPs in the community. We are looking at other forms of using mediation, along with the confrontational system that we have now. So it has got a lot of possibilities. We are working in that direction.

I would be more than happy to get the Member involved in this. You say you have given me lots of ideas, you have given me some concepts, but I think that in a working model is where we can actually work out some of these things in a real setting and we are really trying to do that.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, what other community is doing that, Lac la Martre and which other one?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Right now just Lac la Martre. We are dealing with Lac la Martre only, right now.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Justice, operations and maintenance, legal aid, special warrants, \$700,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: No, I do not agree.

Legal Aid, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Justice, operations and maintenance, legal aid, \$700,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Registries And Court Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Justice, O and M, registries and court services, special warrants, \$564,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Total department. Mr. Gargan.

Conrad Inquiry

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, with this particular one with regard to the Conrad Inquiry, I guess not too much came out of it; no action was taken regarding the judge in question. Is this the final cost, this \$564,000? What was the whole cost of the inquiry?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: That is the total cost.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. I would like to ask the Minister with regard to the Conrad Inquiry, \$564,000; are you satisfied with the end result? Just for the record, I am not. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Just for the record, this Legislative Assembly in their legislation set out a process; there was a complaint; the process was followed. I am satisfied that the process was followed. More importantly, the process that was followed highlighted some very serious problems in the NWT to do with women in the justice system and raised the profile of this issue across the Territories. I think it galvanized many women's organizations. Overall, even though it was difficult for many of us who were involved in it, and I was involved in it, and it is an experience that I would not necessarily like to go through again, but I think when all is said and done it was a worthwhile exercise and I think the process worked.

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

MR. GARGAN: Just before we conclude Justice I would like to ask, the government has come up with an appropriation estimate No. 2 for this year, 1990-91, and this is a very important issue, the moneys that are being spent. But if the government does not have time to provide Members with the details, or give us the details, then I do not think that the government considers this serious stuff, coming up with appropriations. I asked the Minister for a breakdown on the \$700,000 and I did not get it.

Motion To Defer Department Of Justice Supplementary Estimates

I would like to move that we defer the Department of Justice until the breakdowns are provided.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. I would like to get a written copy from the Member who made the motion to defer the Department of Justice. Mr. Gargan, will you get the written motion?

MR. GARGAN: Yes, just hang on, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. In fairness the standing committee did not ask me that question. In fact, the Member did and the chairman here did. I have since got the response to the question.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I will defer my motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Gargan, you either withdraw it or defer it.

Motion To Defer Department Of Justice Supplementary Estimates, Withdrawn

MR. GARGAN: I withdraw my motion, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. We worked fairly quickly to find this, Mr. Gargan. Wages, \$50,000; other expenses, \$50,000; solicitor fees, \$450,000; travel, \$150,000.

Registries And Court Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Justice, operations and maintenance, registries and court services, \$564,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Total department, \$1,314,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Government Services

Supply Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 8, Government Services, operations and maintenance, supply services, not previously authorized, \$66,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to find out how much was transferred to those different regions, the Deh Cho, Baffin, Delta.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Are you talking about the breakdown of the \$9000? Perhaps the Minister of Government Services knows the breakdown of the \$9000, but I sure do not.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, if the government does not have the information, I will move that we defer this department.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: I would imagine it is postage and various expenditures which Government Services provides the departments when they are responsible for carrying out the functions, phones and things like that. I cannot tell you

offhand, but a transfer of this nature is made on an ongoing basis.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, if this is an ongoing basis, then those figures should be available on an ongoing basis, too.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Butters.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: When I say "on an ongoing basis" I mean these types of transfers are made to organizations such as boards when we transfer the responsibility and the money to boards or to other groups. I will get the information and provide the details.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that we defer the Department of Government Services.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Until when?

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I cannot put conditions on motions.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: There is a net figure here. The figure of \$9000 is a net figure, so there is \$42,000 coming in from Arctic College and \$33,000 going out to the divisional boards. The important statistic that Mr. Gargan wants is not in the \$9000 but what actually happens with that \$33,000. The Deh Cho will get \$12,700; Beaufort-Delta will get \$11,000; Sahtu will get \$9000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Government Services. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, if the important figure is \$33,000, then why is it not reflected here? We have only got the \$9000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: The supp itself is a net cost. There are two transfers, the net between two transfers is all that shows up.

Supply Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Government Services, operations and maintenance, supply services, not previously authorized, \$66,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Total department, not previously authorized, \$66,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Public Works

Accommodation Services, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 9, Public Works, operations and maintenance, accommodation services, not previously

authorized, \$1000 surplus. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, with regard to the Sahtu Divisional Board of Education's office lease, where is this office lease? The amount of \$41,000 is quite a bit for an office lease. Is that for a multi-year lease?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. We authorized a transfer of \$41,000 from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Education to fund the lease costs of 650 square feet of office space for the Sahtu Divisional Board of Education for an educational resource centre.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, am I hearing the Minister correctly? Are you saying that you are leasing 650 square feet of space for \$41,000?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: That is correct.

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

MR. GARGAN: I would like to ask the Finance Minister, what is the average cost per square foot for office space?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I beg your pardon, what is the what?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: What is this government's average cost per square foot for space?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I suggest perhaps the Minister of Public Works could respond.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: I am trying to find it, Mr. Chairman. Maybe you could continue and we can get back to it.

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

MR. GARGAN: Is this for one year, Mr. Minister?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Public Works, Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: It is for one year. That is correct.

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

MR. GARGAN: So every year we will be paying \$41,000 for office space. Is this the kind of service that is also supplied to those other divisional boards? Is the Deh Cho Divisional Board of Education also given that kind of money for office space?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mahsi cho. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Can we just get the details on this one because I agree that this one sounds high and there might be an answer for that before I can respond to you.

Department Of Public Works, Deferred

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Does the committee agree that we carry on? We will come back to it. We will defer Public Works and move to the Department of Transportation on page 11.

Department of Transportation**Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed**

Operations and maintenance, directorate, not previously authorized, \$193,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Marine Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Marine operations, not previously authorized, \$22,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Highway Operations, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Highway operations, not previously authorized, \$308,000. Mr. Pedersen.

MR. PEDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I did ask earlier if it was possible to get any estimate on what it would cost to run an ice road to the community of Coppermine, either an extension off the Rae Lakes one or off the Fort Franklin or Contwoyto Lake one. Has it been possible for the Minister to obtain that, please?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have only been able to get one estimate so far and that is, extending the winter road to Coppermine from the Rae Lakes winter road would require approximately 550 and 600 kilometres of new road. This would cost about two million dollars initially, the first year, and about \$1.5 million per year thereafter.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Highway operations. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, are we still providing a winter road service to Rae Lakes right now? I know that Mr. Zoe is having problems with regard to his school. He cannot get a school and they are going to fly material for a new school in. Is that the place? I refer to the \$99,000 for a winter road to Rae Lakes. Is there a road there now?

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

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The original budget that we had was \$148,000. However, the work in 1989-90 was \$241,000 and we covered off those costs from other maintenance activities, but it contributed to a deficiency in other highway operations. This winter a contract was let to Robinsons, who were opening the road for Colomac at the time. We negotiated a contract with them of \$248,000, so this is the balance to cover off the opening of that road. It is not for any special reason, we normally have a winter road into Rae Lakes now.

Highway Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Transportation, operations and maintenance, highway operations, \$308,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Arctic Airports, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Arctic airports, special warrants, \$7,524,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Total department, special warrants, \$7,524,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Not previously authorized, \$523,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Arctic Airports, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Page 13, Transportation, capital, Arctic airports, special warrants, \$6,055,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Total department, \$6,055,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Renewable Resources**Wildlife Management, Total O And M**

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 15, Renewable Resources, operations and maintenance, wildlife management, not previously authorized, \$125,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Maybe the Minister could just enlighten me on "funding for the cost of Inuvialuit participation in the committees established by the Inuvialuit final agreement, pending receipt of federal funding."

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: This particular item represents the cost to have Inuvialuit participation in the wildlife and environmental committees, boards and hearings which were established by their final agreement. The territorial and federal governments disagree as to the wording of a required amendment to the Inuvialuit final agreement which will clarify which government is responsible for participation costs. We are on the last legs of working this out. If we did not come up with the money, it would mean that the Inuvialuit could not participate on these boards. What we hope is that if we can agree, they will pay us back. In the meantime, we did not want to leave the Inuvialuit hung out to dry while we would fight it out with the federal government.

Wildlife Management, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Renewable Resources, operations and maintenance, wildlife management, \$125,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Conservation Education, Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Conservation education. Mr. Ernerk.

MR. ERNERK: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to know what this really means, this \$477,000? Is this for trappers? Thank you.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Conservation education. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I am sorry, I missed the question.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mr. Ernerk, would you like to repeat your question?

MR. ERNERK: I do not normally like to repeat myself, no.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I am sorry, my reciever is not working. I do not normally like to ask you to repeat yourself but it was a technological breakdown.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Renewable resources, operations and maintenance, conservation education, special warrants, \$477,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, did the Minister say that \$477,000 is like paying for -- depending on the amount of trappers in the area or the amount of people pursuing that activity. This is just like paying into UIC, as opposed to the compensation of individual hunters.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Mahsi. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: It is based on the actual cost of all claims awarded in 1990. It is the cost to our government because it was our initiative and it is fully paid by our government.

Conservation Education, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Renewable resources, operations and maintenance, conservation education, special warrants, \$477,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Fire Operations, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Fire operations, not previously authorized, \$500,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Total department, special warrants, \$477,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Total department, not previously authorized, \$625,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Municipal And Community Affairs

Sport And Recreation, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 15, Municipal and Community Affairs, operations and maintenance, sport and recreation, not previously authorized, \$42,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Municipal Operations And Assessment, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Municipal operations and assessment, not previously authorized, \$151,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Municipal And Community Affairs, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Total department, \$193,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Sport And Recreation, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Page 16, Municipal and Community Affairs, capital, sport and recreation, special warrants, \$750,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I was not aware that the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs has gone into school gymnasiums. Is this also going to be used as a community hall?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. It is a joint-use facility used by the school and used by the community. That is the reason it is here.

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

MR. GARGAN: What is the total cost?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: The breakdown is \$5,688,000, of which MACA will pay \$1,511,000 and Education will pay \$4,177,000.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Special warrant, \$750,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Would the cost be because of the physical structure of the building? It has to be transportation that is the major factor in why a facility like this would cost just about six million dollars.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I do not have any comments.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I am just wondering what the contributing factors are, why such a facility, a school gymnasium, would be so high.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I will explain it to the Member. The gymnasium is built in a school, so it is a school and a gym. The Department of Education costs are for the school and the other is the cost for the gym built within the school.

Sport And Recreation, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Sport and recreation, special warrant, \$750,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Municipal And Community Affairs, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Total department, \$750,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Health

Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Total O and M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Page 17, Department of Health, Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, operations and maintenance, not previously authorized, \$784,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Where is this Community Health Representative, CHR, program? Where is the training taking place?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mr. Minister, would you like to refer this question to the Minister of Health? Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: In Yellowknife, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you, Madam Minister. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Is this just an on and off program?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Madam Minister.

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

Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, not previously authorized, \$784,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Total department. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, if I recall with regard to the regional health board, we did increase their budget and this is over and above that? We are providing salaries and benefits, contracts, hospital supplies and utilities. This is over and above what we approved last year, is that right?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: That is right.

Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, not previously authorized, \$784,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Total department, \$784,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Page 18, Department of Health, capital, Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, special warrants, \$300,000. Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, perhaps we could find out what kind of equipment would have been installed in the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital for the orthopedic surgical section.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, I would be prepared to bring the information. I am not an orthopedic surgeon. Other than some saws, I do not know what else would be there. I will bring in the listing at a later time.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you, Madam Minister. Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, special warrants, \$300,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Total department, \$300,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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Department Of Economic Development And Tourism

Directorate, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Moving on to page 19, Economic Development and Tourism, operations and maintenance, directorate, not previously authorized, \$72,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Business Development, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Business development, special warrants, \$250,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, can I ask the Minister to explain this one?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Basically the \$250,000 to the Cumberland Sound fishery was to address an urgent requirement due to a high demand for the product and their shortfall of working capital. This special warrant will be financed through a 1991-92 recovery in the amount of \$250,000. We expect to get it back once they sell their product.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you, Mr. Minister. Business development, special warrants, \$250,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Total department, special warrants, \$250,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Total department, not previously authorized, \$72,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Department Of Education

Advanced Education, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Page 20, Education, operations and maintenance, advanced education, not previously authorized, \$1,074,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Schools, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Schools, not previously authorized, \$1,463,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Arctic College, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Arctic College, not previously authorized, \$506,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Total department, not previously authorized, \$3,043,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Schools, Total Capital

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Page 22, Education, capital, schools, special warrants, \$151,000. Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, I had wanted to ask if the department has sought a legal opinion as to whether or not the St. Joseph School's contractors or engineers would be liable for any of the costs to replace these leaking tanks, to see if any of this money would be recoverable. This is a fairly new school and it appeared to be built on solid rock. Is there any liability on the part of the contractor or the engineer for this?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: The Department of Education is looking for a legal opinion from our department. Keeping in mind that these were installed 13 years ago, there is a good chance that our department is going to say, "Do not waste your money on a legal opinion because they have been in the ground a long time." If there is any recourse there, my department will look at it, but they were installed 13 years ago.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Member for Yellowknife South.

MR. WHITFORD: Mr. Chairman, I realize that, I did say they were not built that long ago. It is true, 13 years is not that long ago. I understand the life expectancy of these schools is 25 to 30 years. We have asked that question before on the

life expectancy of a school, and that is the answer we have been getting. In one sense that does not seem to be that long a period of time, but again I guess there is a certain warranty and that may have expired, but I think we do have legal people here and I do not think it would cost that much to get that opinion. I would just like to see an opinion sought based on the engineer's report as to what was causing the problem. Have the tanks collapsed or has the soil collapsed? It would be worth the time and money, I think, to find that out.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: If the Member considers it very important, then we consider it important, and we will act accordingly.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Education, capital, schools. Member for High Arctic.

MR. PUDLUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When we were in the finance committee meetings I asked a question of the Finance Minister and he could not give me an answer. I think this is an appropriate time to ask the same question. We seem to be talking about one school, St. Joseph School in Yellowknife, "replacement of leaking fuel tanks". How many tanks are we talking about?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Minister.

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, there were two 7000-gallon underground fuel storage tanks installed in 1977-78. They had been in service for 13 years when leakage and soil contamination was observed in September 1990. There are two of them, Mr. Chairman.

Schools, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Schools, special warrants, \$151,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total department, special warrants, \$151,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Revert To Department Of Public Works

Accommodation Services, Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): We will go back to page 9, Public Works, operations and maintenance, accommodation services. There was a question raised. Mr. Minister, do you have a response?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you. First of all I would like to compliment the Member on how observant he was. He was quite right that it looked out of whack and we did not have enough information in here. I only gave you a partial answer. There is 650 square feet for the resource centre, but there is 2050 square feet for the regular offices. For \$41,000 there is a total 2700 square feet, which brings it in line with other areas. The Member is a good mathematician.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Accommodation services, \$1000

surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Total O And M, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, \$1000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Accommodation Services, Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Page 10, Public Works, capital, accommodation services, \$72,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Not previously authorized, \$72,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Accommodation services, special warrants, \$150,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

Total Capital, Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, special warrants, \$150,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total department, not previously authorized, \$72,000 surplus. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): That concludes the detail of Supplementary Appropriation, No. 2, 1990-91. Is the committee ready to go to the bill? Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I was not here when they dealt with the NWT Housing Corporation. I would like to ask a question if I may. I would like to get unanimous consent to go back to the NWT Housing Corporation.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Does the committee agree that we return to page 1 for further questioning on the NWT Housing Corporation? Does the committee agree?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Mr. Gargan.

Revert To NWT Housing Corporation

MR. GARGAN: I would like to thank the ordinary Members for supporting me. Mr. Chairman, we are spending a substantial amount of money for 20 units. There must have been a plan of action made with regard to where these units are going to be located. There must be a plan where there are shortfalls that -- Mr. Allooloo requires houses in his constituency -- this is not just an open-ended allocation, is it? Are these 20 units designated?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Mr. Gargan, the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation already answered that particular question, but since you asked to return to the Housing Corporation maybe the Minister can repeat his answer.

HON. TOM BUTTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, there is a criterion developed on the basis of comparing the most recent needs survey that we have in hand and the one that was done in 1988. I indicated to Mr. Ermerk when he asked the question earlier that I would table, on the first day that we return after the break, a list of the communities in which the houses will be placed.

I indicated that the need would appear to be much greater in the Inuit communities, so we would be looking at Mr. Arlooktoo's community, as he requested earlier, and others.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Does the committee agree that the details of Supplementary Appropriation, No. 2 are concluded? Is the committee prepared to go and deal with Bill 19, the actual bill for Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1990-91?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Is the committee ready to go clause by clause on Bill 19? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

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

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Clause 2, supplementary appropriation. --Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Clause 3, reduction of appropriation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Clause 4, purpose of expenditures. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Clause 5, lapse of appropriation. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Clause 6, accounting. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Clause 7, commencement. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Schedule, vote 1, operations and maintenance. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Total operations and maintenance, \$16,515,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Vote 2, capital, total capital, \$9,094,000. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Total appropriation, \$25,609,800. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Bill as a whole. Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Does the committee agree that Bill 19, Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 2, 1990-91, is now ready for third reading? Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

--Agreed

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. I would like to thank the Minister and his witnesses for appearing before our committee. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that we report progress.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): There is a motion on the floor to report progress that is not debatable. All those in favour? All those opposed? The motion is defeated.

---Defeated

Mr. Government House Leader, can you give direction to the Chair as to which item of business you would like the committee to consider?

HON. MICHAEL BALLANTYNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. With the committee's concurrence the Minister of Health is prepared to proceed with her department.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Does the committee agree that we proceed to deal with the Department of Health on Bill 7?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

---Agreed

Bill 7: Appropriation Act, 1991-92

Department Of Health

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Madam Minister, are you going to be bringing in witnesses to appear before our committee?

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Would you bring in the witnesses, Mr. Sergeant-at-Arms?

Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, Total O And M

Details on O and M on the Department of Health on page 14.12, territorial hospital insurances activity, total O and M, \$113,428,000. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, the health transfer happened in 1988 and it was based on some terms and conditions with regard to soliciting native organizations' support. One of the recommendations was with regard to having more aboriginal participation with the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services Board. I have not got the terms and conditions that were agreed to when this transfer took place. I do not have copies of it right now. With regard to the terms and conditions on the transfer agreement has this government met those commitments and what were those commitments?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairperson, the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services Board representation, as I reported to you before, and as well the committee on agencies, boards and commissions, recommend that we take a look at the THIS structure and the board set-up, and whether it is still required. Certainly, if the THIS Board is established we would put aboriginal representation on it. However, the issue has been addressed according to several requests and we will be coming forward with the recommendations and legislation to deal with the THIS Board.

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

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, does this also apply to the recommendations from the agencies, boards and commissions?

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairperson, the recommendation from the agencies, boards and commissions is taken into consideration and a process is put into place to deal with the future of the THIS Board which will be coming before this Legislative Assembly.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Thank you. Territorial Hospital Insurance Services. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, with regard to the response on the agencies, boards and commissions, she referred to a tabled document by the Executive Council. Are you talking about the position paper on political and constitutional development?

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: No, that is not the paper.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Territorial Hospital Insurance Services. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I cannot seem to locate the document that the Minister is referring to. I would request that we defer this particular task until I can take a look at that tabled document.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Zoe): Does the committee agree that we defer Territorial Hospital Insurance Services activity and continue on and return to it at a later time? Does the committee agree? A request is being made of the committee. Mr. Gargan.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Chairman, I am just going to look for the document. I will not request to defer. Mr. Chairman, I will just use the transcript as the Minister indicated that the response to the agencies, boards and commissions is in the tabled document that the Executive Council tabled. I will take the Minister's word for it. If it is different to what the Minister said I will raise that.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Territorial Hospital Insurance Services, operations and maintenance, \$113,428,000. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the Minister indicated that the government made a response to the committee of agencies, boards and commissions, to their recommendations they made pertaining to health boards. Mr. Chairman, the committee is reviewing the government's response. I wonder if this particular activity could be deferred until a later date, the whole O and M of this activity be deferred until the committee has met with the Minister. I know that the committee is requesting the Minister to explain in further detail. I move, Mr. Chairman, that THIS activity be deferred.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you, Mr. Zoe. Can I have a written copy of your motion, please? Madam Minister, would you like to say something?

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairman, the issue that we are dealing with, with the agencies, board and commissions committee has to do with the board. It does not have to do with the expenditures on the THIS activity...

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Point of order. Mr. Zoe.

MR. ZOE: Point of order, Mr. Chairman. I have a motion on the floor and I am waiting for your ruling on it. We are getting into a debate here. I do not know which direction you are taking.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you, very much. I am waiting for a written copy of your motion. Mr. Zoe, would you please read your motion again?

Motion To Defer THIS Activity Until All Other Departments Are Concluded

MR. ZOE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe I will repeat my

motion for the committee. Mr. Chairman, I move that the THIS activity be deferred until all other departments are concluded.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. Madam Minister.

HON. NELLIE COURNOYEA: Mr. Chairperson, I really do not understand why the Member wants to defer the THIS activity. It is part of the budget process. The item that he is concerned about is the board, which he knows very well that his meeting is set for 1:30 on Saturday. I see absolutely no reason why we are stalling discussing the operations and the THIS activity or the Department of Health, to wait for a committee meeting and legislation which will be proposed before this Legislative Assembly. The THIS activity has absolutely nothing to do with the Department of Health.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): Thank you. Mr. Arlooktoo, to the motion.

MR. ARLOOKTOO: (Translation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to see that motion in writing, in Inuktitut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ernerk): (Translation) We will break for a few moments while the motion is translated into Inuktitut.

---SHORT RECESS

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): The motion on the floor, translated into Inuktitut is: I move that the Territorial Health Insurance Services activity be deferred until all other departments are concluded. To the motion. Mr. Zoe.

Motion To Defer THIS Activity Until All Other Departments Are Concluded, Withdrawn

MR. ZOE: Mr. Chairman, the previous chairman did not recognize me when I had my hand up and I was in the process of withdrawing my motion. I withdraw my motion.

CHAIRMAN (Mr. Ningark): The motion is withdrawn. Territorial Hospital Insurance Services. Mr. Whitford.

MR. WHITFORD: I move that we report progress, Mr. Chairman.

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

---Carried

I will now rise and report progress.

Thank you, witnesses and Madam Minister. See you tomorrow.

ITEM 18: REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call the House back to order. Item 18, report of committee of the whole. The honourable Member for Natilikmiot.

MR. NINGARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 19 and Bill 7 and CR 2-91(1) and wishes to report progress. Bill 19 is now ready for third reading.

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. The honourable Member for Deh Cho.

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to get unanimous consent to return to Item 3, Members' statements.

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

REVERT TO ITEM 3: MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Member's Statement On Reminder Of Volleyball Match

MR. GARGAN: Mr. Speaker, my statement is with regard to volleyball. Mr. Speaker, we are going to be challenging the Executive to a game of volleyball tonight. It will be held at St. Pat's at 7:30 and I would like all the ordinary Members to be there to show their physical skills to the Executive, who have to sit 24 hours a day just about. I would like to see all the Members there for that. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you for those wise words of wisdom. The honourable Member for Kivallivik.

Member's Statement On Missing Sports Sections In Newspapers In Members' Lounge

HON. GORDON WRAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Seeing as we are on Members' statements and while we are on sports, I would like to register a complaint to yourself, Mr. Speaker, that somebody keeps removing the sports sections from the newspapers that are provided for Members' in the Members' lounge I would just like to ask if they could return them. I would really appreciate it. Thank you.

---Laughter

MR. SPEAKER: We will speak to the Edmonton Journal about that.

---Laughter

Item 20, Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Hamilton): Mr. Speaker, there will be a meeting of ajauqit at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning; at 10:00 a.m. the standing committee on legislation.

ITEM 20: ORDERS OF THE DAY

Orders of the day for Thursday, March 14th.

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14. Motions
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18. Report of Committee of the Whole
19. Third Reading of Bills
20. Orders of the Day

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 14th, 1991.

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